

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association  
Steering Committee Meeting  
January 5, 2004**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, by President Mary Burns.

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

**President's Report**

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council sent a letter to Laguna Honda Hospital about the issues that were brought up at the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Town Hall forum.

The EIR lawsuit on the Housing Element was filed. The first settlement conference is scheduled for January 12, 2005.

Mary discussed the possibility of contributing some of the surplus money we have in our treasury to the West Portal Library Capital campaign. They must raise about \$150,000 to fund furniture, table lamps, and other items not funded by public money. Mary will attend their meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Some time ago we agreed to give St Brendan's Church \$1,000, however, the check has not yet been sent to them.

Mary will email Captain Sanford's Taraval Police report to the Steering Committee. It will also be put on the web site.

**Guest Speaker:**

**Muni West Portal Special Track Work**

*Anthony Bryant, West Portal Project Manager, Muni*

The tracks on West Portal have deteriorated over the years and LRV's are susceptible to derailing. Although there is no immanent danger, the situation needs to be corrected. Muni plans to begin work on the tracks in June, 2005. Overhead wires and sewer and water lines will be upgraded at the same time. The total project will take about 8 months. There will be 3 weekend shutdowns when LRV service will be replaced by buses.

**Special Reports:**

**Golden Gate Park Concourse**

Craig Dawson of the Inner Sunset Merchant's Association, Mike Ellzy of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, and Josh Hart of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition presented differing views of the impact of adding auto traffic lanes from 9<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln to the Concourse underground garage (MLK Drive) and adding auto traffic lanes to JFK Drive.

Two major issues were discussed. The first was that Hart and Dawson think the added auto traffic lanes will attract more autos, cause the traffic to move faster, endangering pedestrians, and also cause great traffic congestion on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lincoln Way. They think another EIR study needs to be done. Ellzy thinks that traffic flow will not be negatively impacted and that the results of the EIR support this position.

The second issue is that Hart and Dawson think the changes have not been sufficiently vetted to the community. They cited the fact that the Sunshine task force has agreed to hear a complaint that the Concourse Authority has not disclosed important information that was requested. Ellzy cited the fact that he has attended literally hundreds of community meetings where the issues were discussed.

Ellzy stated that the Concourse Authority is complying with orders from a court proceeding that was brought by Hart's and Dawson's organizations.

**New Business:**

Peggy daSilva introduced a resolution concerning the Golden Gate Park Concourse Garage issues. The resolution was table.

**Reports of Committees:**

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

Helen Johnson reported that RPD has agreed to provide a full time playground director. The Playground needs help with the clean up after many months of construction. Join neighbors and the Recreation Park Department on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. Wear closed toed shoes, long pants and layers. Tools and materials will be provided. The event will occur rain or shine. Please call to pre-register so they can adequately plan work. Erika Andrew 566-7009, Helen Johnson 731-7201, or Kathy Thompson 681-7761.

**Membership:** No report.

**Lake Merced:** No report.

**Laguna Honda Neighbors:** No report.

**By-Laws:** No report.

**Finance:** No Report.

**Vision:** No report.

**Other Organizations:**

**WTPCC:** No report.

**CSFN:** No report.

**WP Merchants:** No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

**Attendees:**

| <b>Steering Committee Member</b> |           | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
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| Marilyn                          | Amini     |                | x             |
| Joe                              | Basuino   | x              |               |
| Sheila                           | Bost      | x              |               |
| Charles                          | Browne    | x              |               |
| Mary                             | Burns     |                | x             |
| Tim                              | Colen     | x              |               |
| Kathy                            | Darby     |                | x             |
| Peggy                            | daSilva   | x              |               |
| Rae                              | Doyle     | x              |               |
| Bruce                            | Engle     | x              |               |
| Donald                           | Enochson  | x              |               |
| Eileen                           | Fanelli   | x              |               |
| Helen                            | Johnson   | x              |               |
| Emeric                           | Kalman    |                | x             |
| Carolyn                          | Klemeyer  |                | x             |
| Ken                              | Kruszka   | x              |               |
| Marilou                          | Lascari   |                | x             |
| Fred                             | Martin    | x              |               |
| Mary                             | McDermott | x              |               |
| Helen                            | Naish     |                | x             |
| Doris                            | Neuman    |                | x             |
| Chris                            | Radich    |                | x             |
| Avrum                            | Shepard   | x              |               |
| Howard                           | Strassner |                | x             |
| Steve                            | Suacci    | x              |               |
| Bud                              | Wilson    |                | x             |

**Guests/GWPNA Members**

Josh Hart – SF Bicycle Coalition  
Craig Dawson – Innder Sunset Merchant’s Association  
Mike Ellzy – Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority