

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2003, St Brendan's Parish Hall**

Opening

Mary Burns called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Present

Attendees were invited to introduce themselves. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Steering Committee members present were Mary Burns, Joseph Basuino, Tim Colen, Rae Doyle, Bruce Engle, Helen Johnson, Emeric Kalman, Doris Neumann, Chris Radich, John Sarraille and Jackie Sarraille, Avrum Shepard, Howard Strassner, Stephen Suacci, Bud Wilson, and Art Zendarski. Also present were Marilyn Amini, Kathryn Clark, Donald Enochson, Eileen Fanelli, Ken Kruszka, Marilou Lascari, Ron Litchy, and Ebe F.. Sapone.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

President's Report

Mary Burns announced that a hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, at 9:15 AM. She reported that a town hall meeting was scheduled with regard to Lakeshore Plaza on April 10 at the Presbyterian Church, 1740 Sloat Blvd.. She also noted that a letter had been received from Superior Court soliciting volunteers for the Grand Jury selection process. She said that the \$7,000 had been received from the city for the pedestrian study. She called for volunteers for the Taraval Street Committee. She asked for all to assist in rescruiting new members for GWPNA. And, Mary noted that the annual garage sale to raise funds for GWPNA was scheduled for April 26-27 at Howard Strassner's at 419 Vicente.

Report on Status of Projects

Website Update

Avrum Shepard reported that the GWPNA web site was taking shape:

www.GWPNA.org

He reporting that content was being added and that maintenance was being organized. He also reported a link to the web site of the West of Twin Peaks Council and to the web site of Supervisor Tony Hall. Mary Burns added that a FogCutter would be out within the week, and that she would send the file to Jeff Padia, our webmaster, so he could post it on the new site.

Report of Committees

Lake Merced

No report.

Laguna Honda Neighbors

Steve Suacci and Eileen Fanelli reported on access improvements in the schematics, and that construction was underway via Isadora, and that there is no left turn on Isadora. Eileen said that the schematic included provision to include requested improvements as monies could be obtained. She said they expected to have a newsletter soon

Bylaws Committee

Bruce Engle said proposed job descriptions were being drafted.

Finance

Chris Radich reported a balance of \$20, 370. He said \$2,955 in membership dues had been received.

West Portal Playground

Helen Johnson reported a clean up scheduled for March 8. She reported the project was fully funded, that a sign would be put up on Lenox and that the plans for the clubhouse had been finalized.

Edgehill Mountain Open Space and Stewardship

It was reported that the builder wants to exit and build elsewhere and that negotiations are underway for a swap of city land elsewhere, and that GWPNA may be asked to support development at an alternative site.

West Portal Vision and Traffic Safety Committee

In a discussion of proposed city rezoning, and specifically the Housing Element and the Peskin legislation on so-called in-law units, it was reported that the proposals could have a significant impact on West Portal. Marilyn Amini said that the proposed transit corridor upzoning (??) would permit in-law apartments within 1250 feet of major transit corridors, which included West Portal Avenue. This legislation, initially proposed by Supervisor Leno, was taken over by Supervisor Peskin and would permit units for seniors and disabled persons along transit corridors. It was noted that the provisions can be downloaded from the Planning Commission web site, and that the matter would be take up in detail by the Vision Committee, which would report back to the Steering Committee.

Delegates to Other Organizations

WTPCC: No report

CSFN:

Tim Colen and Emeric Kalman attended the last meeting and when they learned that the GWPNA dues had not been paid, paid it from their pockets and asked reimbursement. They reported on resolutions with regard to Balboa Park, the Natural Areas Task Force and opposition to the Housing Elements as proposed. The three policy resolutions were pulled for review and revision.

West Portal Merchants

The new WPAA officers are: President, Marsha Fontes, Fontes Antiques; 1st Vice President, Beverly Konkoff, Discovery Shops; 2nd Vice President, Mark Shustoff, Attorney; Treasurer, Elliot Wagner, Dimitra's Facial & Body Therapies. Board Members: Greenie Greenlin, Jerry Poppers, Art Belenson, Darcy Babbitt, Chris Dittenhafer, Maryo Mogannam, Pete Tachis, Rich Neciuk, Suki Lee.

New Business

Helen Johnson reported an illegally parked camper equipped with a handicapped sticker on 14th Avenue near Vicente. She said that a number of cars were parked on the streets near this same residence. She asked, and received, approval through a motion of support for a nuisance action by the City Attorney.

Adjourn

Mary Burns adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.