# Welcome to the Fernside Home Owners Association Annual Meeting



A few notes before we begin...

- You may use the Chat feature to talk to your board members as a group. Click the Chat icon to display the chat work area.
- If you have a technical question, use the Q&A button. We do not have expertise with how Zoom operates on all various devices, but we will try to assist you so that you may participate in our presentation.
- If possible, please hold your questions to board members to the end of our presentation to reduce interruptions.
- If you interrupt us during a presentation, we might mute or remove you from the meeting
- There will be one or more times where we will stop and see if anyone has a concern on a particular topic being discussed.

Welcome, neighbor.





# **2024 Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM via Zoom video

Website: <a href="www.fernsidehoa.com">www.fernsidehoa.com</a>

Please sign up for the newsletter! www.fernsidehoa.com/news



- Guest Speaker: Michaelia Parker Crime Prevention;
  Community Relations Specialist City of Alameda
- Review business and finances (current and past year)
- 2023 accomplishments
- 2024 goals
- Other potential neighborhood events
- New Business & Motions from the floor
- Board duties
- Board nominations & Election of 2024 Board Members
- Adjourn



# **Mission Statement**

We are a volunteer organization striving to strengthen our neighborhood by enhancing its historic character, encouraging connections, promoting safety, advocating common interests, and fostering property values.

We are inspired to make Fernside an even better place in which to live, work, learn, and play!



### Michaelia Parker

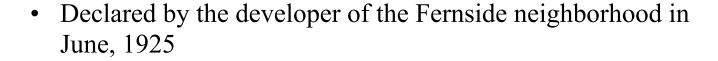




**Crime Prevention & Community Relations Specialist** 

- The Alameda website is our primary source for neighborhood watch information. Under the 'Neighborhood Watch' tab on our website (<a href="https://www.alamedaca.gov/Departments/Police-Department/COPPS">https://www.alamedaca.gov/Departments/Police-Department/COPPS</a>) you will find information about establishing and maintaining a neighborhood watch group.
- There is a good amount of information to help with the organization process, including ideas for meeting topics, guest speakers, resources for reporting suspicious activity and planning for the first meeting.
- Alameda Police Beat 31 Lieutenant, Joshua Crossley (<u>jcrossley@alamedaca.gov</u>)

# **History of the Fernside HOA**





- Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) were designed for the mutual benefit of all 497 parcels
- The Fernside Home Owners Association was proposed to possess certain powers to interpret and enforce the CC&Rs
- Over time, the HOA takes on new initiatives and advocates for our neighborhood with the City of Alameda
- In the future, the HOA will be here to ensure the Fernside neighborhood remains a desirable community in which to live and thrive



- The Newsletter is the only method the FHOA Board currently uses to update you throughout the year on happenings that may effect you. We send it out sparingly, and invite residents to submit content throughout the year.
- This year, the newsletter included articles about:
  - Fernside police beat meetings
  - City of Alameda's Active Transportation Plan
- Please go to the HOA site to sign up:

https://www.fernsidehoa.com/news





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- Important to notify the HOA when your home is up for sale (includes for sale by owner)
- Records need to be updated for both the HOA and Alameda County Recorders office at transfer
- Responsibility is with the seller and listing agent to disclose the existence of the HOA
- Usually the listing agent contacts the HOA for State of California forms:
  - HOA-IR form
  - HOA-RN form
  - HOA-RS form





In 2024, the Board anticipates the following:

- Changes to traffic
  - Roundabout at Fernside and Tilden
  - Additional focus on High Street & Fernside Blvd. street calming
- Continued evaluation of the Active Transportation Plan
  - Slow Streets
  - Traffic calming on High Street & Gibbons
- New development on the Oakland side of the Estuary
  - Amazon Warehouse in the former glass plant

## 2023 Board of Directors

**Kevin Jensen** | President + interim Treasurer

**Siraj Husain** | Vice-President

**Tracy Brotze** | Secretary

Marianne Landis | Special Projects

**Rebecca Jewell** | Special Projects

Kim Becker | Special Projects

**Jay Seaton** | Special Projects



- **❖** The board may appoint other officers and committees at their board meetings (which are open to homeowners).
- The board is 100% volunteer.



# **Secretary:**

- Quorum call
- Approve the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting on January 10, 2023



# **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Jensen

#### **Bank of Marin**

End of December 2023

Checking \$9,791

Savings \$5,000 (reserve fund)



# **Treasurer's Report**

#### 2023 Income and Expense review

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## **BUDGET**

2023 Income \$8,000

- \$5,500 dues & late fee receivable
- \$2,500 title transfer fees

2023 Income

\$9,467

- \$5,467 dues & late fee receivable
- \$4,000 title transfer fees

2023 Expenses

\$8,000

- \$3,300 insurance
- \$ 500 accounting software
- \$ 220 dedicated PO Box
- \$1,000 legal and filings
- \$1,200 postage and supplies
- \$ 250 website
- \$ 0 banking fees
- \$1,530 national night out, lamp posts

#### 2023 Expenses

\$7,231

- \$2,972 insurance
- \$ 504 accounting software
- \$ 220 dedicated PO Box
- \$ 25 legal and filings
- \$ 890 postage and supplies
- \$ 425 website
- \$ 70 banking fees
- \$1,125 nno, lamp posts
- \$1,000 transfer to savings

