

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting**

January 8, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Bruce Engle.

Minutes: November and December minutes were passed.

President's Report: The West Portal Merchants will be hosting a series of holiday events. The dates and information about the events will be posted on the web site. Park Merced will have a community meeting on December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the YMCA extension in Stonestown. This is a 15 to 20 year project.

Guest Speakers:

SFMTA – MUNI

Leo Martinez, Jay Lu, and Daniel Pulon reported on MUNI's project to clean up the West Portal MUNI station. They will steam clean the translucent plastic overhead ceiling and the grounds around the station. They will plant some new landscaping and generally improve the appearance of the station. They also plan to do some work on the track bed in the tunnel so that streetcars can move through the tunnel at a faster speed. The project will take about three months and go through March.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

An affordable housing set aside was proposed by Chris Daly and passed. Sean opposed this legislation because it just diminishes the amount of discretion the board has over finances, and it will probably be paid for by a property transfer tax increase. It will be placed on the November ballot to be considered. Sean introduced a charter amendment covering the City's unfunded retiree healthcare. The City is currently obligated for over \$4 billion at this time. His amendment would change the healthcare offered future retirees. Supervisor Peskin has offered a competing measure that would switch the liability for healthcare to a pension liability. There is currently a \$250 million deficit. The Governor will probably take money from counties to cover the state deficit, so the \$250 million number will get bigger. BOS Committee assignments will be announced in February. Elsbernd expects to be put on the budget committee. The SF General Hospital bond issue will probably be on the November ballot, as will 7 Board of Supervisor Districts. The SFUSD will probably put a parcel tax on the June ballot as well as the Community College district bond measure. Fred Martin suggested that PG & E move utilities underground in a more organized manner. They recently did some underground work on gas, but failed to move electricity underground at the same time. PG & E could have saved a lot of money for ratepayers by combining those efforts.

Proposition A on Feb 5, 2008 ballot

Proponent argument presented by Supervisor Elsbernd. Opponent argument presented by Barbara Maskunas.

New Business:

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: Rae proposed that we mail the Fogcutter with a membership application to all 2200 residents in order to increase membership. There was much discussion about this idea. Rae and Eric will meet to develop plan so that such an expenditure would be fruitful.

Laguna Honda: No report.

Lake Merced Task Force: Tim Colon asked for another volunteer to back up his participation on the task force. He'll give a more in depth report at the next meeting.

CSFN: CSFN had no meeting in December.

West of Twin Peaks: West of Twin Peaks had no meeting in December. The amount of the dues increase is expected to be announced in January

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Steering Committee Member		Present	Absent
Marilyn	Amini	x	
Joe	Basuino		x
Sheila	Bost	x	x
Eric	Castongia	x	
Tim	Colen	x	
Rae	Doyle	x	
Bruce	Engle	x	
Orla	Fahy		x
Eileen	Fanelli		x
Bert	Hill		x
Emeric	Kalman		x
Carolyn	Klemeyer		x
Ken	Kruszka	x	
Fred	Martin	x	
Helen	Naish		x
Chris	Nunes		x
Chris	Radich	x	
Terry	Roach		x
Avrum	Shepard	x	
Howard	Strassner		x
Steve	Suacci	x	
Karen	Tarentola	x	
Bud	Wilson		x

Guests:

Priscil Hartley
Jay Lu
Leo Martinez
Daniel Pulon
Vivian Riggs
Betty Tan

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