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Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association Newsletter – Since 1974

A Note from GWPNA's President

It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of most dedicated and tireless advocates for our West Portal neighborhood: Joan Kingery. Her liveliness, her sense of humor, and her strength will be sorely missed. The following is a copy of her obituary which relates the highlights of her interesting life. We'll miss you, Joan!



KINGERY, M. Joan--a 40 year Bay Area resident, passed away after an illness Jan. 17, 2004, at Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco. Born June 5, 1931, to Otis M. and Karine Kingery of Ripon, Joan attended Ripon schools and received a secondary teaching credential from the University of California at Berkeley. She taught at Ukiah and Tamalpais (Mill Valley) high schools, then entered the US Department of State Diplomatic Foreign Service. She served two years each on the communications and records staffs at US embassies in Bern, Cairo and Brussels. Returning to California she taught one year at Webster Junior High School in Stockton. Living in San Francisco, in 1967 she earned a school librarian credential from the University of San Francisco, then moved to San Rafael to be Santa Venetia Middle School librarian for several years. Later back in

San Francisco Joan became a tax preparer and Enrolled Agent qualified to represent clients before the Internal Revenue Service. She was a great resource for elderly and ill clients until her retirement.

Recently she has been a dynamic leader in the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Assn., its treasurer for many years, and a driving force in the effort to expand and develop Edgehill Mountain Open Space Park. Joan is survived by her sister Lynn K. Woodbury of Carmel, a niece Victoria Alldrin and husband Stephen Kisling of Modesto; nephews and wives Stephen and Mary Alldrin of Delhi (CA) and Kenfield and Janette Alldrin of Modesto; grand nephews and grand nieces Cory, Wyatt, Caleb, Jared, Kristina, Jennifer and Sierra Alldrin. Donations: a favorite environmental group or Edgehill Mountain Open Space Park via Greater West Portal Neighborhood Assn., PO Box 27116, San Francisco, CA 94127.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society, San Francisco. Memorial service plans are pending.



Contact: Mary McDermott, 265 Kensington Way, San Francisco, CA (415) 753-8373

GWPNA Meetings for 2004

First TUESDAY each month**

7:30 pm to 8:45 pm

January 6 -- February 3 -- March 2

April 6 -- May 4 -- June 1

Meetings held at St. Brendan's Hall, 200 Ulloa

**GWPNA
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2002

[Note: minutes are abridged to fit space.]

Call to Order: Mary Burns, President, called the meeting to order.

Attendees:

Officers: Mary Burns, Helen Johnson, Bruce Engle, Fred Martin, Mary McDermott. **Steering Committee**

members: Marilyn Amini, Sheila Bost, Rae Doyle, Charles Browne, Don Enochson, Eileen Fanelli, Emeric Kalman, Joan Kingery, Carolyn Klemeyer, Marilou Lascari, Mary McDermont, Doris Newmann, Avrum Shepard, Howard Strassner, Steven Suacci, Bud Wilson, and Art Zendarski; **Members:** Linda Jaeger Browne, Betty Burr, Tim Glen, Ludwig Newmann, Stan Kaufman and Ken Kruszka. **Guests:** Brendan Spiers and Jim Keith.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the October meeting were approved.

President's Report

Mary Burns urged that contributions be made to the West Portal Library Fund as the West Portal Branch has a \$500,000 goal to provide for such things as computers, books and furnishings not included in the bond issue.

Special Guest

Brendan Spiers and Jim Keith came and discussed the Edgehill land swap, and urged that GWPNA association support their development proposal for the Clipper Street area on the lower part of Diamond Heights. A motion was made to recommend that GWPNA endorse the development, but it was withdrawn when Keith said he would be willing to make a full presentation on the project at the next meeting. This was agreed to as an alternative to the current motion, and that action could follow the presentation. It had been pointed out that if the project was rejected that the question of building on Edgehill property would be reopened. Jim Keith noted that the proposed project included an affordable housing component.

Status of Projects: No Reports

Reports of Committees:

Lake Merced: No report.

Laguna Honda Neighbors: No report.

By-laws: Bruce Engle said participants failed to show for a by-laws meeting and that he would reschedule and email the date.

Friends of West Portal: No new report.

Edgehill Mountain Open Space & Stewardship: See guest presentation.

Vision Committee: No vision; the chair was absent.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Radich submitted a written report stating that the GWPNA cash balance stands at \$27,375.91, of which \$16,613.97 is general funds. Mary McDermott previously had stated that the number of members is comparable, but that contributions are down.

Other Organizations:

WTPCC – Bud Wilson reported the Christmas party would be Dec. 16 at the Miraloma Club House.

CSFN – No report.

WP Merchants: No report.

Special Order of Business:

Marilyn Amini moved and Fred Martin seconded a motion to ask that the Steering Committee approve writing a letter to the SF Planning Commission with the following recommendation:

The Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association, on behalf of its membership, respectfully requests that the Planning Commission will vote to continue its hearing of the changes planned for Discretionary Reviews, scheduled for December 18, 2003 instead of voting to adopt the new policy. Because the documents related to the change in process for hearing DR's were issued only last week, we need more time to review them and to alert our membership to these proposed changes so that the citizens who will be most affected by these changes have the opportunity to participate and comment in a knowledgeable way. Therefore we are asking for at least a 60-day continuance of this matter.

Mary Burns agreed to write and deliver the letter in person.

Adjourn: Mary Burns adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM and the holiday party got underway with plenty of goodies.

Submitted by Fred Martin, Secretary

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NOTE: Membership renewal is due now! This issue of the *FogCutter* contains mail-in renewal forms!

The Fogcutter is the newsletter of the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association, published bi-monthly and distributed to GWPNA members. Please contact any officer, or the newsletter editor, with your ideas, issues and questions. **DAYTIME calls only please!**

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