

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 18 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -
MARCH 28, 2011

14 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Crestmont-Mt. Sutro-Forest Knolls, Gary Tusca
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Bruce Selby
Lakeside Property Ass'n, Joyce Richardson
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin
Monterey Heights, Barbara Gullion
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
Twin Peaks Improvement Ass'n, Denise La Pointe
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
The Woods, Judith Clarke

4 Associations Absent

Merced Manor, Pine Lake Park, St. Francis Woods,
Sherwood Forest

Officers Present:

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

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm

Minutes: February 28, 2011 minutes approved --Avrum Shepard moved and George Linn seconded.

Committee Reports: Communications & Events: no reports; Public Health: George Wooding reported that there is a decrease in staffing at Laguna Honda Hospital, especially related to pain management; Land Use & Planning: Matt Chamberlain reported on the third draft of the 2009 Housing Element, which was approved on March 24th, stating that the recent changes with this draft are that policy 1.6 allows secondary units and a community-based comment, which is much broader than the previous neighborhood envelope, he also raised the concern that this draft will have a negative effect on RH1 zoning; Transportation & Traffic: Avrum Shepard discussed an increase in parking fees and the upcoming change in the size of the seats on public transit, which will result in a decrease in the number of seats, and that we should expect an increase in fares; Open Space: Gus Guibert reported that the Mayor gave a statement that parks should be controlled by the public, and reminded us that the comments on the EIR for the proposed groundwater wells in Golden Gate Park are due by April 1st.

Guests Present:

Rae Doyle, Greater West Portal
Ashley Summers, Office of Fiona Ma
Denis Mosgofian
Rose Hillson, Jordan Park
Mary Ritter, Balboa Terrace
Kristine Zaback, Forest Knolls
Jen Drake, City Attorney's Office
Michael Garcia
F.X. Crowley
Gus Guibert, Forest Hill
Joan Girardot, CSFN
Gilbert De La Mora, Midtown Terrace
Kathe Farrell, Forest Hill
Kristen Priddy, Herrera for Mayor
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
John Gavin, Parkmerced
R. Bose, Forest Knolls
Kathy Deviincenzi

Old Business: George Wooding further discussed the proposed Mayoral Candidate Forum to take place this fall – he is looking into a good location and would like volunteers for his committee to help with planning, timing, insurance and creating a meaningful event. Karen Breslin of Miraloma Park also reported on the successful resolution of the CVS store to be located at 702 Portola – the management, due to MPIC’s requests, has agreed to not sell alcohol at that location and to close at 10pm (rather than 11pm). MPIC was then congratulated for a job well done. Also, Judy Clarke of the Woods Homeowners Association asked for the final confirming vote on their organization joining WOTPCC – Denise La Pointe moved for a vote, Dave Bisho seconded, and the Woods were unanimously voted in as the newest members of our council.

New Business: None.

Guest Speakers: Judge Quentin Kopp spoke of the history and current status of California’s High Speed Rail project, which was first introduced as a bill in 1992, and recently supported by the voters in 2008 via Proposition 1A. The first section is fully funded, and the area (Fresno) was chosen for three reasons as the place to start the construction of the rail: (1) to test the high speeds needed; (2) it would have independent usefulness there; and (3) there is unemployment of 15 – 20% in that area. He then answered questions from the audience.

Dennis Herrera, city attorney and candidate for mayor, spoke about his background and what he feels are pressing issues for our city: smart growth, accountability and investing in infrastructure. He also discussed the fiscal responsibilities of his office and what their response is to code violations (what he thinks is their most impactful work) and public safety issues such as graffiti and illegal dumping. He then answered questions from the members.

Mike Antonini, SF Planning Commissioner, discussed the recent approved draft of the 2009 Housing Element, and stated that there exists language which does preserve and improve existing housing and he thinks this doesn’t interfere with RH1 and thus keeps existing zoning intact. He then answered questions from the audience.

Sean Elsbernd, our District 7 Supervisor, discussed the upcoming EIR vote and answered questions from the audience.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

2011 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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

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 Improvement Club - Monterey Heights – Pine Lake Park - St Francis Homes- Sherwood Forest - Twin Peaks Improvement Association - Westwood Highlands – The Woods