

MEETING SUMMARY

Hunters View Associates, Urban Strategies,
Hunters View Tenants Association, and Hunters View residents
October 20, 2011 - 5:30pm-7:00pm
Hunters View Community Center
125 West Point Road, San Francisco, CA

These minutes begin around 5:45PM; the meeting was in session with approximately 15 residents out of 22 total attendees present. Tessie Ester of HVTA started the meeting and demanded that Urban Strategies provide any flyers and information to the Tenants Association in advance of distributing them. Tessie directed this at Esther Shin of Urban Strategies. Esther agreed that Urban Strategies would provide all information to the Board. This discussion surrounded a flyer for a senior lunch at Gussie's restaurant in the Fillmore. Transportation will be provided.

Esther announced that she is temporary stand-in for Kelly Dearman, who is no longer with Urban Strategies. She noted that Urban Strategies is now hiring for several positions, including for a couple service connector positions. In response to resident requests, she stated that she would post these job listings at the Community Center on Monday.

Comment: How do we know if residents are hired, that they'll still be working after a couple months? Also, residents are working downtown, instead of working here at Hunters View. CityBuild should be here at the meeting.

Response: September Jarrett of the Mayor's Office affirmed that the hiring priority remains qualified Hunters View residents. CityBuild is available each week at the Jobs Club hosted by Urban Strategies on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Community Center, and any residents who want to work should attend this club.

Comment: Why does this keep happening – there aren't enough services. The annual report for Urban Strategies says there are 9 programs, including transportation. What are these 9 programs?

Response: An Urban Strategies staff noted that Kelly Dearman was deterred from setting up all the 9 programs. Once ABU had a presence in the Community Center, many residents wouldn't come to apply for work.

Comment: This keeps happening – how do we fix this so residents get jobs? We need to advocate and spread the news.

Comment: A resident suggested creating a local database of qualified residents. Any open positions should be matched against that database before reviewing any outside applicants. Esther of Urban Strategies agreed to personally follow up on this item.

Question: Urban Strategies told us that they wouldn't hire residents for service connector positions.

Response: It is important to have professionals and residents workers to provide support. Another resident noted that there is a confidentiality clause that all service connectors need to sign. Also some neighbors might not want other neighbors knowing their personal business.

Comment: We need programs for all residents, especially 14+. You should use young people or other residents to flyer and pay them so they can have some money in their pockets.

Response: Esther suggested that Urban Strategies set up a Youth Advisory Board so that they can get involved. A resident noted this could be similar to the HOPE SF Youth Leadership program that is no longer active.

Esther also offered to have residents sit on a Personnel Hiring Committee, to sit in on interviews and participate in determining who to hire. She invited all interested residents to approach her after the meeting to sign up for this Committee.

Esther announced that there was an event for registering kids in school. If residents have children that are either switching schools or starting at a new school, there is an Enrollment Fair on 11/5 at the Concourse Exhibit, located at 620 7th Street. Childcare and transportation is available if requested in advance. This information has been mailed to all residents.

Dan Levine of JSCo. then provided a construction update. He reported that grading is 80-90% complete, and you can see the roads taking shape on the construction site. Over the next couple months, you will be able to see foundations being formed for the new buildings. A major PG&E distribution will switch from overhead lines to underground sometime in early December. PG&E will notify all affected households as there will be some shutdown in power. Cahill-Nibbi will also notify residents well in advance of this time. After PG&E switchover, the work will continue more quickly.

Question: Can you reserve parking spaces for residents only? I've gotten tickets for parking in construction zones, but PG&E takes up all the spaces by parking in our streets.

Response: Dan responded he would talk to SFHA about the potential for reserving resident-only street parking.

Dan also reported that they had just held the first dust control information meeting last week, with Marie Harrison, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), the Hunters View Mothers' Committee, and the consultants. These will be held the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30AM, at the Jackie Robinson Conference Room (1340 Hudson). He invited all residents to attend to learn more about dust control and discuss environmental health around the construction site in general. At the dust meeting, Dan heard some feedback on the need for accessing the Cashmere Connection. He stated that this work was necessary not only to create the new pathway between Hunters View and Cashmere, but also because there is a major PG&E line going through that path. However, they are looking into alternatives for connecting the pathway. There was also a suggestion at the dust meeting to increase the height of the fence near the Firetruck Turnaround, which they are looking into. He noted that the Asbestos Dust Mitigation Plan that has been approved by the BAAQMD Air Board has been revised to be stricter, and to reflect the same standards as PG&E's construction across the street.

Question: Will PG&E join the dust control meetings?

Response: PG&E may be invited in the future, but the first kick-off meeting did not include PG&E.

Dan emphasized that while dust control during construction is an important issue, the new buildings will provide significantly better indoor air quality. He suggested that in the near future, the project team could present what the new buildings will be like.

The meeting was adjourned and dinner was served.