

West Portal Merchant Association

General Meeting

15 February 2018/ 9:20 am / Chase Bank

ATTENDEES

Board Members, Gabriella Schultz, Amanda Martin, Grace Nga, Jarlene Choy, Pedro Galleth, Melissa Riley, Kellye McCoy, Sean (Calibur), Nancy Totah-Baba

AGENDA

President Deidre Von-Rock: thanked Peets for their contribution of coffee monthly; updated the information on the recent fire - there will be a total rebuild for Papenhausen; Ballast Coffee is open and remodeled by owner Paolo; *Quickly site is being readied for opening as Easy Breezy, a yogurt shop. The White Rose shop has closed. The former travel agency in the third block has been leased to an educational center, Axiom, and construction has begun.

According to a City review of storefront vacancies, West Portal Avenue has the lowest rate citywide.

Lease at 2 West Portal, Peek-A-Boo, is reaching its end. It is unlikely that they will be able to remain.

Kelley McCoy SFMTA, updated the members on the plan for the tunnel closure beginning the last week of June until the last week of August. The first block will be closed from 9PM to 7:30AM; ½ of the first block will be closed from 7:30AM-9:00PM with auto/delivery truck access for U-turns and drop offs. Buses, the 48 and the 57 will be staged on Portola and on Sloat. Join your neighboring merchants to discuss your issues at Squat and Gobble March 29th, from 12-2:00, Ed Riskin, SFMTA and OEWD will be there. SFMTA has offered neighborhood support such as a marketing campaign.

Gabriella of the meditation center announced the opening of an art show at their space on Claremont Blvd. All are welcome.

Jarlene Choy, District 7 aide, thanked OEWD and SFMTA for their cooperation in working to ease merchant concerns. She announced that the L Taraval stop that was to be removed in front of Safeway will remain. Parking lot security warning signs have been posted. Members asked for a review of crosswalk safety at the intersection of Ulloa and West Portal Avenue.

Jorge Rivas, OEWD, discussed preliminary neighborhood projects: marketing, tree replacement, clean up.

Bob Pressley, representative from GWPNA, announced NERT training, sponsored by GWPNA, will begin April 17th at WP Elementary School. All are welcome to join.

Meeting closed at 10:20.

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