

## **Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association Regular Meeting April 6, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, by President Mary Burns.

**The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.**

### **President's Report**

#### *Housing Element:*

Mary reported that the Appeal on the Housing Element will be heard on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, or may be delayed till May.

Three individuals met with officials from the Planning Department and discussed negotiating a compromise to the Housing Element that might obviate the need to appeal the negative declaration. This issue generated controversy, with some people arguing that accepting a settlement out of court would be better than going to court. The other side argued that compromise would weaken our position and that we are sure to win in court.

#### *Muni Citizens Advisory Council:*

The Citizens Advisory Council had a three hour meeting with Michael Burns, head of Muni, and discussed service cuts that will be needed to meet budget constraints. There will be public meetings to get input from all affected. Muni lines 26 and 54 might be cut in District 7. More information can be found at [www.sfmuni.com](http://www.sfmuni.com).

### **Guest Speakers:**

#### *Ray Favetti General Maintenance Superintendent Muni:*

Muni will replace the tracks and fix paving at the intersection of West Portal and Uloa, on Taraval Street between 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and at the Saint Francis Circle. Service will be impacted but Muni will mitigate as best they can. They will replace the wires in the Twin Peaks tunnel and renovate the West Portal Station. They are working on removing the "temporary" trailers, will paint the canopy. Helen Johnson suggested that neighbors would volunteer to do some landscape design for above the tunnel at West Portal Station. Mr. Favetti said that they are working on the pigeon problem. Mary Burns suggested that GWPNA might consider contributing some money to Muni for landscaping.

#### *Sergeant Jim Acevedo of Traval Police Station:*

The big news at the Taraval Station is that Captan Sanford had a baby boy born on April 5th. Sergeant Acevedo reported crime statistics for our neighborhood over the past few months. He stated that Taraval Police Station is understaffed to the extent that police effectiveness will be impacted. There are 10 sergeants and 71 officers. The sergeant suggested sending letters to Chief Fong and Supervisor Hall. Middle school children are making a mess in the West Portal playground. Police are working on getting them under control. Someone reported traffic problems created by people double parking on Lenox during the evening rush hour. They await commuters arriving at West Portal Muni Station. There is legislation moving through the State Assembly to allow bars to remain open till 4 am. He suggested writing our representatives to oppose this legislation.

### **Special Reports:**

*Revision to Parking Permit regulations:*

Mary said she will schedule a Vision Committee meeting to discuss the parking permit issue.

**New Business:**

*Folding tables:*

Mary suggested that GWPNA consider donating folding tables to St Brendans. They have allowed GWPNA to meet in the Parrish Hall for many years without charge and we are indebted to them.

*Possible Tree Removals:*

Howard Strassner reported that he has communicated with Carolyn Blair, Chair of the Urban Tree Council to attempt to get assistance in ensuring 80-year-old tree across the street from his house is not removed. He circulated a petition for people to sign to protest removal of the tree. There will be a hearing on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Discovery Shop:*

Rae Doyle requested that GWPNA send a letter to the landlord of the Discovery Shop on West Portal protesting the rent increase. Since we don't know both sides of the story in this dispute, it was decided to send a letter of support for the Discovery Shop, but not protest the rent increase.

**Reports of Committees:**

***Friends of West Portal Playground:***

Vandals did serious damage to the tennis courts - apparently done by middle school students. They have found to perpetrators. The Friends of West Portal Playground is conducting a survey and request people to go to the GWPNA web site ([www.gwpna.org](http://www.gwpna.org)) and click on the link to take the survey. They are developing programs for teens. They are formulating plans for having neighborhood driven site managers for playgrounds.

*Lake Merced:*

The Lake Merced Task Force has requested the PUC make plans for tertiary water treatment so that golf courses and other non-drinking users, can begin to use recycle water. They have about \$100 million. Cal Trout will stock the lake on April 24<sup>th</sup> and give away tackle boxes and fishing rods to kids.

*Laguna Honda Neighbors*

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*By-Laws:*

Bruce Engle will be gone for three months, so there will be no report till he returns.

*Finance:*

No Report.

*Vision:*

Mary will schedule a meeting to discuss revision to Parking Permit regulations.

**Other Organizations:**

***WTPCC:***

There was not a quorum for the last meeting. They are in the process of coordinating strategies for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> planning commission hearing on the Housing Element.

**CSFN:**  
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**WP Merchants:**  
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**Attendees:**

**SC Members**

Marilyn Amini  
Joseph Basuino  
Sheila Bost  
Mary Burns  
Tim Colen  
Rae Doyle  
Donald Enochson  
Eileen Fanelli  
Helen Johnson  
Emeric Kalman  
Carolyn Klemeyer  
Marilou Lascari  
Fred Martin  
Mary McDermott  
Helen Naish  
Chris Radich  
Avrum Shepard  
Howard Strassner  
Steve Suacci  
Bud Wilson

**SC Absent**

Bruce Engle, Vice-President (three month excused absent)  
Charles Browne  
Art Zendarski

**Guests**

Jim Acevedo SFPD  
Harry Aleo  
Peggy daSilva  
Ray Favetti  
Ken Kruszka