



Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING & ENHANCING OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

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May 10, 2018 Special Board Meeting

Agenda

1. Jeff Sheehy's proposal for a Castro LGBTQ Cultural District
2. Alex Sayde's proposal to Incorporate MDNA and adopt new bylaws
3. Adjournment

Board Member Attendees

- Peter Lewis
- Jeff Pekarul
- Alex Sayde
- Stephen Haigh
- Marius Starkey
- Sanjeet Ganjam
- Siamak Akhavan

Meeting Notes

Jeff Sheehy's Proposal for a Castro LGBTQ Cultural District

- Peter expressed a number of concerns about the proposal: the boundaries of the proposed district; concerns that the proposal intends to give preferential treatment to a minority in the community; concerns that it would violate the Federal Fair Housing Act and the California State Unruh Civil Rights Act (for business practices).
- Other board members agreed. Others did not agree and stated they thought the proposals intentions were mainly to support existing LGBTQ businesses, and to create plaques and markers for sites with historic significance.
- Peter made a motion that the organization send a letter of support to supervisor Sheehy, with the proviso that the boundaries be changed to exclude Dolores Park and other areas that fall within the boundaries of the Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association as defined on our website.
- The motion passed with a vote of four to three.

Proposal to Incorporate MDNA and Adopt Bylaws and Incorporate

- MDNA does not currently have its own bylaws, but works to abide by the bylaws of the San Francisco Study Center.



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- The intention for having bylaws of our own is to clarify and formalize how the organization operates. Having bylaws is a prerequisite for registration as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The current proposal is not 501(c)(3) incorporation, but it may be desirable to do that in the future.
- Alex provided copies of draft bylaws for MDNA, which do not differ significantly from the Study Center bylaws.
- These will be sent out to the entire board to review prior to the June meeting, where we will vote to adopt them.
- In addition to adopting by-laws, Alex proposed that MDNA incorporate, so that it could have its own bank account. This will cost around \$125.
- At a later date, we could choose to become a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, as most of our neighboring associations are.
- Motions to incorporate and adopt the draft bylaws will be voted on at the June meeting.