

Telegraph Hill Dwellers Resolution to Preserve the Stow Lake Boathouse

The Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park is a valuable resource for San Francisco, with profound historic significance. Since the 1880s, the site has provided a calm boating environment to park users.

The proposal by Recreation and Parks to remove the boat hoist and to move the entire boat repair shop, storage, and offices, to the lower parking lot level would destroy the intrinsic nature, usage, and historic design of the boathouse. The intent of this proposal is to convert the entire top floor of the boathouse into a large indoor café/restaurant, which is incompatible with the objectives detailed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, and is not in response to public demand or desire.

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers Board of Directors resolves that the City and County of San Francisco:

A) Preserve the Stow Lake Boathouse and its historic concessions using qualified preservationists and licensed professionals.

B) Immediately halt decision(s) about the historic concessions, until the following inspections and written reports are made available to the public and are included with any RFP/RFQ.

1. An Environmental Impact Report.
2. A safety report to address the use of boat trailers on a busy and steep walkway that serves the elderly, disabled, children, and others.
3. A licensed termite inspection.
4. A lead paint analysis of the boathouse paint.
5. An inspection by a licensed structural engineer to address water seepage into the foundation from Stow Lake.

Passed unanimously by the Telegraph Hill Dwellers Board of Directors on February 9, 2010.

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