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THE PRESIDIO TRUST

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRUST DIRECTORS

July 9, 1997

(A verbatim transcript of this meeting is available for public review in the Presidio Project Office, Building 102, The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129-0052. The following is a brief summary of the meeting.)

Meeting time: 9:20 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

Location: Golden Gate Club, Presidio of San Francisco, CA

Directors Present:

Chair Toby Rosenblatt, Vice Chair Edward Blakely, Donald G. Fisher, Deputy Secretary of the Interior John Garamendi, Amy Meyer, Mary G. Murphy and William K. Reilly
Staff: Craig Middleton

Present for Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

General Superintendent Brian O'Neill and Presidio General Manager B. J. Griffin

Also Present:

Judge Thelton Henderson, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for Northern California

Summary of Matters Discussed:

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

After a welcome from Presidio General Manager Griffin and Superintendent O'Neill, Judge Henderson introduced the seven members of the Trust Board, one by one, to the audience, then administered the oath of office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Toby Rosenblatt was elected Chair of the Board. He thanked John Garamendi for being the convener of the group during the transition period, then outlined the Board's dual mandates: those articulated in the GMPA, balanced with the Presidio Trust law, the key word being "balance." He said the fifteen years the Board has been given for self-sufficiency translates to 131,400 hours as of that moment. As he noted, the clock is ticking. He said the Trust Board was created to conduct, with the benefit of public input, an effective

business in the stewardship of the Presidio. He thanked the Army and the National Park Service, and advised the audience they could find on a table in the hall a memorandum in the form of questions and answers which he hoped they would find helpful, following which Edward Blakely was elected as vice chair.

Dr. Blakely addressed the audience briefly, saying the Trust Board will take as their charge the establishment of an economically feasible project for the interests of generations to come. In so doing, jobs and economic opportunities will be created, and the spirit of cooperation, community and trust will be the bywords under which the board will operate.

BYLAWS

Mary Murphy presented what she said were very standard bylaws setting out the basic structure of the board, what constitutes a quorum (in this case four members), and spelling out the noticing procedures. The bylaws also provide that the board can create committees, helping it to function more efficiently. The bylaws were adopted as presented.

OTHER START-UP BUSINESS

Chairman Rosenblatt said a position description was created for an interim executive director and encouraged those who were interested to pick up a copy as they were leaving.

He explained how he anticipates the transition from the National Park Service to the Presidio Trust will occur during the coming 12 months, and then recommended to the board the creation of three committees. The recommendation was adopted.

The Chair named the following individuals to serve on the committees, with the Chair and the executive director serving ex officio on each, as follows:

1. Don Fisher to chair the real estate and housing committee, with Mary Murphy and Ed Blakely.
2. Mary Murphy to chair the finance and budget committee, with John Garamendi and Bill Reilly.
3. Amy Meyer to chair the operations and management committee, with Bill Reilly and John Garamendi.

There being no objection to the committee appointments, Chairman Rosenblatt invited the new committee chairs to make any remarks they wished about the arenas in which their committees might function.

Don Fisher, noting that 15 years is a brief period in which to make the Presidio self-financing, said one of the most pressing issues is to ensure an expeditious and thorough cleanup of hazardous materials. As a first step, the Trust Board has asked the Army for a 45-day extension to the public comment period to allow for time to analyze the Army's

proposed cleanup alternatives. There is no response as yet.

Mary Murphy said she looked forward to establishing financial self-sufficiency for the Presidio, but feels the Trust should not be forced to accept reduced funding levels until then. In this, she asked for the cooperation of both Congress and the Administration. She underscored Don Fisher's point about the importance of an expedited and thorough environmental cleanup at the park.

Amy Meyer said the GGNRA, the largest, most visited and most successful of all the urban parks, will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. For more than eight years, she said, the GGNRA Advisory Commission has heard the public on matters affecting the Presidio, and will continue to play a major role in hearing public comment. This Board, she said, needs and wants the public's continued interest, concern and support.

At the request of the Chair, Director Meyer read parts of an opportunities for Public Comment resolution which encouraged public input in several forms, such as writing or calling the Trust, speaking at either of two public meetings of the Trust each year or one of the committee meetings and, finally, through the GGNRA Advisory Committee meetings at the invitation of the Trust Board. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment:

Since 56 people signed up to speak and time was short, Chairman Rosenblatt asked them to convene among themselves and appoint one person to speak of behalf of an issue. In that way, the list was shortened to 34 speakers.

Wherry housing for the homeless and working poor families was addressed by: Sister Bernie Galvin, Director of Religious Witness with Homeless People, Anne Hererre, Jim Wagner, Carolyn Scarr, Eduardo Cohen, Frederick Hobson, Whirlwind Dreamer, Louis Vitale, Ken Butigan, Lynette Lee and Arla Ertz.

Open public meetings and/or more public meetings was addressed by: Bill McDonnell (NAPP), Joan Girardot (Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods), Frederick Hobson, Mary Anne Miller (S.F. Tomorrow), Joel Ventresca (Preserve the Presidio Campaign) and Richard Stockton.

Three speakers addressed a perceived conflict of interest: Bill McDonnell (NAPP), Bud Ash (Friends of the Presidio Association) and Eduardo Cohen. Three more speakers asked the Trust Board to keep to the General Management Plan Amendment: Gordon Chappell, Rachel Ellis and Margaret Zegart.

Following is a list of other speakers and their issue:

Milen Wight: Provide RV camping facilities.

Marcia Smith-White: Aloha and Ohana.

Carl Anthony (Earth Island): Sustainability and community development.

Michael Alexander (Sierra Club): Combine housing and institutional space; support for 45-day extension.

Gloria Root (SPUR): Selecting working tenants.

Ena Aguirre: No Latinos or Latinas on Trust Board.

Joseph Myers (NIJC): Indian Museum needs a building.

William Jones: Maintain EEO for maintenance workers.

Jacqueline De Cesari: Needs old MP building for a bakery for workers on the Presidio.

Eduardo Cohen: No animal experimentation at LAIR.

Joanne Lindeke (West Presidio Neighborhood Assoc.): Better public access to Baker Beach.

Youn Chey (Korean Center): Future tenant of Building 37.

Doug Kern (Presidio Restoration Advisory Board): Extend Army's comment period.

Saul Bloom (Arc Ecology): Base cleanup.

Brian Felsted: Welcome from the Presidio Alliance.

Members of the public present (estimate): 500