

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 20 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -
JUNE 25, 2012

13 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Forest Knolls, Kristine Zaback
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin
Monterey Heights, Copley Crosby
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil
Twin Peaks Improvement, Denise LaPointe
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho

7 Associations Absent

Ingleside Terraces, Lakeshore Acres, Merced
Manor, Mount Sutro, Saint Francis Homes,
Sherwood Forest, The Woods

Officers Present:

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

Guests Present:

Estelle Smith, Sunnyside
Leah Rowell, Senator Yee's Office
Glenn Rogers, METNA
John Farrell, Forest Hill
Michael Breyer, AD19 Candidate
Michelle & Steven Stapp
Walter Caplan, Forest Knolls
Gustin Guibert, Forest Hill
Lisa Spinali, Sunnyside
Rae Doyle, Greater West Portal
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor
Kathleen Montague, Pine Lake Park
Joel Engardio, Engardio for Supervisor
Lee Hsu, Greater West Portal
Sam Sobol, Crestmont Coalition
Quentin Kopp, Lakeshore Acres
Paul Gorman, MSWOA
Paul Currier, Gavin for District 7
Loretta Wasacz
Joileen Richards
Pynn Gavin
Bob Squeri
Tony Hall

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm.

Minutes: The draft of the May 21, 2012 minutes was approved - Dave Bisho moved and Avrum Shepard seconded.

Officer's Reports: Matt Chamberlain announced that Proposition B passed and we think it is partly due to the work our members did; also there is a Mount Davidson walk scheduled for Saturday, with Jake Sigg, to see the natural landscape in dispute under the NAP proposals - see Avrum's email that was sent to the delegates for more information on this walk.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Chamberlain (for Carolyn Squeri in her absence) announced that the WOTPCC balance is \$4939.11; some of these funds will go to the District 7 candidates forum.

Committee Reports: Technology Committee: Avrum Shepard reported that he will work on the Facebook page for WOTPCC this summer; Public Health: George Wooding asked that we all vote to win the orchard for Laguna Honda – see the email that went out to the members; Open Space & Parks: Sally Stephens completed the letter opposing NAP, which is now on the WOTPCC website, and she also updated us that the NAP areas will not be park of the parks bond, which is up for vote in the fall; Transportation: Avrum Shepard stated that the City is trying to close its budget gap by writing more parking tickets; D7 Candidates Forum: Roger Ritter reported this will take place on Saturday, September 22nd at 10am at Aptos Middle School - notices will go out to members in July.

Discussion on Admitting Sunnyside Neighborhood Association: Sunnyside's president, Lisa Spinali, spoke on why they would like to join WOTPCC and how they are working to strengthen their community. Their group is approximately 70% owner-occupied. Then Dave Bisho spoke on behalf of the Membership Committee, which is comprised of past presidents of WOTPCC and includes Denise La Pointe, Paul Conroy, Don Dutil and Dave Bisho. He discussed the uniqueness of WOTPCC – Westside residents of the City who are homeowners with specific interests that renters don't have – such as specific property and other taxes that only homeowners pay. So, to include any additional neighborhood associations, the criteria that WOTPCC would advise are as follows: homeowners are the majority of residents; bylaws exist; newsletters are sent out; the association is within the geographic area of West of Twin Peaks; a representative from the association can attend WOTPCC meetings regularly. The vote for admitting Sunnyside was put off until the September meeting, to give our officers more time to attend a Sunnyside meeting and meet with their officers.

Further Information from our Membership Committee: Dave Bisho also reported that for our insurance purposes, we should ensure that we have copies of the constitution and bylaws from each of our member organizations. Also, he recommended that we contact our organizations that have not attended in some time and see if they can, and want to, continue as WOTPCC members.

Old Business: We discussed the Crestmont Overlook matter, for which WOTPCC wrote a letter in opposition to this project after our January meeting. Sally Stephens reported that for the recent EIR meeting there was a good turnout from neighbors, but that we will need continued good neighborhood turnout when this matter goes before the Board of Supervisors sometime after September. Kristine Zaback and Sam Sobol both spoke about the concerns of allowing this development project and more information can be found at the crestmontpreservation.org website.

New Business: Matt Chamberlain announced the formation of a Tax Initiative Committee, to address all ballot measures, with a final report due by the end of October; please email Matt if you wish to join. Denise La Pointe then kindly recognized the contributions of outgoing WOTPCC officers, George Wooding and Blue Mudbhary.

Also, Denise La Pointe spoke for Twin Peaks Improvement Association about a house on St. Germaine that is being used as a high tech accelerator (see theglint.com) and neighbors are concerned because this use of the property is prohibited by zoning in the TPIA area. This type of high-tech accelerator/incubator use is seen as a growing problem in the residential neighborhoods of our city; WOTPCC should monitor closely and we should discuss at the meeting in September.

Walt Farrell reported on behalf of the Forest Hill Association that renovations to the clubhouse are planned, with work on the roof, plumbing and walls; these renovations will start next April.

Avrum Shepard reported on the food trucks that are hoping to be allowed to set up on 14th Street in West Portal -- please see the email thread that Avrum has sent out to the members. He also mentioned that a new lessee planning to tutor school-age children will be opening on West Portal Avenue and this may be a possible violation of zoning agreements since it is not a retail business.

Denise La Pointe made a motion that WOTPCC write a letter to SFMTA objecting to the hiring of more people simply to write more traffic tickets as a way of closing their budget gap. Don Dutil seconded this motion. All members voted and the motion passed unanimously. Matt Chamberlain will write this letter next week.

Senator Yee's representative announced the CA Senate honoring WOTPCC for its 75th anniversary.

Election: The slate presented by the Nominating Committee last month was announced -- Matt Chamberlain for President, Roger Ritter for Vice-President, Sally Stephens for Secretary and Carolyn Squeri for Treasurer. There were no additional nominations from the floor. There was a motion by Walt Farrell to accept this slate as WOTPCC's new officers, and this motion was seconded by Avrum Shepard. All members then voted unanimously to elect these officers. We then offered congratulations and welcomed our new and returning officers, and are grateful for their service.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 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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