

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 19 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -  
OCTOBER 24, 2011

**13 Associations Present:**

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter  
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell  
Greater West Portal, Rae Doyle  
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy  
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding  
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin  
Monterey Heights, Tony Wlazlo  
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain  
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil  
Saint Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri  
Sherwood Forest, Bob DeLiso  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judith Clarke

**6 Associations Absent**

Forest Knolls, Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club,  
Lakeside Property Owners Association, Merced  
Manor, Mount Sutro Homeowners, Twin Peaks  
Improvement Association

**Officers Present:**

Matt Chamberlain, President  
George Wooding, Vice President  
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer  
Blue Mudbhary, Secretary  
Roger Ritter, Parliamentarian

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30 pm.

**Minutes:** September 26, 2011 minutes approved - Karen Breslin moved and Don Dutil seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported that the balance in the treasury is \$8417.66.

**Debate on Measures E & F:** For Measure E (Amending or Repealing Legislative Initiative Ordinances and Declarations of Policy), Supervisor **Scott Wiener** spoke in support. He said that there was a 7-4 vote to place it on the ballot, and that California is the only state where one has to go back to the voters to amend ordinances and policy statements; he thinks our system is too rigid. Against Measure E, **John Rizzo** of the Community College Board spoke of his concern about the money issues, i.e. the possibility of using this to increase sales taxes, thereby changing intent of the voters. Both speakers then answered questions from the membership.

**Guests Present:**

Mike Karns, City Attorney  
Emily Tam, Balboa Terrace  
Sally Stephens, Golden Gate Heights  
Mary Ritter, Balboa Terrace  
Marina & Mike Hardeman, GWPNA  
Bob & Chris Olson, Balboa Terrace  
Joel Engardio, Engardio for District 7  
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor  
Avrum Shepard, GWPNA  
Gus Guibert, Forest Hill  
Elliot Wagner, West Portal Merchants  
Avrum Shepard, Greater West Portal  
Elliot Wagner, West Portal Merchants  
Brigitte Churnin, Balboa Terrace  
Judge Quentin Kopp  
Billy Bob Whitmer  
David Pilpel  
John Rizzo  
F.X. Crowley  
Chris Bowman

For Measure F (Campaign Consultant Ordinance), Supervisor Scott Wiener, who sponsored the measure, spoke in favor of it. He explained that this brings us up to date with current monetary amounts and also puts our consultants in sync with lobbyists elsewhere. **Bruce Wolfe**, of the Sunshine Task Force, spoke in opposition to the measure. He said that this is changing laws “under the radar” and removes voter privilege. Both speakers then answered questions from the members.

**Mayoral Candidates Forum Review:** **Roger Ritter** reported that over 300 people attended this event on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and that, thanks to generous donations, a rebate of approximately 90% will be given to the member organizations that helped fund the event. There were 11 candidates participating and well-known moderators and it was well-organized; thus the Forum was an excellent showcase for both WOTPCC and its member organizations.

**Committee Reports:** The Bylaws Revision Committee, consisting of Paul Conroy (chair), Roger Ritter and Dave Bisho are working on some simple changes to be made and will report at the next meeting. The 2011-2012 Goals Committee, consisting of Avrum Shepard (chair), Dave Bisho, Karen Breslin and Gus Guibert, is looking for more volunteers. For the Technology Committee, Avrum Shepard asked all member organizations to look at the redesigned website for WOPTCC and give their input, specifically as to what kind of photos and artwork should be included.

Public Health: George Wooding reported that Laguna Honda Hospital has had many residents move to independent living, as they are trying to decrease the average length of stay for patients to less than 90 days; also that there was a surplus from the SF Health Fund that went back to the owners and the Board of Supervisors is deciding what to do about that. For Open Space and Parks, Gus Guibert reported that the Ortega family started operating the Boat House at Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park; also, the EIR on the proposed soccer fields in GGP will be released tomorrow. For two other committees, Planning & Land Use and Transportation, Matt Chamberlain requested volunteers to chair and serve on them.

**New Member Organization Application for Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association:** **Sally Stephens**, the president of this 400 household association, spoke of her group and what they do, and formally asked to join WOTPCC. Avrum Shepard moved that GGHNA be voted on as a member and Don Dutil seconded. GGHNA was unanimously voted in as our newest member.

**New Business:** Miraloma Park Improvement Association is planning to bring up the design of the new CVS on Portola at the next meeting. Chris Bowman asked for maps of the neighborhood associations that make up WOTPCC, saying it would be helpful in the upcoming redistricting.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:25 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 - Forest Hill - Forest Knolls - Greater West Portal - Ingleside Terraces - Lakeshore Acres - Lakeside Property Owners - Neighbors of Arden Wood - Merced Manor - Midtown Terrace - Miraloma Park Improvement Club - Monterey Heights - Mount Sutro Homeowners - Pine Lake Park - St Francis Homes - Sherwood Forest - Twin Peaks Improvement Association - Westwood Highlands - The Woods