

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
February 1, 2004**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, by President Mary Burns.

Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting were deferred to the March meeting.

President's Report

Guest Speaker:

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org

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

Supervisor Elsbernd said that he came to the meeting primarily to listen to peoples concerns and comments. The Board elected Aaron Peskin President. Sean is the Vice Chair of the Government Audits & Oversight Committee and a member of Budget & Finance Committee and the Transportation Authority.

He said that the city faces a \$150 million deficit. The supervisors are looking to find efficiencies and consolidations. Laguna Honda costs are getting worse. There is a February 23 follow-up on admission policies. Supervisor Elsbernd will hold hearings on the matter. It doesn't look like we'll get 1200 beds at the updated LHH.

Tim Colen asked if the Supervisors are going to put Civil Service reform on the November ballot.

Helen Johnson asked if the Supervisor could help with the West Portal tunnel entrance. We need help securing repairs to the canopy and removal of the "temporary" sheds.

Howard Strassner proposed a tax be added to vehicle registration to pay for Muni budget problems. He also proposed an increase in parking tax.

Emeric Kalman asked if there is an emergency plan for District 7. (Sean said there is a full emergency plan for the City.)

Special Reports:

Golden Gate Park Concourse

Bicycle Plan

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 15th 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: Marylou Lascari reported that Steering Committee members need to renew their membership dues. She suggested that we have programs of interest once in a while to attract new membership.

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:

| Steering Committee Member | | Present | Absent |
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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