

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – October 25, 2004

12 Organizations Present:

Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Bud Wilson
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Barbara Chionsini
Lakeside Property Owners, Laurie Berman
Midtown Terrace, Gilbert De La Mora
Miraloma Park Improvement Club, Dan Liberthson
Monterey Heights, Barbara Gullion
Sherwood Forest, Bob De Liso
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn, George Zaback
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
Westwood Park, Margaret Reed

6 Organizations Absent: Balboa Terrace, Galewood Circle, Lakeside Homes, Merced Manor, Pinelake Park

Officers Present:

Dave Bisho, President
Barbara Chionsini, Vice President
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary
Margaret Reed, Treasurer
Bill Chionsini, Parliamentarian

Guests:

David Dawdy, Merced Manor
Doris Dawdy, Merced Manor
Marilyn Amini, Greater West Portal
Avrum Shepard, Greater West Portal
John Farrell, Forest Hills Neighborhood Assn.
Bruce Selby, Lakeshore Acres
Alene Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Charlie Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Dorothy Johansen, Parkside District Improvement Club
Herb Dunmeyer, Forest Knolls
Evernease McKnight, Midtown Terrace
Mas Kawaguchi, Parkside District Improvement Club
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor
John Reilly San Francisco DPW
David Gutierrez, MONS
Margaret O'Sullivan, Concourse Authority
Keith Sanford, SFPD
Randall Young, SFPD
Rebekah Kiell, Supervisor Sean Ellsbernd Office

Featured Speakers: San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom & Howard Fung, SFPUC

Meeting came to order: 7:10 pm

Minutes: The September 27, 2004 minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Margaret Reed reported that there is \$1,966.66 in the Treasury

Police Report: Capt. Keith Sanford announced he has a daily e-mail newsletter . If you want to be put on the list to receive it, e-mail him at Keith.Sanford@sfgov.org He reported a string of robberies in Taraval, Park & Richmond districts by 2 groups of people. Re reports of homeless camps near Lake Merced, PD has contacted other City depts. to resolve issue. Investigating installing signs or other ways to make the hazardous crosswalk at 200 West Portal Ave safer.

Committee Reports:

Zoning: Bud Wilson reported the Governor had returned AB2702 without signing so it will not become law. The many letters and contacts from communities were effective. Planning Commissioner Mike Antonini's appointment was confirmed by the Board of Supervisors on 10/19/04. The HE has been returned to the City from Sacramento with notations where SF Plg. Dept. failed to address various areas. San Francisco is in the process of responding to Sacramento's comments. Marilyn Amini added that the Plg Dept. had written a letter on 10/04/04 to the state stating why they considered the HE to be sufficient. She added that Sup. Ellsbernd voted for the amendment of Plg Code Sec 312 to eliminate 29 categories from the Neighborhood Commercial Dist. Zoning restrictions. WTPCC voted to send a letter urging him not to support the Sec. 312 amendment.

Ocean Avenue Revitalization: Paul Conroy reported that a community meeting will be held at the Johnson Community Center on 10/27/04 in which planning issues of Ocean Ave. & Balboa Park will be discussed. Plg Dept will participate.

Lakeshore Plaza: Homeless people & drug dealers are moving into the Plaza. The neighbors around Lakeshore Plaza want Lowell Hi School to close the campus during lunch hour because of the ongoing problem of litter during lunch hour.

Sloat Blvd Project: The 10/16/04 Clean Up day included volunteers from 5 neighborhood organizations, DPW, PD, & DPT.

Old Business: Dave Bisho commented that Bill and Barbara Chionsini did a great job in organizing the Candidates Forum at Mercy Hi School on 10/12/04. President Bisho announced that in compliance with WTPCC By Laws, Galewood Circle and Lakeside Homes will be notified by letter that they are no longer WTPCC member organizations.

New Business & Delegate News & Announcements: None

Featured Speakers: Mayor Newsom gave a broad overview of the financial problems of SF. He explained that only 1.2 billion of the City budget of 4 billion is available for discretionary spending. He said that SF does more than most cities to help people who need government assistance, and money is needed to keep these City programs running. Mayor listed ways he has reduced the budget: personnel cuts, cell phone reduction, consolidated contracts for both vending machine and copying machines, called for competitive bidding. The Mayor predicted that if Props J & K don't pass, he will have to make massive expenditure cuts. The things that matter most to people: public safety, health and human services, recreation & park have to be funded within the 1.2 billion budget; therefore, more tax revenues are needed **Howard Fung**, SFPUC Project Mgr discussed projects to supply City with potable water & water for fire control. Seismic retrofitting and security were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm