

GWPNA Steering Committee

April 5, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, by President Mary Burns. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report

The SBC call center will move to Pleasanton. Staff salaries will be reduced. SBC will move 1200 jobs outside San Francisco. The Communications worker's union Local 910 wants to make a presentation to GWPNA. Mary doesn't know at this time what SBC will do with the property.

Guest Speakers:

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org

Aides: Olivia Scanlon and John Gavin (415)554-6516

The Department of Public Health has amended their budget to include \$1.3 to \$1.4 million to create a new skilled care facility to take patients from LHH into SF General Hospital. Sean will meet with communications workers about jobs SBC moved out of SF. The BOS decided to waive fees for the bike race for the next 4 years. They determined that the race would bring a net money gain to the City. The Department of Public Health will appeal the fines the State assessed against Laguna Honda Hospital.

The Mayor instituted a 45 day moratorium on Cannabis Clubs. Current clubs have apparently not met all permit and notification requirements and so will be reviewed. A trauma center will be opened on Mariposa with money from Prop 63. There will be a District 7 Advisory Council meeting at St. Brendan's. Sean wants to know the neighborhood budget priorities. City staff from key departments will attend.

Arla Escontrias – Laguna Honda Hospital

Arla said there are budget problems. Construction materials are much higher now. Michael Lane is working with Controller Ed Harrington to see what can be done. The Health Commission approved building the first three buildings, which will provide over 780 beds. (The original goal was 1200 beds.) In 2003 construction costs were estimated at \$335 million. Today the estimates are \$521 million. The bond passed by voters did not include provision for other than basic construction. A foundation will raise money to buy beds, furniture, etc.

New Business:

Fred Martin nominated Stan Kaufman to the Steering Committee. Stan has attended the past three meetings. Bud Wilson seconded the nomination. The SC voted in favor of Stan's appointment. Mary asked Tim Colen to form a nominating committee for the Steering Committee election planned for June.

Reports of Committees:

Friends of West Portal Playground:

Helen Johnson reported that the playground director will retire soon. There is an opening for her replacement.

Membership: There aren't many new members applying to the organization.

Lake Merced: No report.

Laguna Honda Neighbors: Eileen Fanelli and Steve Suacci reported that the efforts of the neighborhood to improve access to/from Laguna Honda Campus have resulted in a larger effort that includes the SFPUC, LHH, DPT and Rec and Park, to develop a program that will not only improve access to and from the Hospital, but that improves trails and recreational opportunities on the larger Laguna Honda Campus and uses the campus to link open space trails between Glen Canyon, Mt. Davidson, and GG Park. Perhaps even tie trails to Bay Trail. The ad hoc group of neighbors and City agencies leading this effort is preparing a presentation to describe this "vision" and hopes to share it with neighborhood groups, City Officials and agencies, and other environmental and civic groups to refine the "vision" and to implement it.

By-Laws: Bruce Engle reported that updates to the procedures are ready for review by the full SC.

Finance: Chris reported that there is approximately \$35,000 in our treasury. \$25,000 is in the general fund. \$10,000 is dedicated to specific projects.

Issues: Mary asked that people who haven't yet responded, provide their issues list within the next week. She asked for volunteers to sit on the committee.

Other Organizations:

Mary Burns adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

NOTE: The May meeting was dedicated to a special presentation on Identity Theft and Privacy Issues. The meeting was well attended and handouts were made available to attendees. GWPNA is planning to hold additional forums about issues of general interest to West Portal residents in the future, so watch for announcements in upcoming FogCutter issues.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Avrum Shepard.,
(Minutes are edited to fit space.)*

JUNE MEETING SPEAKER

**John Billovits, Senior Planner
San Francisco Planning Department**
Mr. Billovits will discuss current issues at the Planning Department of interest to West Portal residents and citywide, including the Better Neighborhoods Program. Q&A session will follow.



What's New on the Avenue ...

SO many changes on our Avenue recently! Here are all the ones I can remember:

- *Score!* moved from its old location to the corner of 14th and WP, where the Discovery Store used to be.
- The small video rental shop in the same block has closed, the storefront is empty.
- Dake's Litehouse reduced its space (some time ago) but the old "half" is still empty.
- We have a new restaurant! "Roti" opened just a few weeks ago and is serving Indian lunch and dinner.
- HausenHome closed its doors about a week ago after several weeks of sales on its many interesting items. Matt



Rogers says the Papenhausen Hardware store is staying, thank goodness!



- Construction continues at the new site of Barbegelata Real Estate (in the first block, where Play It Again Sports used to be), estimated move-in this Fall.
- Papparazzi, the women's clothing store, is closing down

and has already opened up a shop at a new location in North Beach.

- The former Ritz Camera location is still empty.
- The former nail salon space next to the Empire Theatre is still empty (they re-located in the second block).

Both the West Portal Merchants Association and GWPNA try to monitor the comings and goings on our Avenue in order to make sure that zoning regulations

are enforced as to the type and size of businesses allowed here. If you have any questions, please write GWPNA at P.O. Box 27116, SF CA 94127 or email to webeditor@gwpna.org.

Edgehill Mountain Planting Efforts

The winter planting work at Edgehill Mountain Park has proved remarkably successful this year. Native plants now replace the overburden of English and cape ivy in large areas of the park. **Workdays continue every second Saturday of each month from 1 – 3 pm.** Contact Stan Kaufman (415-681-4954, email at skaufman@epimetrics.com) for more details. Better yet, visit Paul Furman's official public web site at <http://www.edgehil.net> and join the private "Friends of Edgehill Mountain Park" web group at <http://www.epimetrics.com>.

NOTICE: KIDS FREE TROUT FISHING DERBY AT LAKE MERCED!!

California Trout, the local fishing and water advocacy group, recently announced its 2005 trout fishing derby at Lake Merced on Saturday, June 11th, starting at 7:30 am and running to about 2:00 pm.

The lake will be stocked by CA Fish and Game Department with thousands of trout, ranging from half-pounders to six-pound trophy fish. Free fishing equipment rental will be provided to the first 300 children under 16 to register. There will also be displays, information booths and refreshments.



The Cal Trout event is held in association with the SF Public Utilities Commission, Pacific Gas & Electric, and the Lake Merced Task Force. Further information can be obtained from the event's website: www.caltroutday.org or by calling Mr. Mondy Lariz, Chair of the Cal Trout Day at (408) 489-0087.

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Get Involved for the Good of your
Neighborhood!

Visit us at www.gwpna.org

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