

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes November 23, 2009

11 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal Neighborhood, Rae Doyle
Ingleside Terrace, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Bruce Selby
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park, Karen Wood
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
Pinelake Park, Don Dutil
Sherwood Forest, Phil Gravitt
Westwood Highlands Homeowners, Dave Bisho

6 Associations Absent Crestmont/Mt Sutro,
Lakeside Properties, Merced Manor, Monterey Heights, St.
Francis Woods, Twin Peaks Improvement

Officers Present

George Wooding, President
Don Dutil, Vice President
Rae Doyle, Secretary,

Guests:

Mary Ritter, Balboa Terrace
Karen Breslin, Miraloma Park Improvement Club
Brett Stein, Neighbors of Arden Wood
Cecile Michael, Neighbors of Arden Wood
Dorothy J. Johansen, PDIC
Mas Kaaguchi, PDIC
Herb Dunmeyer, Forest Knolls
Billy Bob Whitman
John Gavin, Parkmerced
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
Sean Elsbernd, District 7 Supervisor

Featured Speakers: Eric Lavena, San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority; Dr. Terry Palmer, former LHH physician

Meeting called to order: 7:37 pm

Minutes: October 26, 2009 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: George Wooding reported that there is \$ 4622.09 in the Treasury.

Police Report: Sgt. Benny Lau reported that car break-ins are a major problem in our area and asked that citizens report on suspicious activity. Also during the holiday season, it's a good idea to keep porch lights lit and be alert because burglars know there are valuables in houses and cars during Xmas.

Committee Reports, Health, Traffic & Safety, Commications & Events: No reports

Land Use and Planning: Matt Chamberlain reported that during the Discretionary Reform process, the Plg Comm. is considering having one person handle challenges to permit applications instead of the Comm. The Comm. will have hearings in February 2010. WTPCC will send opposition letter.

Delegate Report: Karen Breslin, MPIC, asked WTPCC approval of a resolution to support a Wildlife Care and Nature Education Center in SF. Jamie Ray of Rescue Orphan Mammals Program explained the need, but during discussion regarding WTPCC support, it was determined that there are not enough facts and statistics regarding construction and maintenance. The motion was tabled.

New Business: Marc Duffet of SPEAK asked that WTPCC request a 6-month delay in Recreation & Park Dept. making a decision to change natural grass in Golden Gate soccer fields to artificial turf so that community can assess the issue. Supervisor Sean Elsbernd suggested that, before WTPCC votes for a delay, the opposing view should be heard. He also gave reasons for opposition, namely, that artificial turf is safer for players. George Wooding pointed out that the Supervisor had just presented the opposition. *The proposal to request a 6-month delay was amended to a 3-month delay in a motion by Paul Conroy, seconded by Rae Doyle and passed with a vote of 8 to 2.* Eliot Wagner asked the Council to support the merchants in their *Toys for Tots* holiday campaign

Featured Speakers: Eric Lavena of SFMTA explained the need for reconstruction at the St. Francis Circle, scheduled from May through September, 2010. Overhead power lines, tracks, and the ADA platform will be replaced and sewer upgrades and reconfiguration of pedestrian lanes will be included in the project. The construction will result in unavoidable disruption of traffic. Dr. Terry Palmer, a former Laguna Honda doctor, suggested that the changes being implemented at LHH will result in less space for frail and elderly patients, and there is a lack of transparency by LHH staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02