

MEETING SUMMARY

Hunters View Associates, Urban Strategies and Hunters View Tenants Association
Meeting with Hunters View Residents
September 15, 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 10 residents out of 20 total attendees present. Tessie Ester of HVTA started the meeting with a list of concerns, and then Supervisor Malia Cohen moderated the discussion after about 15 minutes. While several topics arose, the following were emphasized:

Comment: I'm concerned that this community center is in the middle of a construction site. Why don't we have a location across the street near the basketball courts, aren't there two empty units we could use? More residents would come to another location because they're worried about exposure to construction conditions.

Response: Dominica Henderson of SFHA informed the residents that there was only one vacant space and not two spaces currently vacant. SFHA will not push out a commercial tenant that is using the space. Additionally, SFHA will not use residential space to house any additional community based organizations. SFHA and HUD prioritize leasing all vacant units to tenants. Furthermore, if any residents take issue with living next to construction, then SFHA will make accommodations available.

Comment: The conditions of the units are very bad – there's one resident whose shower has not worked for months.

Response: Supervisor Cohen noted that there is a DBI inspector devoted to addressing these issues. She asked the resident to prepare a list of residents and unit numbers with issues and provide them to her office.

Comment: Urban Strategies isn't doing a good job, and they're not hiring anyone from the community. If they hired more people from the community then they would be more successful at reaching more residents.

Response: Supervisor Cohen asked what Urban Strategies' role was. Residents agreed that Urban Strategies was the service connector for residents. Supervisor Cohen requested that the resident gather the resumes of qualified residents and provide them to her office.

Comment: Hiring priority and process isn't working. CityBuild is hiring others before residents.

Response: Several residents and staff pointed out that the hiring priority was clearly posted on the wall of the community center. However, Supervisor Cohen stated she would follow up with CityBuild to see why they weren't present at the meeting.

Comment: The site tour to Mosaica was pointless – why would we be shown something unless it was exactly what we will be living in?

Response: The site tour was aimed to provide examples of similar types of housing. There may be other tours to continue providing examples of similar housing, and the similarities and differences will be pointed out at the beginning of the tour.

Comment: I'm not receiving notices about meetings.

Response: Construction notices are passed out by construction workers every Friday. Flyers for meetings are mailed directly to all residents – if you are not receiving flyers please contact Christina Mun at JSCo at 415-345-4400.

Dominica Henderson of SFHA noted that direct flyering for resident meetings has been paused as the Tenants Association Board have not organized and agreed upon these roles. However, she encouraged residents to sign up for flyering each month, and suggested that residents help with other ideas for reaching out to more residents, such as phone trees. A resident suggested creating a “resident outreach team” that would provide this service. Dominica will work with the Tenants Association Board and other residents to form this team.

Dan Levine of JSCo and Bill Johnson of Nibbi provided an update on construction activities. There is work on the PG&E crossing at Middle Point Road. Middle Point will be closed in December, and all residents will be notified well in advance of this event. Cashmere walkway will also be closed, and residents including neighbors will be notified. Within the construction fence, work continues on the utilities and mass grading. Fairfax Road is taking shape, and the streets will soon start to be visible.

Question: What are the white flags placed in the dirt for?

Response: These are flags used for staking Block 4, as well as for the retaining wall for Fairfax.

Dan noted that there will be a monthly dust control meeting separate from the main resident meeting. He invited all residents to join if they are interested in learning more about dust control. The time and location of this meeting will be provided to all residents, and posted in the community center.

The meeting was adjourned and dinner was served.