

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 20 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -
JANUARY 23, 2012

18 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Forest Knolls, Kristine Zaback
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Bruce Selby
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin
Monterey Heights, Copley Crosby
Mount Sutro Homeowners, Robert Jones
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
Pine Lake Park, Kathy Montague
Saint Francis Homes, Carolyn Squeri
Twin Peaks Improvement, Denise La Pointe
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
The Woods, Judith Clarke

2 Associations Absent

Merced Manor, Sherwood Forest

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: The draft of the November 28, 2011 minutes approved – Avrum Shepard moved and Karen Breslin seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported that the balance in the treasury is \$6397.71, and that she will send a financial report with the dues statement out to our member organizations. We are currently refunding donations (from the Mayoral Candidates Forum in October) by crediting towards dues owed for 2012. After these refunds, the WOTPC balance will be \$4764.93.

Guests Present:

Doris Linnenbach, Twin Peaks
Brigitte Churnin, Balboa Terrace
Mike Montague, Pine Lake Park
Ashley Summers, Office of Fiona Ma
Paul J. Andreini, Mt. Davidson Manor
Lee Hsu, Greater West Portal
Anthony Cuadro, PROSAC
Michael Garcia, Merced Manor
F.X. Crowley, Lakeshore Acres
Gustin Guibert, Forest Hill
Rae Doyle, Greater West Portal
Jeffrey Eade, Mount Sutro
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
Jon Golinger, Protect Coit Tower
Alex Randolph, RPD
Billy Bob Whitmer
Charles Powell, Mount Sutro
Christine Linnenbach, Twin Peaks
Joel Engardio, Engardio for Supervisor
Kat Anderson, Plan C DCCC Candidate
Sonia Melara, Health Commission
Rupa Bose, SF Forest Alliance

Committee Reports: No reports for the Bylaws Revision, Open Space, or Planning & Land Use Committees. For the Goals Committee, Avrum Shepard reported on the draft goals, which are: (1) redistricting, (2) better communications with City departments, and (3) government transparency; these draft goals will be sent out to the membership for feedback. For Public Health, George Wooding reported that CPMC is building a 550 bed hospital on Van Ness, and is negotiating the charitable contribution; in addition, LHH wants to expand dialysis, since they are moving people from General Hospital. For technology, Avrum Shepard requested feedback on the WOTPCC website. For transportation, Avrum Shepard reported that MTA is considering adding parking meters to residential neighborhoods. There was also a discussion that Sloat Highway has been “slimmed” to 2 lanes as a traffic calming measure, and Denise La Pointe moved (and Paul Conroy seconded) that a letter be sent asking for a briefing as to why this was done – all the membership voted yes, and the letter will be sent.

Guest Speaker: Dawn Kamalanathan, of the SFRPD Planning Division, discussed the outcomes and plans of the 2008 Neighborhood Parks Bond, and asked for feedback on what the next priorities should be, and asked if there were open spaces that have been overlooked or should be included in future park improvement plans. She noted that the criterion for site selection involves needed seismic upgrades, poor condition, serving dense urban areas and a broad segment of the community. There will be more of this type of community outreach to come as the future priorities are decided. She also noted that all current projects are at or under budget. She then answered questions and heard concerns from the audience. She stated that if one wishes to become more involved please attend the PROSAC (Parks & Recreation & Open Space Advisory Committee), held the first Tuesday of each month, or email rpd.bondfeedback@sfgov.org with your concerns.

Guest Speaker: Charles Powell, VP of the Mount Sutro Woods Homeowners Association, discussed their neighborhood, which currently has 48 dwelling places, and the development proposal to add 34 more units by extending a dead-end street (yet providing no outlet). There was a motion by Matt Chamberlain, seconded by Denise La Pointe, to write a letter on behalf of WOTPCC supporting the Mount Sutro Woods Homeowners Association in their opposition to this proposed hillside development. There was a vote and all members agreed for WOTPCC to write this letter.

Guest Speaker: Jon Golinger of the Coit Tower Preservation group, spoke about a petition that they are circulating to put an initiative on the ballot to strictly limit commercial activities and private events at Coit Tower and to use the Tower’s operating funds to preserve the murals and maintain the building and its adjacent park. Karen Breslin made a motion, and Avrum Shepard seconded, to have WOTPCC write a letter in support of the Coit Tower Preservation Group. There was a vote and all members agreed for WOTPCC to write this letter.

New Business – Redistricting SF Based on the 2010 Census: **Matt Chamberlain** gave an update from the Redistricting committee, and an overview. Since some areas in San Francisco have increased remarkably in population (such as District 6), to balance out the population percentages the lines of the voting districts need to be redrawn. He showed the suggested map and showed how District 7, with minor changes (such as adding both sides of Ocean Avenue in) can achieve the population number required. These district maps will be finalized by April 15th, so there is not much time to advocate for District 7 to retain its essential size and shape. The **majority statement** from the Redistricting Committee is to keep the districts that are members of WOTPCC together, so that we continue to all be under the same supervisor and because our local community shares common issues, such as parking, traffic, transportation, safety, the location of juvenile hall, Laguna Honda

Hospital and prohibitions on secondary units in our neighborhoods. The **minority statement** feels that different WOTPCC neighborhoods going to different districts would actually increase our political access and presence. There was a motion by Avrum Shepard, seconded by Walt Farrell, to officially adopt the majority position that the WOTPCC would prefer to have all WOTPCC member organizations consolidated into a single District, rather than split. All members voted in favor of adopting this position for WOTPCC.

The call to action for member organizations: all member groups should send delegates to upcoming Redistricting Task Force meetings to speak up about the unique community of interest that ties our group together, and each member organization should write letters to the task force asking to keep all the members of WOTPCC in a single district (District 7).

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

2012 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Fourth Monday of every month -- January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 21 (note the date change for May due to the Memorial Day holiday), June 25 (annual meeting), September 24, October 22, November 26. No meetings in July, August & December. *All meetings are at 7:30pm and take place at the Forest Hill Clubhouse.*

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