

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association  
Steering Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2006**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, by President Mary Burns.

**Minutes:** Minutes for January, 2006 were approved.

**President's Report:**

There will be a public hearing concerning Doyle Drive Wed Feb 15 6PM at the Golden Gate Club in the Presidio. 135 Fisher Loop. [www.doyledrive.org](http://www.doyledrive.org) (415)227-1100 x11.

There will be a Clean & Green workshop on Feb 15 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park (off 9<sup>th</sup> & Lincoln).

The San Francisco Superior Court is asking for volunteers for the Civil Grand Jury for 2006-07. To volunteer, call 551-5715.

There will be an construction update by the new manager on Laguna Honda Hospital on Mar 5.

After hearing Treasurer Radich's report that GWPNA has over \$16,000 in discretionary money, Mary asked us to send recommendations for organizations for GWPNA to donate money to her.

**Guest Speakers: Dick Morten, Saba Pool rehabilitation.**

The city has got about \$10 million for this project. They need \$11.6 million. The current facility is used quite heavily from early morning till late evening. It is the most heavily patronized pool in the city. The pool will be closed for 15 to 18 months for reconstruction. Dick urged us to contact our supervisor to let him know the pool is a high priority for our neighborhood.

Howard Strassner made a motion that GWPNA endorse the project – Carolyn Kleymeyer seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Mary will write a letter to Supervisor Elsbernd and Mayor Newsom expressing our support.

**West Portal Elementary School**

Tanya McFarland and Laurie Sullivan, from the school came to let us know of their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 6 pm. The celebration will be at Hoover Middle School, 2290 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Santiago Street. Their web site is [www.westportalschool.com](http://www.westportalschool.com). All proceeds will benefit the PE, music, and library programs at West Portal.

**Janet Reilly**

Janet said that she was at the meeting to listen to the neighbors to help determine neighborhood priorities and issues. She invited people to visit her campaign headquarters at 320 West Portal, (415)391-4088. She described her involvement in the James Byrd, Jr. Racism Oral History Project. She invited people to stop by 320 West Portal at 5:45 pm every first and third Wednesday evenings.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Education:** Tim Colen said he will have someone from the MTA at our next meeting to talk about parking benefits districts.

**Quality of Life:** They are concerned about traffic on Kensington Way. They are also concerned about neighbors parking an excessive number of cars on the street.

**Housing & Growth:** They had no meeting this month, but want to present an idea some members of the committee had talked about for the Ulloa & Claremont Muni parking lot. The proposal is that three stories of housing be constructed there. They

want to preserve existing housing. There would be no off-street parking for the structure and residents would be excluded from residential parking permits. The SC discussed the idea extensively. Carolyn Klemeyer offered some graphics of what the proposed structure would look like to get a good perspective of the proposed structure and how it might fit into the surrounding area. Mary Burns called for a straw vote, saying that we were repeating ourselves and not progressing with the idea. Also, Muni has no plans to build on the lot, so any recommendations we might offer would be premature. The result of the vote was 6 yes and 10 no.

**Business on the Avenue:** No report.

**Connecting Citywide:** No report.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Steering Committee Member		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	
Eileen	Fanelli		x
Bert	Hill	x	
Helen	Johnson		x
Emeric	Kalman	x	
Stan	Kaufman	x	
Carolyn	Klemeyer	x	
Ken	Kruszka	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:**

- Harry Aleo
- Orla Fahy
- Rose Lacy
- Alex Lasky
- Tannya McFarland
- Eleanor Reinholdt
- Richard Reinholdt
- Janet Reilly
- Laurie Sullivan
- Karen Tarantola

