

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Christmas Celebration  
December 2, 2008**

**Call to Order:** President Avrum Shepard called meeting to order at 7:45 pm

**President's Report:** Avrum Shepard reported that Don Enochson and he went to the Office of Neighborhood Services to discuss the homeless problem on West Portal Avenue

**Minutes:** Rae Doyle was unable to complete November 3 minutes, but will post on e-mail and mail to people who don't have e-mail.

**Police Report:** Officer Renee Pagano asked SC and guests what were their concerns. The responses were

Homeless: That the numbers on West Portal area were increasing and were soliciting on the streets. And minors pay the homeless to buy alcohol for them. Graffiti seems to have increased. There are dangerous intersections: Laguna Honda, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Claremont Ave. and St. Francis Circle. Officer Pangano said she would relay that information to Captain Chipnell so that those intersections could be monitored. Of particular concerns was the street in front of Walgreens where motorists make U-turns. Officer O'Leary at a previous GWPNA meeting had suggested that a barrier be put up to prevent U-turns.

Bert Hill suggested that the crosswalk be eliminated. Graffiti was another concern and Officer Pangano said there were about one or two arrests a week

**Featured Speaker:** City Share spoke of their service that was established in 2001 as a non-profit. The goal is to reduce car ownership and move cars from the streets. They have been encouraged by SPUR. There are special services such as wheelchair accessible cars and special services to seniors and students. They have 170 locations. The latest is a driveway on Claremont close to Allston.

**Christmas Celebration:** John Gavin, courtesy of Parkmerced, presented a basket of wine and cheese for the celebration

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm**

**Steering Committee Members in Attendance:**

**Marilyn Amini**

**Sheila Bost**

**Rae Doyle**

**Bruce Engle**

**Don Enochson**

**Bert Hill**

**Carolyn Klemeyer**

**Fred Martin**

**Helen Naish**

**Terry Roach**

**Avrum Shepard**

**Steve Suacci**

**Karen Tarantola**

**Bud Wilson**

**Guests:**

**Matt Chamberlain, Neighbors of Ardenwood**

**Brett Stein, Neighbors of Ardenwood**

**Melissa Apuya, Senator Leland Yee's Office**

**Jane Shepard, GWPNA member**

**Sean Elsbernd, Dist. 7 Supervisor**

**May Mason, GWPNA member**

**T. Hlavenka**

**B. Jurcisin**