

**Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
January 6, 2009**

Call to Order: Vice President Don Enochson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The meeting was held in the backroom of the St. Brendan's auditorium because Recreation and Park has budget problems and cannot afford a staff member working overtime for the GWPNA meetings at West Portal Playground Clubhouse. Steve Suacci suggested that we offer to pay R&P for the staff member. Alternatives suggested were to meet at a bank on West Portal or at the Library. Don Enochson suggested more effort to be used to get a more satisfactory meeting room.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Tarantola reported that there was \$39,275.98 in the treasury. She has not been able to meet with Chris Radich to work out details of the transition of the treasurer's office. She needs software because Radich used his own software for GWPNA books. Bud Wilson moved that \$200 be allocated to get the needed software. Motion seconded by Carolyn Klemeyer and passed unanimously.

Minutes: Rae Doyle was unable to complete December 2 minutes, but will post on e-mail and mail to people who don't have e-mail.

New Steering Committee Members: Rae Doyle moved to nominate Matt Chamberlain to the Steering Committee, Bud Wilson seconded the motion that was passed unanimously. Eric Castongia nominated Cecile Michael, and Pat Shanahan to the SC. Rae Doyle seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Police Report: Officer Renee Pagano said that officers have been paying attention to the four places that were identified in December GWPNA meeting as trouble spots in the GWPNA area for pedestrians: Claremont St, Laguna Honda, 14th and Taraval, and Sloat at St Francis Circle. SC members reported that they have not noticed any change. She reported that apparently there is one kid who doing graffiti vandalism in this area, and there does not appear to be gang activity involved. Eileen Fanelli reported that SOTA students congregate in a grassy area near the school. Re new recruit classes at Taraval Station: There are 2 new classes. Federal funding has stopped. Karen Tarantola reported that she had to call police because of rowdy behavior in the WP Playground. Officer Pagano reported that 2 new cameras have been installed at WP Station. She explained that the type of crime occurring are robberies, pot smoking, and graffiti. Terry Roach reported that graffiti has increased on WP Avenue. A SC discussion on how to improve pedestrian safety included these suggestions: Form a GWPNA traffic safety committee. Request a barrier in the middle of the first block (objections rose that it would hamper MUNI operation) Install a traffic light at Claremont & Allston. (objection raised by Steve Suacci that DPW doesn't have money). Install speed bumps on problem areas (objections: fire trucks have problems with speed bumps).

Housing Element Report: Matt Chamberlain, who is a member of the CAB reported that there are 2 more meetings scheduled. In February a HE draft will be presented. Matt also reported on Planning Department's meeting regarding reforming the Discretionary Review process. There should be a draft by March. Don Enochson suggested that Matt submit to Avrum information about the HE and DR meetings so that GWPNA can take a position in a letter to the Planning Department. Matt said that the Planning Department has been attempting to include as many voices as possible in the DR reform planning.

FogCutter Report: Rae Doyle reported that after last year's area-wide mailing of the FC, there were 40 new members, one of whom sent a \$100 check. Also 23 2007 members did not renew their membership in 2008. She recommended another area-wide mailing of the FC this year. Tim Colen argued that it was not worth the cost (about \$1000) to send area-wide FC distribution. A discussion of alternatives was raised and Don Enochson asked for volunteers for a Community Outreach Committee to study how the FC should be distributed. Matt Chamberlain, Eric Castongia, Karen Tarantola, Rae Doyle, and Sheila Bost volunteered. Don Enochson moved that the FC not have another area-wide mailing until other options can be studied by the Community Outreach Committee. Steve Suacci seconded the motion which passed with vote of 10 nos, one yes and one abstention.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Sheila Bost

Eric Castongia

Rae Doyle

Don Enochson

Eileen Fanelli

Carolyn Klemeyer

Terry Roach

Steve Suacci

Karen Tarantola

Bud Wilson

Tim Colen

Cecile Michael

Pat Shanahan

Matt Chamberlain

Guests

Nick Tarantola