

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
October 4, 2005**

The Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association (GWPNA) met on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at the West Portal Playground Clubhouse. An attendance sheet circulated at the meeting logged all Steering Committee members and visitors in attendance.

Mary Burns, GWPNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. She referred to various documents passed out prior to the meeting and informed attendees that only the Meeting Agenda was issued by GWPNA. Next, the approval of the September meeting minutes was deferred to the October meeting.

Ken Kruszka, representing the Housing and Growth Committee, presented the proposed wording for a letter to SBC concerning the former Directory Assistance property at the end of West Portal Avenue. The assembly discussed the proposed statement and suggested incorporating recommendations in favor of assisted living and owner occupied housing. A motion in support of adopting the amended statement was duly moved and approved by the Steering Committee.

Next, Kursten B. from Leland Yee's office addressed the assembly and passed out a newsletter.

Marilyn Amini spoke to GWPNA's letter regarding comments made by Marilyn at a recent Planning Commission Hearing. Marilyn provided an explanation for her actions.

Certain Committee Chairman then provided an update on Committee activities as follows:

Business on the Avenue – Mary Burns that the Guarantee Mortgage and Sterling Bank proposals would be discussed at an upcoming Planning Commission Hearing. Also mentioned was the status of various other commercial space uses on the Avenue and that the merchants were looking to get a Commercial Business District designation.

Housing and Growth – Ken Kruszka spoke to the Committee's work on the Better Neighborhoods legislation. An open discussion took place on specific points contained in the legislation.

With no other business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.