

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

February 5, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Bruce Engle.

Minutes: January minutes were passed.

President's Report:

Guest Speakers:

MUNI – Transit Effectiveness Program (TEP)

Peter Straus reported on MUNI's activities to improve service. TEP was formed to establish priorities and goals for MUNI in their efforts to enhance service. This link is to TEP's proposals for restructuring MUNI in order to achieve service improvements. They have set up a web site in order to provide information about the project <http://sfgov.org/site/frame.asp?u=http://www.sfmta.com/>. MUNI has also set a web site to help riders estimated arrival times of each vehicle <http://www.nextmuni.com>. Also, 511 is a free cell phone call. (Note: Bert Hill, a GWPNA Steering Committee member is on the TEP.)

Taraval Police Station:

Lt. John Feeney and Sgt. Michael O'Brien of the Taraval Police station talked about police service to the neighborhood. Sgt. O'Brien is the liaison to the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association. The station phone number is 759-3100. Both officers stated that if anyone calls that phone number and doesn't get adequate response, they are to call Lt. Feeney at 759-3102. They stressed that they are focused on providing the best possible police protection to our neighborhood. Capt Chignell sends an email status each day of police activities. You can receive the report by sending a message to paul.chignell@sfgov.org.

New Business: Rae nominated Richard Reinholdt to the Steering Committee. The motion was seconded and passed. Richard is now a SC member.

Committee Reports:

Community Education: No report.

Quality of Life: Howard circulated a recommendation for utilities undergrounding utilities via email last week and also provided a written copy for those without email. Fred Martin moved that we send the letter as submitted. Bert seconded the motion and it passed.

Housing & Growth: No report.

Business on the Avenue: No report.

Connecting Citywide: No report.

Finance: No report.

Membership: Rae moved that we mail the Fogcutter and an invitation to join GWPNA to all 2200 households in the GWPNA boundaries. This mailing would be one time only. The motion was seconded and passed.

Laguna Honda: No report.

Lake Merced Task Force: Tim Colon gave a thorough report on activities of the Lake Merced Task Force. Lake Merced is a significant resource to the city of San Francisco. The water level has diminished over the past several years and several methods of replenishment have been attempted, but no lasting resolution has occurred. Management of Lake Merced will transfer from Park & Recreation PUC. Lake Merced will receive more priority from the PUC.

CSFN: CSFN had no meeting in December.

West of Twin Peaks: Rae moved that GWPNA accept the dues increase to the West of Twin Peaks Central Council. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Steering Committee Member		Present	Absent
Marilyn	Amini	x	
Joe	Basuino	x	
Sheila	Bost		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
Richard	Reinholdt		x
Terry	Roach		x
Avrum	Shepard	x	
Howard	Strassner	x	
Steve	Suacci		x
Karen	Tarentola		x
Bud	Wilson	x	

Guests:

Peter	Straus
Lt. John	Feeney
Sgt Michael	O'Brien
Betsy	Tan
May	Mason