

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting - No Quorum
September 2, 2008**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by **President Avrum Shepard**. **Secretary Rae Doyle** announced that there was not a quorum present.

Minutes: June 3 minutes will be approved at October 7 meeting

President's Report: . The DPW will be conducting 3 Eco-Bliz days on the Avenue: 9/25/08, 1/8/09, and 4/2/09. Scheduled speaker, Cynthia Pagan President of West Portal Avenue Assn. cancelled her presentation on a proposed Business Improvement District for West Portal Avenue.

Avrum and **Don Enochson** had a meeting with her and **Avrum** reported on that meeting. She reported that a children's gym has been proposed at the former Walden Book Store site. **Howard Strassner**, when asked, said that he didn't think the WP Avenue zoning prohibited that type of business since it is in the "service" category. At 44 West Portal, "Tuttimelon" is requesting a CU to replace a retail store with a food service outlet

Community Outreach: Because of the number and variety of responses among Steering Committee (SC) members to the Tuttimelon issue on e-mail, **Avrum** suggested that the SC find a way to poll members of the community on the issues that are presented to the SC that are controversial. In the case of Tuttimelon, the question of whether or not to object to more restaurants on WP Avenue was the issue since the zoning code of the 1980's specifically restricted the number of restaurants. However, in the SC e-mail exchange, most respondents approved another restaurant on the Avenue. **Avrum** stated that it is the SC's responsibility to represent the people who live in West Portal and find out what their opinions are.

Marilyn Amini suggested that if any land use issue were to be discussed at a meeting, there should be a general assembly meeting with notice to the community.

Avrum posed the question of how the SC could involve the community and whether just the GWPNA membership should be polled, and how. **Avrum** suggested that a committee be formed to make recommendations to SC for community outreach.

Arden Wood: **Avrum** received a letter from Neighbors of Arden Wood relating that the developers are listening to them and have made changes to their plans in response to their concerns. NOA and the developers are continuing to work together. He will post the letter on the GWPNA website. He will mail a copy of the letter to people who do not have e-mail.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd: The BOS has been in recess, but what is coming up is the proposal to make the Zoo into an animal refuge. Also there is proposed a smoking ban prohibiting smoking 25 to 30 feet from the entrance of a food establishment which would be in the middle of the Avenue. **Fred Martin** requested, in absentia, that something be done about homeless camping in the alley behind the retail stores. **Seal Elsbernd** said he needed to know how often there were homeless in the alleys before he made the call. He said that the next streets scheduled for paving will be Seventh Avenue and Laguna Honda Blvd (but not Dewey Blvd).

Park Merced John Gavin invited people to come to Farmers Market at the Lake Merced Blvd site on Saturday from 10:00 am.

Fogcutter: **Avrum** opened up the discussion about the Fogcutter and the need for more people to participate. **Rae Doyle** said it is too much to put the Fogcutter together and to also distribute it. But she acknowledged that she has had to distribute the FC because she has not prepared it in time to turn it over to another person **Bert Hill** and **Sheila Bost** volunteered to distribute the FC. **Rae Doyle** said there was opposition in January 2008 to sending the FC to the entire neighborhood. There were 40 new members who joined after neighborhoodwide distribution. In 2007-2008, membership dues were \$3,730. The projected budget for 2008-2009 is \$1,300.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Don Enochson
Bruce Engle
Marilyn Amini
Howard Strassner
Bert Hill
Bud Wilson
Rae Doyle
Avrum Shepard
Sheila Bost

Guests:

Mike Tekulsky
Cecile Mutuil
Melissa Apuya, Senator Leland Yee's Office
John Gavin, Parkmerced

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	
Eileen	Fanelli	x	
Bert	Hill		x
Helen	Johnson		x
Emeric	Kalman		x
Stan	Kaufman		x
Carolyn	Klemeyer	x	
Ken	Kruszka	x	
Fred	Martin		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:

Orla Fahy
Pam Fischer
May Mason
Dale Milfay
Brett Stein