

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 17 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES –
NOVEMBER 22, 2010

12 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Knolls, Herb Dunmeyer
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Rae Doyle
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin
Monterey Heights, Barbara Gullion
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil
St. Francis Wood, Carolyn Squeri
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho

5 Associations Absent

Lakeshore Improvement Club, Lakeside Property
Owners, Merced Manor Property Owners,
Sherwood Forest, Twin Peaks Improvement
Association

Officers Present:

George Wooding, President
Matt Chamberlain, Vice President
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer
Blue Mudbhary, Secretary
Avrum Shepard, Parliamentarian

Guests Present:

Mary Ritter, Balboa Terrace
Brett Stein, Arden Wood
Natasha Ernst, NextG Networks
Steve Snyder, Balboa Terrace
Robert & Chris Olson, Balboa Terrace
Bernadette Lawrence, Office of Fiona Ma
Joseph Huang, Balboa Terrace
JoAnn & Fred Writker, Balboa Terrace
Sandra Handler, Balboa Terrace
Nancy Whiliji
Aaron & Hannah Goodman
Cam Nguyen, Balboa Terrace
Frank Avril, Monterey Heights
Hugo & Gisela Delgado, Balboa Terrace
Mark Polhemus, Balboa Terrace
Amy Feasey, Balboa Terrace
Sue Carazioll, Balboa Terrace
Brigitte Churnin, Balboa Terrace
Frances Hsieh
John Kwong, DPW
Rassendyll Dennis, DPW
John Gavin, Parkmerced
Doug Loranger, SNAFU
Patrick Skain, Pine Lake Park
Sima Talai
Andrew Newschatz
Elliot Wagner, West Portal Merchants
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
Terry Spilsted, Balboa Terrace
Sean Elsbernd, District Supervisor

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm

Minutes: October 25, 2010 minutes were approved after Avrum Shepard moved and Roger Ritter seconded.

Brief Announcement from the DA's Office: Omid Talai spoke on the issue of the month – victim services.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported that there is \$3833.24 in the treasury. She also reported that dues are paid up and notices will next go out in January.

Committee Reports: Communications & Events: no reports. Public Health: George Wooding reported that the final audit on the Laguna Honda Hospital gift fund came out today and they found 20 things wrong with management, recordkeeping, mingling funds and inadequate documentation. Land Use & Planning: Matt Chamberlain reported that he will distribute notes to the delegates about Parkmerced plans, the Housing Element 2009, and windmill information and antennas; Transportation & Traffic: Avrum Shepard reported that the underground subway planned from Chinatown to 4th/Townsend is, in his opinion, a waste of money.

Old Business: George Wooding announced the defeat of the medical marijuana facility permit at 32nd & Taraval, and thanked Don Dutil for his work to oppose this, as well as the work of District 4, Dave Bisho, and Denise LaPointe. **Aaron Goodman** then spoke about the Parkmerced project and expressed his concerns about open space and the eligibility of the area as a NH site, of which there are only currently 2600 in the U.S., and it is his recommendation that there should be infill instead. **John Gavin** then spoke about the December 19th hearing that is planned in the McKenna Theatre and gave information about Parkmerced's plans; he also emphasized that there will be two more hearings just for the planning process itself.

New Business: There was a discussion on the attempt to privatize JP Murphy Park by the SFPRD. George Wooding reported on the community meeting of November 15th, and expressed his hope that someone would step forward to stop the leases, since the city is not netting much money and it is not a good use of the beautiful facilities. **Sean Elsbernd** then spoke in support of netting revenue for a clubhouse that otherwise is currently shut. A brief debate followed.

Guest Speakers: **Paul David Henderson**, from the DA's Office, spoke about the neighborhood DA program and their outreach efforts.

Featured Speakers: **David Latterman**, the owner of Fall Line Analytics, gave a comprehensive presentation on the recent election SF election results, discussed rank choice voting and how the new Mayor might be selected. He also answered several questions from the audience.

Natasha Ernst, from NextG, an antenna installation and communications company, talked about the installation of antennas on power poles throughout the city. She explained that we have few wooden poles here that can even be used, and that her company's antenna boxes would be only 8" in diameter and less than 3 feet tall, and only put up if they are approved by the DPW. **Doug Laranger**, from SNAFU, then spoke and said that wireless companies are exploiting a loophole in state and federal law by putting the antennas in "rights of way" areas. **Frances Hsieh**, an aide in John Avalos' office, then discussed his proposed new legislation, which would (1) add a noticing requirement and (2) require the antennas to conform to smaller size under aesthetic guidelines. **Bob and Chris Olson** then showed photos of what these installations really look like, and expressed their strong concern that there is no notice given and that the installations are an abuse of their easement. **John Kwong**, the Manager of the Division of Street Use Permits for the SF DPW, then spoke as well about this matter.

RESOLUTION - a resolution against the installation of a commercial antennae near the Olsons's home was introduced by **Roger Ritter** of Balboa Terrace, which then was discussed by the membership. A friendly amendment was suggested by Paul Conroy and all agreed the resolution would include the amendment as follows: *Whereas Balboa Terraces Homes Association ("Balboa Terraces") is a member of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council; and
Whereas Balboa Terraces has adopted its resolution opposing the installation of a wireless antenna onto a utility pole located on a private easement behind 300 San Benito Way within its residential neighborhood; and
Whereas at its November 22, 2010 meeting the West of Twin Peaks Central Council hosted and participated in a discussion between proponents and opponents of the proposed antenna;
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the West of Twin Peaks Central Council supports Balboa Terraces in its opposition to the proposed placement of the wireless antenna on the private easement right of way.*

The amendment was added via a motion from Paul Conroy and seconded by Don Dutil.

The membership then voted to support the resolution with 9 yeses, 1 no (Forest Hill) and 1 abstaining (West Portal); this resolution (attached) is therefore supported by West of Twin Peaks Central Council, with the amendment as stated above.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 pm.

2010 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Fourth Monday of every month --January 25, February 22, March 23, April 26, May 24, June 28 (annual meeting) September 27, October 25, November 22. No meetings in July, August, and December. For 2011: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27 (annual meeting), September 26, October 24, November 28.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Balboa Terrace - Crestmont Mt. Sutro Forest Knolls -Forest Hill - Greater West Portal- Ingleside Terraces - Lakeshore Acres - Lakeside Property Owners - Neighbors of Arden Wood - Merced Manor - Midtown Terrace - Miraloma Park - Monterey Heights - Pine Lake Park - St Francis Homes- Sherwood Forest - Twin Peaks Improvement Association - Westwood Highlands