

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes –March 28, 2005

10 Organizations Present:

Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Bud Wilson
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Barbara Chionsini
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club, Karen Wood
Pinelake Park, Don Dutil
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn, Doris Linnenbach
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
Westwood Park, Margaret Reed

6 Organizations Absent: Balboa Terrace, Lakeside
Property Owners, Merced Manor, Monterey Heights,
Sherwood Forest, St. Francis Home Assn.

Officers Present:

Dave Bisho, President

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

Guests:

John Farrell, Forest Hills Neighborhood Assn.
Herbert W. Dunmeyer, Forest Knolls/TPIA
Avrum Shepard, Greater West Portal
Charlie Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Alene Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Dorothy Johansen, Parkside District Improvement Club
Mas Kawaguchi, Parkside District Improvement Club
Don Harms, Merced Manor
Doris Linnenbach, Twin Peaks Improvement Assn.
Lieutenant Belinda Kerr, S.F.P.D. Taraval Station
John Gavin, Supervisor Sean Ellsbernd Office

Featured Speakers: Christine Leishman, Friends of San Francisco Library, and Tyrone Jue and Bram Elias, of SFPUC who discussed recent SFPUC rate increases

Meeting came to order: 7:40 pm

Minutes: The March 28, 2005 minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Margaret Reed reported that there is \$2,580.37 in the Treasury

Police Report: Lt. Belinda Kerr reported that 7 officers have been added to Taraval Station. SFPUC has changed how motorcycle officers are selected. The result is that 2 motorcycle officers are assigned to duty at Taraval Station exclusively.

Committee Reports:

Zoning Doris Linnenbach reported that Twin Peaks Improv. Assn. along with Forest Knolls & Midtown Terr. have 2 issues with Suto Tower. Larry Badiner of the Plg. Dept has determined that adding new antenna on the Tower does not need permits if they are smaller replacement antenna. The 3 organizations are appealing this determination to the Board of Appeals on 5/18/05. Also the Plg. Dept. has issued a negative declaration on the Tower for proposed new projects: a new radio antenna, 4 KPIX 17 ft receivers, extension of a concrete generator pad along with new generators, and erect a 6,000 gal. above-ground fuel tank. The 3 neighborhood organizations want a full EIR and are appealing the neg dec to the Board of Supervisors on 4/12/05. *Motion was raised, seconded & carried for WTPCC to oppose Badiner's determination & support the neg dec appeal.*

Ocean Avenue Revitalization: Paul Conroy reported that Ocean Ave. is affected by the proliferation of medicinal marijuana clubs. There are now 2, at 1944 & 1545. Another one is proposed. John Gavin reported that Supervisor Ellsbernd is working with Plg Dept to determine if these clubs have gone through the proper permit process and neighborhood notification. Paul Conroy suggested that WTPCC should ask that these clubs be regulated for fire safety and other regulations. California voters legalized medicinal marijuana in 1996, but there seems to be a consensus that regulation of them inadequate in San Francisco. Mayor Newsom has asked for a moratorium on new pot clubs. *There was a motion to support a moratorium and enforcement of regulations on new medicinal marijuana clubs in San Francisco.*

Lakeshore Plaza: Lakeshore Plaza management, Capt. Sanford, Sgt. Young, & Lowell H.S. Vice Principal met with neighbors to discuss Lowell students littering & loitering during the school hours. It was decided to get a program started now.

WTPCC website: Avrum reported that he found a website provider for \$35 a year. The present provider charges \$135 but provides statistics on visits to website. He suggested that the name be changed to www.westoftwinpeaks.org, but we should keep the old name for about a year so users become accustomed to the new name.

Laguna Honda Hospital: John Farrell reported that a permanent solution is being prepared in the form of a ballot measure requiring Board of Supervisor approval of LHH admission policy changes, removing that authority from the LHH Staff. He said that there have been 32 incidences reported of substandard care since the admission change policy occurred in 3/1/04.

Sloat Avenue, New Business, Old Business: No reports

Delegate Report: Bud Wilson announced a District 7 Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday April 13.

Featured Speakers: Christine Leishman reported that Friends of Public Library is a non-profit organization that is raising funds to provide furniture, equipment and fixtures for the 19 S.F. libraries scheduled for renovation, and 4 libraries moving from leased sites to permanent sites, and the new Mission Bay Library. The funds from the 2000 Library Bond Measure only provide for the earthquake retrofitting and ADA accessibility. The other items have to be raised from the community. **Tyrone Jue and Bram Elias** of SF PUC explained the water & sewer new rate increases for Hetch Hetchy upgrade construction

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Sutro Tower is a industrial installation within a neighborhood zoned for one family households. When it was built in 1971, the attorneys for Sutro were permitted to write an open ended conditional use permit. The City had assured the residents of the surrounding neighborhood zoned for one family residents that certain restrictions in the use of the Tower. However, the CU gave Sutro Tower more latitude than ow wants to add a new Radio station antenna, four 17ft. receivers for KPIX, a 6,000 gal. above ground fuel tank, and increase the concrete generator pad and add more generators. They also have 78 new antenna, for which they did not get permits. The Zoning Director of the Planning Department, Larry Badiner, has determined that that original conditional use permit makes it unnecessary to apply for permits if they are replaced with smaller ones. In 1998 the neighborhood associations asked for hearings before the Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors, when Christine Linnenbach discovered that 178 antenna has been added without permits. As a result of Leland Yee's committee hearings, it was determined that in the future permits were required for all antenna. Mr. Badiner is now reversing that decision. In addition, the Planning Department has issued a negative declaration on the site, deciding that an EIR is not needed in spite of the fact that this industrial site just keeps expanding. Forest Knolls, Midtown Terrace & Twin Peaks Improvement Assn. are appealing the negative declaration. They claim that the increased noise level among many other factors will require an EIR, and the overall effects negatively impact the neighborhood.

The Appeal to the Board of Supervisors takes place on Tuesday, April the 12th. The Board of Appeals Hearing is on Wednesday, May 18 .We hope our fellow WTPCC associates will support our efforts