## Presidio Trust Board of Directors Meeting Optional Main Post Working Session February 28, 2007 <u>Minutes</u>

Robert Burke Nancy Conner Curtis Feeny David Grubb William Wilson III Lydia Beebe Joseph Yew, Jr.

Michael Boland Karen Cook Jeff Deis Adam Engelskirchen Tia Lombardi Mollie Matull Craig Middleton Mike Rothman

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Grubb at 8:06 a.m.

## **Action taken:**

None.

## **Discussion item:**

• Mr. Middleton introduced the topic of the redevelopment of the Main Post, describing a vision of an active, open space that would attract diverse groups of people to the Presidio.

Mr. Boland took the Board through proposed scenarios of the Main Post design, including the unveiling of a scaled interactive model of the area. He explained how the history of the Presidio could be told through the landscape and that the uses in the buildings surrounding the Main Post are critical to its activation.

Mr. Engelskirchen discussed the reuse of Main Post buildings, describing how the Montgomery Street barracks buildings could be designed to accommodate both public, visitor serving uses and some private use. Mr. Engelskirchen also discussed the status of the proposed lodge project and the role that it would play in activating the area. The Board

members expressed that the Lodging Request for Proposals should make a strong statement regarding the reuse of historic buildings, especially Pershing Hall.

Mr. Feeny said that transportation through the area should be considered carefully.

Ms. Conner raised the possibility of a history center or center focusing on the environment in the Montgomery Street Barracks.

Mr. Burke suggested that the Trust investigate the reuse of the theater as a community theater that could accommodate multiple uses and inquired as to whether it might be a philanthropic project.

Mr. Burke also stated that Pershing Square should have minimal changes.

All of the Board members expressed the desire that the parade ground be a place that is inviting to families and children through such means as art, interactive sculpture, water features and the revealing of the Presidio's history.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Grubb at 10:04 a.m.