

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association  
Steering Committee Meeting  
September 12, 2006**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, by President Mary Burns.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**President's Report:** The Ardenwood development will be moving forward soon. There will be two projects. One will be seven or eight large homes. The other will be approximately 200 condominiums. Housing and Growth Committee will address this development. Mark Nelson will attend the November SC meeting to present the plans and answer questions.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Keith Sanford** – Captain of the Taraval Police station

**Cell phone:** # 254-1233 **Sgt Quan:** # 759-3196 **Station:** # 759-3100

**Web Site:** [http://www.sfgov.org/site/police\\_index.asp?id=19975](http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=19975)

The San Francisco Police Department is hiring. Their home page has a link to information on applying for the jobs. [http://www.sfgov.org/site/police\\_index.asp](http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp). Captain Sanford feels that Taraval station is seriously understaffed. Letters to the chief from concerned citizens might help get more staff assigned. The police department expects 300 to 400 retirements next June. The West Portal Playground has suffered a great deal of graffiti damage and drinking at night. If you see any suspicious activity, call the station 759-3100. West Portal Elementary School was broken into even while there was a security guard on duty. About \$10,000 damage. There was some discussion about marijuana dispensaries. Captain Sanford said the police review applications and make recommendations, But they do not make the decisions regarding these dispensaries. There is a white male, about 215 pounds, late 40s who is posing as a plumber. Be cautious with people representing themselves to be PG & E and trades people.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Education:** No report.

**Quality of Life:** No report.

**Housing & Growth:** Kelly reported about 63 Garcia. Planning Department has approved the project. The neighbors got some concessions from the developer – the top floor will be set back. The project goes to a structural advisory committee next. The development could start next spring.

**Business on the Avenue:** West Portal Merchants association would like GWPNA to contribute to the Xmas decorations. Mary said we've donated \$1,500 to West Portal Library. There will be a plaque honoring Bud Wilson.

**Connecting Citywide:** No report.

**Finance:** No report.

**Membership:** 413 people on database. 164 with expired membership dues. 249 are current. 16% opted for email only delivery of the Fogcutter.

**Laguna Honda:** Steve said there are ongoing meetings over campus access - entry gates on the perimeter. They will put a stairway on Woodside Avenue where it meets Laguna Honda Blvd.

**NOTE:** The November meeting will be held on the second Tuesday because of the election.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 8:50 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	Nunes	x	
Chris	Radich	x	
Avrum	Shepard	x	
Howard	Strassner		x
Steve	Suacci	x	
Karen	Tarentola	x	
Bud	Wilson		x

**Guests:**

Gary Austin  
 Betty Burr  
 Eric Castongia  
 Eileen Ecklund  
 Debbie Frank  
 Marina Hardeman  
 Todd Prager  
 Keith Sanford  
 Ed & Patty Shanahan