

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – May 26, 2009

10 Organizations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Ingleside Terrace, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Bruce Selby
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding
Miraloma Park Improvement Club, Dan Liberthson
Monterey Heights, Copley Crosby
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
St. Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho

7 Organizations Absent: Crestmont, Forest Hill, Lakeshore
Property Owners, Merced Manor, Pinelake Park, Sherwood
Forest, Twin Peaks Improvement

Officers Present:

George Wooding, Acting President
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary
Dave Bisho, Parliamentarian

Guests:

Karen Breslin, Miraloma Park Improvement Club
Charlie Meyer, LakeshoreAcres
Celeste Cremen, Neighbors of Arden Wood
Officer Dennis Wong
John Gavin, Parkmerced
Sean Elsbernd, District 7 Supervisor

Featured Speakers: John Hanley, President of the San Francisco Firefighters Union Local 798; Sandra Holliday, San Francisco State University College of Creative Arts; Ruth Gay, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada

Meeting came to order: 7:45 pm

Minutes: *Avrum Shepard* moved to approve the April 27, 2009 minutes, ***Dave Bisho*** 2nd, motion passed

Treasurer's Report: **Carolyn Squeri** reported that there is \$3964.69 in the Treasury. She reported that there is no penalty for not filing an IRS 990 on time. IRS 990 is for tax-exempt organizations. **Avrum Shepard** reported that the IRS 990 information is not on the WTPCC website but that he did e-mail the IRS 990 information to delegates.

Police Report: Sgt Dennis Wong reported that the area has been relatively quiet lately. In Balboa Terrace, a parolee escaped police but his woman companion was caught.

Committee Reports: **Traffic & Safety, Land Use & Planning, Communications & Events:** No reports

WTPCC 2009 -2010 Officer Nominating Committee: **Paul Conroy** reported that the committee (Paul Conroy, Dave Bisho, and Matt Chamberlain) nominated the following: George Wooding, President; Don Dutil, Vice President; Treasurer Carolyn Squeri, and Secretary, Rae Doyle. The Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President.

Delegates Reports: **Avrum Shepard** reported that **Wine Styles** a store selling wine and wine accessories at 9 West Portal Avenue, has asked the Planning Department for a Conditional Use to serve wine. The store already has a license from the state to serve wine but they have to get a CU from the SF Planning Department also. Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association is neutral on this CU request.

New Business: **Avrum Shepard** moved that WTPCC write a letter commending the SFPD for returning \$18,000,000 to the City to reduce its debt load. Letter to be sent to BOS, Police Commission, Police Union, Mayor and Chief of Police. **Dave Bisho** 2nd, motion passed. **Dave Bisho** reported that Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi will introduce legislation to legalize secondary units in RH1 neighborhoods. It is estimated that there are 30,000 illegal secondary units in the City. In 2008, 8 units were legalized and 19 secondary units were removed. The benefit to the City to legalize these units would be that it would create more revenue. When the secondary unit is legalized, the City would reassess the property and add taxes for the enhanced value. The homeowner would have to have the unit inspected and brought up to code. **Carolyn Squeri** commented that if the existing second units were made legal, they should be counted in the ABAG requirement of increased number of housing units in the City in the future. There is a question whether the Market/Octavia upzoning will be specific to Market/Octavia

Old Business: The Miraloma Park Improvement Assn. asked that the issue brought up at the WTPCC April meeting about the rotation of police captains between stations without cause be tabled until the June WTPCC meeting because Karen Wood was unable to attend the May WTPCC meeting.

Featured Speakers: **Sandra Holliday** listed events produced in the San Francisco State University Creative Arts Program that are available to the public. **Ruth Gay** reported how shrinking facilities for Alzheimer's disease victims will affect their treatment. She reported that in the past 20 years there has been an increase of Alzheimer's patients, but the available services have not increased. By 2030 there will be 20% fewer beds than exist now. There are ten State-of-the-Art programs now in California that will close down because of cuts in the California 2009 budget. **John Handy**, a 28 year veteran firefighter and a president of Union 798, spoke against the closing of fire stations or "brown-outs"

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm