

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
December 5, 2006**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, by President Ken Kruszka. The heckler Mary Burns was told to go to the back of the room.

Minutes: Minutes of the September and November meetings were approved. Fred Martin made the motion for approval and Howard Strassner seconded.

President's Report: Muni has removed the sheds at the West Portal station. Helen Johnson has contacted the city to beautify the area. Muni will spend the next month replacing the overhead wires outside the tunnel.

Guest Speakers:

Peter Strauss – Manager of Muni Service Planning

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Bert Hill, who is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP), summarized the TEP and introduced Peter Strauss. Mr. Strauss discussed the Transit Effectiveness Project. This is an 18 month project (launched in May 2006) to comprehensively review and evaluate the existing Muni Transit system. The project is jointly undertaken by MTA in partnership with the SF Controller's Office. There will be extensive public outreach and hearings with top goals of improving overall performance and promoting long-term financial stability of MTA. Much information about the project can be found at www.sftep.com.

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Mr. Porth described the development planned to take place at the SFSU campus. The SF State Campus Master Plan is a plan to develop the existing campus. No expansion is planned. Much information about the plan is at <http://sfsu/masterplan.org/>.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

The BOS approved the liquor license for the wine shop at 9 West Portal. It is expected to open before Xmas. SF Department of Public Works will start enforcing the law for property owners to repair the sidewalks in front of their property. Several people asked questions:

Will the new foot patrols result in loss of our beat officer? No

There seems to be an increase of homeless people in West Portal. Supervisor Elsbernd said he have the outreach sent to the neighborhood.

There is significant increase in traffic on West Portal Avenue. Double parked trucks exacerbate the problem.

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: No report.
Membership: No report.
Laguna Honda: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 9 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:

Thomas Bogott
 Amy Edgerley
 Arla Escontrias
 Kamila Harris
 Andrew John
 Benji Larance
 Stacey Lawrence
 Ethel Newlin
 John Singleton
 John Thomas
 Kathleen Walsh