# **Treasurer's Report**

#### 2024 Budget

#### 2024 Income Estimate

\$8,500

- \$5,500 dues & late fees receivable
- \$3,000 title transfer fees

#### 2024 Expenses Estimate

\$8,500

- \$3,300 insurance
- \$ 500 accounting software & services
- \$ 220 dedicated PO Box
- \$1,000 legal & filings
- \$1,200 postage & supplies
- \$ 250 website
- \$ 0 banking fees
- \$1,030 national night out, lamp posts
- \$1,000 neighborhood street activities



# **Treasurer's Report:**

### **End of Year Balance of Savings + Checking**



#### Actual

2018 - \$10,140

2019 - \$10,300

2020 - \$ 9,250

2021 - \$10,980

2022 - \$10,830

2023 - \$14,791

Projected ending balance for

2024 - \$15,000

# 2024 Activities

#### Kevin Jensen

#### 2024 Goals

- The board focused on the following areas:
- Compliance with CC&Rs and bylaws
- Community Outreach
- Financial Stability
- National Night Out
- Holiday Lamp Post Decorations
- City of Alameda Communication
- Continue running HOA meeting over video and reintroduce in-person meetings
- Focus on solution to very old unpaid dues
- Volunteer research into neighborhood history and post findings on website
- Sponsor neighborhood street closures



# Oakland (OAK) Airport Modernization and Development Project



#### OAK's proposal includes:

- Modernizing Terminals 1 and 2 including wider gate spacing to accommodate larger planes
- Construction of a 3rd terminal
- A likely net gain of 16 gates, a 55% increase

#### The City and others have raised concerns that:

- Increased airfield congestion will result in more North field departures over Alameda
- Increased aircraft size and volume may significantly increase noise, and pollution.



The turquoise areas of the map are the proposed project areas, image presented at the City Council reseting flut there areas.

# How to log a complaint

Aircraft are generally not supposed to fly over the red areas of Alameda, including the FHOA neighborhood.

• The number of people filing complaint with OAK is just as important in reducing non-compliant flights, if not more so, than the number of complaints

- Typically, there are only single digits per month of complaints from the main island
- File a complaint by phone, mobile app, or a call takes less than 1 minute
- https://flyquietoak.com/community/ file-noise-complaint/





National Night Out, 2018







National Night Out, 2021













National Night Out, 2021 - Firefighters arrive









National Night Out, 2023













# **Holiday Lamp Posts**

Marianne Landis & Tracy Brotze

- 20+ volunteers contributed
- All but 1 lamp post decorated
- More supplies were ordered to replace tattered and missing inventory
- Inventory is being tallied for 2024 needs
- Suggestions and more volunteers welcome email us at: <u>FernsideHOA@gmail.com</u>

Thank you volunteers!



# **2023 Looking Back**

#### **Community Goals**

- Leverage website for better dissemination of information
- Newsletter for our neighborhood
- Continue lamp post holiday spirit

#### City of Alameda

- Increase city meetings & follow up on issues specific to FHOA
- Communicate findings to community on the website

#### **Department of Public Works**

- See Click Fix (seeclickfix.com)
- Gibbons Drive trees, sidewalk, curbing, parking



# 2024 Opportunities for Volunteers & Board

#### **Community Goals**

- Leverage website for more efficient and frequent communication and interaction between members, the board and others
- National Night Out
- Neighborhood history



- National Night Out
- Earthquake preparedness / Map Your Neighborhood
- CERT Community Emergency Response Team Alameda
- Block Captain / Neighborhood Watch Alameda Police Department

#### City of Alameda

- Increase city meetings & follow up on issues specific to FHOA (crime, traffic, sidewalks, trees, streetlamps, etc.)
- Communicate findings to community on website
- Utilize HOA's political potential within Alameda for the benefit of the neighborhood



# **2024 Meeting**

New Business and Motions from the floor



# **2024 Board Duties**

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Each new member will need to assist with a task involved in the running of the organization:

- Monitoring e-mail and voicemail
- Update website
- Surveys
- Financial accounting using Xero software online
- Folding and mailing letters
- Filling out transfer paperwork for home purchases
- Entering and depositing checks
- (optional: attend meetings with CLASS regarding airport noise)
- State of California paperwork
- National Night Out
- Coordinating the Holiday lamp post decorating
- Following up with City of Alameda regarding traffic, sidewalks, trees, streetlamps, and crime

# 2024 Board Nominations & Election

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#### **Nominee Qualifications**

- Must be a homeowner of a Fernside property
- Must be in good standing (all assessment payments are current)

#### **Board member responsibilities & commitment**

- Attendance at monthly board meetings, annual meeting and any special meetings called
- Ability to provide 2-4 additional hours per month to support board activities outside of meetings

#### **Voting**

- Per bylaws, property owners are granted one vote per owned lot
- Owners not present may vote via signed proxy

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Call for nominations (in-person or previously submitted)
- 2. Candidates may provide statements or discuss qualifications and interests (up to 3 minutes each)
- 3. Tonight's attendees respond to nominated board members by voting via email (fernsidehoa@gmail.com) or website contact by Friday, 1/12
- 4. Board to tabulate and announce results at a later date

# **Any questions?**



- Please click the "raise hand" icon under Reactions in order to raise your hand so that we notice you
- We will acknowledge you by name

# Adjournment

Good night. See you around the neighborhood.

Remember National Night Out in August!

www.fernsidehoa.com

www.fernsidehoa.com/news (newsletter signup)

Send an email to: <u>fernsidehoa@gmail.com</u>

