

West Portal Merchant Association

General Meeting

19 April 2018/ 9:20 am / Chase Bank

ATTENDEES

Board Members, Grace Ngai (Charles Schwab), Melissa Riley (Library), Wen Huang/Lulu Feliciano/Phillip Pierce (SFMTA), Maureen Stoss (Eezy Freezy), Bob Pressley (GWPNA), Natalie Chen (DPW), Gabriella

AGENDA

Meeting opened by Rose-Ellen Fairgrieve with introductions. President Deidre Von-Rock arrived and took over. Introduced Wen Huang, DPW's Project Manager, who is in direct contact with the contractors for DPW.

Suggestions from the floor: Signage to inform MUNI riders what the shutdown times are; need clarification of actual times of shutdowns to include set up/clean up time.

Full shutdown to begin June 25th and work is to be concluded no later than August 24. Lulu proposed an "ask" - Can they shut down on Memorial Day Weekend for 72 hours?

Deidre commented on the alarming noise created at 2:00 AM during the transport of rails into the tunnel. Phillip assured her that was due to the rails slipping off the trolley and should not happen again.

OEWD - Supervisor Yee has offered \$30,000 (add back funds) to be used for District 7 families with \$15,000 to be used by WPMA and the remainder divided into \$1500.00 mini-grants to be distributed to other groups with the same family-focused objectives.

Report on vacancies: The White Rose store will become the Pawtal Pet Store and owned by the new jeweler who opened in Bock's location. 2 West Portal has been proposed to be another urgent care facility, a Pet Food Express or a Starbucks. Maryo stated that it may require legislation for alternative use, not just a CU. The Verizon site is still in limbo, per Deidre.

Vas Kiniris was welcomed and he introduced associate, Patti Mangan.

Vas discussed a Concierge Tour, drawing Stern Grove attendees to the Avenue after concerts, incorporating a wine walk with the May 19th Sidewalk Sale.

Report on Larry: The first block does have a restraining order in place.

Questions about the lack of presence by Officer Sean in the past month.

Bob Pressley, GWPNA, reported on NERT training that is being sponsored by the neighborhood association, planning an ice cream social in June at the WP park and YMCA is now the coordinating agency for Movie Night.

Meeting closed at 10:20.

BOARD MEETING: Vas suggested a wine walk on May 19th. Board expressed concern that it was very short notice. Maryo reminded the Board of the Marine Band coming to the Avenue during Fleet Week. Finances: There is a \$57,000 grant for the Tunnel Centennial; \$15,000 from Sup. Yee's add-back fund. GWPNA may be able to apply for \$1500 mini-grants for Ice Cream Social, Sidewalk Cleanup between Claremont and Ulloa/Kensington and Dorchester. Rose-Ellen proposed we ask about a Sunday Streets shut down during the 60 day tunnel closure with the street closed.

Meeting closed at 11:05.