

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, by Secretary Avrum Shepard.

**Minutes:** Adoption of minutes for the February meeting was deferred to the next meeting so that President Mary Burns could participate in the discussion. There is a question if the minutes accurately reflect the discussion of the proposal for housing over the Muni parking lot on Ulloa Street.

**President's Report:**

President Mary Burns requests SC Members send her suggestions for organizations to which GWPNA should donate money.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Ryan Harris, SF County Transportation Authority**

Ryan talked about Parking Benefits Districts. He discussed strategies for improving parking and traffic in the city. Shared parking, parking allotted for different times of the day; to different individuals, carpooling, commercial residential parking permits during the day, were some of the issues discussed. The goal of raising traffic tickets and meter amounts is not to raise revenue for the city. The revenue will go to the neighborhoods.

**Supervisor Sean Elsbernd**

Supervisor Elsbernd talked about Laguna Honda Hospital. Construction is starting to pick up. Trees were removed to build an ADA ramp. All trees that were cut down were identified in the EIR. There is a proposal to put a parking lot with lights on the grass area facing Laguna Honda Muni Station. The alternative is to park cars in the neighborhood. They plan to replace the parking area with grass when construction is completed, however, they may not have the funds at that time. A suggestion was made write letters Arla Escontrias [arla.escontrias@sfph.org](mailto:arla.escontrias@sfph.org) suggesting the parking lot be built in an area not visible to the public. Sava pool will get an additional approximately \$1.4 million so they can complete the project. The Mayor added an additional \$25 million to the General Hospital. The Mayor wants to increase police staffing to the number established by legislation in the 1990's. Many officers will retire in the next few years. The question of the steep increase of RPP to \$60.00 was brought up. Sean said it is a popular program and has been operating at a loss, therefore the increase to \$60.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Education:** Tim Colen said they will schedule an FBI agent to talk about safety and someone from the Building Inspection Department to talk about code enforcement at future meetings.

**Quality of Life:** They will meet next month and discuss removal of the garage at 180 Idora.

**Housing & Growth:** There was a short discussion of the proposed house to be built at 69 Garcia. People wrote letters to the Planning Department, but the letters apparently had no effect on the process. The owner went through mediation with neighbors, however, only one set of neighbors participated. The owner reduced the

size, but didn't eliminate the 5<sup>th</sup> story. At issue is a retaining wall and site stabilization. The owner obtained a variance. Tim Colen suggested that it is necessary for a committee to be formed to ensure site stability.

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

**Connecting Citywide:** No report.

**Finance:** Chris Radich said we have about \$19,000 that isn't earmarked for specific projects.

Avrum 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	
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:**

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 Andrew Bley  
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 Ryan Harris 522-4804  
 Kelly Melender  
 Chris Nunes  
 Fahy Orla  
 Karen Tarantola  
 Kirsten Wallersedt 557-2312