

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
May 2, 2006**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, by President Mary Burns.

Minutes:

President's Report: Fred Martin, Steve Suacci, and Tim Colen were appointed to the nominating committee.

Guest Speakers:

Mary Jew – past president of West Portal Elementary School parent club
Mary reported that the school has a \$2 million budget. The parent club raises about \$100,000 each year to supplement PE, library, field trips, assemblies and guest speakers.

Que Syrah and Wine Styles: the owner of Que Syrah asked that GWPNA oppose the opening of the wine store Wine Styles. He feels that a franchise operation would be unfair competition to his locally operated operation. The owners of Wine Styles said that they are locally owned. They don't have the deep pockets of their franchise and would be good neighbors.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd:

Medical Cannabis Distribution – Supervisor Mirkarimi has introduced “clean up” legislation and Sean wants neighborhood feedback on what should be in the legislation. The following concerns were voiced by various members:

1. There should be background checks on the owners and employees.
2. There should be notification of application for a license to people within 300 feet of the MCD.

Sean said that street repair will go forward and take a few years to complete.

Committee Reports:

Community Education: No report.

Quality of Life: No report.

Housing & Growth: No report.

Business on the Avenue: No report.

Connecting Citywide: No report.

Finance: Tim Colen made a motion to raise membership dues from \$10 to \$20. Steve Suacci seconded the motion. Chris Radich suggested making a spending plan before raising the fees. The motion was tabled.

Membership: Bert said 11 new people signed up at the Arts & Crafts festival. About 58% of membership remitted applications for membership.

Laguna Honda: Steve said there is a new project manager – John Thomas. Eileen asked about the Woodside wall. Steve said the wall won't be stone as originally stated at a GWPNA meeting. They've put the temporary parking lot on hold.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Steering Committee Member	Present	Absent
Marilyn Amini	x	
Joe Basuino		x
Sheila Bost	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:

Jim Anderer
 Laurie Belton
 Ona Fahy
 Gail Ferriss
 Jay Gospodnetich
 Keith McCardell
 James Robinson
 Justin Roja
 Christina van Wallendael