

DRAFT–West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes October 26, 2009

12 Associations Present

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal Neighborhood, Don Enochson
Merced Manor, Lynn Lynch
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park, Karen Wood
Monterey Heights, Barbara Guillion
Neighbors of Ardenwood, Eric Castongia
Pinelake Park, Don Dutil
St. Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn, Denise LaPointe
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho

5 Associations Absent

Crestmont, Ingleside Terrace, Lakeshore Acres, Lakeside
Property Owners, Sherwood Forest

Officers Present:

George Wooding, President
Don Dutil, Vice President
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer
Rae Doyle, Secretary

Guests Present:

Kathe Farrell, Forest Hill
Herb Dunmeyer, Forest Knolls
David Peterson, Midtown Terrace
Jed Lane, Miraloma Park
Karen Breslin, Miraloma Park
Brett Stein, NOA
Cecile Michael, NOA,
Dorothy Johansen, PDIC
Mas Kawaguchi, PDIC
Patrick Skain, Pinelake Park
Jeannette Dutil, Pinelake Park
Doris Linnenbach, Twin Peaks Improvement Assn.
Bhushan Mudbhay, Westwood Highlands
Elliott Wagner, WPAA,
Billy Bob Whitmer
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
John Gavin, Parkmerced
Lt John J. Feeney, SFPD
Judith Terraconia, P.O.B.
Diane Gooden, Ocean Ave. merchant

Featured Speakers: Police Chief George Gascon, Cindy Brandon of SF SAFE, Sean Elsbernd, District 7 Supervisor

Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

Minutes: The September 28, 2009 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported that there is \$4622.09 in the Treasury. Don Dutil moved to approve the treasurer's report, Lynn Lynch seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Police Report: SFPD Officer Lt. John J. Feeney reported that Capt. Denise Schmitt who has been head of the Police Academy, will take command of Taraval Station on November 14. He stated that the station was gearing up for Halloween, and gave 759-3102 to call for unlawful celebration of Halloween. He said there are a lot of window smash burglaries, and he suggested ways to avoid having your car broken into, such as, not keeping GPS or other valuables in sight. He said a new problem is that after the car is broken into, the burglar sets fire to the car.

Committee Reports:

Events and Communications: no reports

Land Use and Planning: Dave Bisho said that the committee is addressing 4 issues: the 2009 Housing Element, the proposal to allow in-law units, review of West Portal Zoning Ordinances, and Discretionary Review Reform.

Traffic and Safety – George Wooding said that the extension of parking meter times has been tabled by SFMTA for now. He said that there has been a change in Section 905 of the transportation code that will allow SFMTA, without public consent, to establish areas where residential parking stickers will be required. Also the SFMTA is looking at installing parking meters in residential neighborhoods

Old Business: George Wooding announced that volunteers are needed for the 3 committees: Planning (Matt Chamberlain, Chair), Transportation (Avrum Shepard, Chair), and Public Health (George Wooding, Chair)

Featured Speakers: Police Chief George Gascon explained the current reorganization of the Police Department. The purpose is to decentralize and improve police service at the neighborhood level by making possible better communication between patrol police and investigators. Inspectors will no longer be assigned to cases throughout the entire city but will be assigned to specific neighborhoods. He defended the new controversial practice of not impounding a car when more than one person uses the car because of the hardship on the family. Supervisor Sean Elsbernd was the bearer of the bad news that 2 public projects will effect traffic soon. One is the rebuild of St Francis Circle intersection with 5 streets converging. The second is a Hetch Hetchy upgrade that will require the left lane of Southbound Junipero Serra to be closed. The plan is to have the latter project completed before the St. Francis Circle begins in May 2010. He said the MTA is attempting to tailor the parking meter changes to accommodate needs of different neighborhoods. The plan is to extend West Portal meters to 9 pm only on Friday and Saturday and have them run on Sunday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Cindy Brandon explained SF SAFE.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm