

Minutes
San Francisco for Democracy General Membership Meeting
Mission District Police Station
July 25, 2007

Votes are in favor-opposed-abstain, e.g., 6-2-1 is 6 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstain.

- I. 9 members of SF4D were in attendance. Meeting began at 7:10 (roughly).
- II. Minutes from the May 22, 2007 General Membership Meeting were approved.
- III. Agenda was approved with no additional items.
- IV. Committee reports
 - a. Program committee report was skipped (Susan Pfeifer late)
 - b. Treasurer report (from Tom Brown, for treasurer Marie Gaillac): Roughly \$600 left in the SF4D account.
 - c. Membership report (Tim Hsu): 85 paid members to date. August Meetup: Phil Matier. September Meetup: Local political expert(s), including David Latterman. Oct Meetup: Nat Ford, head of MTA (MUNI+DPT).
 - d. Outreach report: Jeff Whittington not in attendance.
 - e. Political affairs (Erich Albrecht): Next committee meeting to be held in mid-Aug, city endorsements session to be held on Sep 9 or 16.
 - f. Communications: Julie Tsai not in attendance.
- V. Should SF4D support or oppose SB1019, which would allow more open access to records of police misconduct? Mark Schlosberg of the ACLU spoke in favor; Alison Berry Wilkinson of PORAC was to speak in opposition but could not attend. Membership voted 9-0-0 to support SB1019.
- VI. Amendments to bylaws (see attachment)
 - a. Amendments to modify description of Political Affairs Director role in SF4D, to modify description of Political Affairs Committee in SFFD, and to delete "Endorsements for Ballot Measures" section (now part of PAC) discussed briefly; passed 9-0-0.
 - b. New section "Issue Advocacy, Lobbying and Joining Coalitions" discussed; friendly amendment from Susan Pfeifer added to section C. Sections A and B passed 8-0-1; section C passed 9-0-0.
- VII. Should SF4D recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they sponsor a charter amendment to reform recall procedures? Erich Albrecht described background and proposed measures. Membership decided 9-0-0 to recommend charter amendment on recall reform.

- VIII. Should SFFD call on Supervisor Ed Jew to step down, or recommend to the mayor that the supervisor be suspended pending results of current litigation against him?
- a. After discussion, agreed-upon proposal was to recommend to Mayor Newsom that Sup. Jew be suspended pending results of his trial, as he is no longer able to represent his district effectively.
 - b. Proposal approved 7-2-0.
 - c. Letter to Newsom will be drafted by Erich Albrecht and Tim Hsu.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 (roughly).