

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
June 8, 2005**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM on Tuesday, June 8, 2005, by President Mary Burns.

President's Report

Mary reported that she is working with SCORE, the Department of Parking and Traffic, and the West Portal Merchants Association to resolve SCORE's traffic problem. Parents drop and pick up their children for classes. Parents double park and create a safety problem. The proposed solution is a one-year trial of a restricted white zone (drop off/pickup) for certain hours of the day on the northwest corner of 14th Avenue where it meets West Portal, plus SCORE will be obligated to educate parents on a continual basis to use the white zone only, and not to use the red (no stopping) zone in front on West Portal Avenue, nor can parents double-park to drop off or pick up children. Elsewhere on the street, Guarantee Mortgage is attempting to move into the former HausenHome store at 80 West Portal, but as they are (either) a financial institution or a professional service, they need a Conditional Use Permit to have a ground floor business. GWPNA has sent a letter to Larry Badiner of the Planning Department Zoning Enforcement group to protest this move. GWPNA and the Merchants' Association are agreed that a regular retail store is much more appropriate for that space.

Mary distributed a document describing a new committee structure for GWPNA. Everyone can volunteer (or be assigned) to a committee, and the committees should try to meet over the summer to begin discussing their agenda and specific projects they will be taking on. The new committees are:

Community Education – Strive to WP Residents

- Seek out opinions and interest.
- Organize and hold forums to educate or inform people of important issues re: codes, zoning, civility, quality of life issues.
- Participation in the neighborhood.
- Recreational activities at clubhouse and library.
- Increase awareness of GWPNA and membership through these activities.

Quality of Life – Work With City Services and Neighborhood to Add Value

- Homelessness and panhandlers.
- Traffic and parking concerns.
- Street and sidewalk repair/cleaning.
- Streetlights.
- Trees.
- Other specific, very local issues (boat in driveway, neglected lawns or broken sidewalks).

Housing and Growth – Help Manage the Future of Our Unique Neighborhood

- Secondary units.

- Parking.
- Growth for new families.
- How to support select projects such as senior assisted living.
- Apartments with retail below (WP Avenue only).
- Do our share of affordable housing if we can.
- Maintain current single-family dwelling status.

Business on the Avenue – Monitor and Work Together for Ambiance and Diversity

- Work more closely with Merchants' Association.
- Review mix of businesses.
- Get owners to be more responsive on cleaning, graffiti, etc.
- Encourage them to keep up attractive storefronts.
- Understand zoning and codes and monitor activity and new businesses.
- Help promote WP businesses.

Connecting Citywide – Collaborate With Other Organizations and City Hall

- Bring GWPNA's point of view to other umbrella organizations (CSFN, WTPCC) in a timely way on important issues.
- Keep GWPNA SC apprised
- Sort out all the many issues facing the City the ones that GWPNA should be paying most attention to.
- Keep in close contact with our District Supervisor and City officials as appropriate.

Steering Committee Election

The nominating committee is chaired by Tim Colen. Mary Burns, Steve Suacci, and Helen Johnson served on the committee. Tim previously emailed the slate to all Steering Committee members and presented the list of nominees to those present. Bert Hill was nominated from the floor. The entire slate was elected by acclamation.

OFFICERS

President - Mary Burns
 Vice President - Ken Kruszka
 Secretary - Avrum Shepard
 Treasurer - Chris Radich
 Membership - Rae Doyle / Bert Hill
 Newsletter - Peggy DaSilva

STEERING COMMITTEE

Marilyn Amini
 Joe Basuino
 Sheila Bost
 Tim Colen
 Rae Doyle
 Eileen Fanelli
 Bert Hill
 Helen Johnson
 Emeric Kalman
 Stan Kaufman
 Carolyn Klemeyer

Fred Martin
Mary McDermott
Helen Naish
Howard Strassner
Steve Suacci
Bud Wilson

Guest Speakers:

Better Neighborhoods Program www.betterneighborhoods.org

John Billovits, of the San Francisco Planning Department provided some high level, overview information about the project that the City Planning Department developed. There was little discussion, Mr. Billovits didn't make note any of the criticisms of the ideas in the program, and didn't solicit information from GWPNA neighbors on what they like about our neighborhood.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org

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

The Mayor and the Supervisors are working on solutions to the problem of a proliferation of cannabis clubs in the City. Supervisor Mirkarimi is focusing on health issues. Supervisor Elsbernd is consulting with the City Attorney to prepare ordinances to control the number of clubs in the City. At this time, the Supervisors has settled on allowing a maximum of 8. No facilities will be grandfathered so that they can continue in business.

The Mayor has introduced the budget. There are three additional gardeners for Lake Merced. (There was only one.) The Lake Merced Master Plan is funded. They will do some work improving John Muir Drive. Harvey Rose has suggested that funding for Lake Merced come from the PUC instead of Recreation Park Department. The City is pursuing litigation against Daly City for the damage they do to John Muir Drive. Supervisor Daly has proposed a ½ cent sales tax to fund health programs. The Fire Department budget will be scrutinized.

Working Process

Ken Kruszka handed out documentation and presented the process which was formulated by committee. This documentation was distributed by email to all Steering Committee members with a note that there would be no vote taken on the process. The process is intended to provide guidelines by which to handle issues that the Steering Committee addresses. The process was a draft and although some discussion took place, no vote was taken on adopting the process.

The process is a streamlined methodology similar to what is currently used. The major differences between current methodology and the proposed are:

1. A Leadership group would initially review issues as they come up instead of the entire SC. (The Leadership group is comprised of the President, VP, Secretary, Membership Officer, Treasurer and FogCutter Editor.) This group would decide if the issue is one GWPNA already has taken a (recent) position on and if so, decide on appropriate action (e.g., write a letter); if not, the issue would be presented to the whole SC for discussion and voting. The Leadership Team can also decide if an issue is not appropriate for GWPNA consideration at all, based on past policies and/or informal query of the SC.
2. The process allows for committees and ad hoc groups (of at least three GWPNA members including a minimum of one SC member) to research issues

and prepare both majority and minority reports (if necessary) to be presented to the SC for discussion and/or action. The new process recommends that in order to show deference to the work of a committee or group and its recommendations, that a two-thirds majority of the SC would be needed to over-ride the recommendation of the committee.

President Mary Burns suggested that we try the process during the summer with the Issues Committee meetings to try to refine it to ensure it works properly. She agreed that a simple majority of the Steering Committee could override the Leadership group's decision during this test phase.

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New Business:

Reports of Committees:

Friends of West Portal Playground: No report.

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.

Mary Burns adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

Attendees:

**Steering Committee
Members**

		Present	Absent
Marilyn	Amini	x	
Joe	Basuino		x
Sheila	Bost	x	
Charles	Browne		x
Mary	Burns	x	
Tim	Colen	x	
Peggy	daSilva	x	
Rae	Doyle	x	
Bruce	Engle	x	
Donald	Enochson		x
Eileen	Fanelli	x	
Helen	Johnson	x	
Emeric	Kalman	x	
Stan	Kaufman	x	
Carolyn	Klemeyer		x
Ken	Kruszka	x	
Marilou	Lascari	x	
Fred	Martin	x	
Mary	McDermott	x	
Helen	Naish		x
Chris	Radich	x	
Avrum	Shepard	x	
Howard	Strassner		x
Steve	Suacci	x	
Bud	Wilson	x	

Guests/GWPNA Members

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Bert	Hill	337-1156	echill@sfhills.org	
Eddie	Huang	556-7333	edhuang@yahoo.com	