

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES
October 21, 2012 – DRAFT

8 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Lakeshore Acres, Bill Chionsini
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding
Monterey Heights, Copley Crosby
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil
Sunnyside, Estelle Smith

12 Associations Absent:

Forest Knolls, Golden Gate Heights, Ingleside
Terraces, Lakeside Property Owners, Merced
Manor, Miraloma Park, Mount Sutro
Homeowners, Saint Francis Homes,
Sherwood Forest, Twin Peaks Improvement,
Westwood Highlands, The Woods

Officers Present:

Matt Chamberlain, President
Roger Ritter, Vice President
Avrum Shepard, Parliamentarian

Guests Present:

Barbara Chionsini, Lakeshore Acres
Kathy Montague, Pine Lake Park
Karen Wood, Miraloma Park
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
Nick Panagopoulos, Yes on A Campaign
Andrew Bley, Candidate for Supervisor
F.X. Crowley, Candidate for Supervisor
Joel Engardio, Candidate for Supervisor
Mike Garcia, Candidate for Supervisor
Michael Breyer, Candidate for Assembly

Meeting called to order: 7:32 pm, there was no quorum

President's Report: Matt Chamberlain suggested that members with topics for the November meeting email him at president@westoftwinpeaks.org. He said that he plans to invite the new Supervisor for a short introduction and discussion at the November meeting since that will be after the election but before they take office. WTPCC has received donations from the following organizations for the D7 Candidates Forum – Balboa Terrace, GWPNA, Miraloma Park, Monterey Heights, Pine Lake Park, Mount Sutro, and Westwood Highlands. Overall cost of the event was \$2325.91, with members listed above contributing at total of \$1750.00. WTPCC ended up spending \$575.91 out of the WTPCC General Fund to pay for the event. We will likely not be able to host another similar event in the future unless we figure out a way to pay for it in advance. Voluntary

contributions after the fact simply don't work. Matt also noted that WTPCC will be temporarily evicted from the beautiful Forest Hill Clubhouse during April, May and June of 2013 while the Forest Hill Association performs renovation work on the clubhouse. If you know of an alternate location, please contact Matt at president@westoftwinpeaks.org with your suggestion and contact information, so we can weigh our options well in advance. Finally, he noted that for the 11th consecutive year, the neighbors on Wawona St. between 14th and 15th Aves will block the street on Halloween and host a giant Trick-or-Treat event for kids. GWPNA has contributed funding to pay for the permit to block the street and put up lighted safety barriers, and we are soliciting candy donations in advance. Last year, more than 2,000 kids visited each house, and neighbors spend between \$50 - \$100 each on candy. You can donate candy by dropping it off at Zephyr Realty (215 West Portal Ave, across the street from Walgreens).

Parliamentarian's Report: Avrum Shepard said that he will be retiring our Yahoo Groups email list and converting over to a comparable service run by Google. You'll all receive notification of your new membership and will need to follow the steps in the email from Google in order to continue to receive email updates from WTPCC. Avrum also noted a fire on West Portal Ave destroyed several business including Vin Debut and Squat-and-Gobble. The Planning Dept is expediting permits to rebuild, but the Dept of Building Inspection must determine if the buildings can be saved or must be demolished and rebuilt. Bank of America is holding an account open where people can donate to those who lost their jobs as a result of the fire. Just go to any BofA branch and tell them you want to donate to the West Portal Fire Fund. Avrum also noted: 1) that RPD is considering planting the Franciscan Manzanita, an endangered species, at various locations (including Mt. Davidson) and will close access to parts of the park to protect it; and 2) that Sterling Bank has filed a Conditional Use permit application with the Planning Commission to open in a small vacant store on West Portal. There was some discussion about this, and the fact that West Portal is an NC1 (Neighborhood Commercial 1) area and that the total number of financial institutions on the avenue is limited. A Conditional Use permit is needed to pass that limit. There is a hearing scheduled for Oct 25th. Avrum will contact the Planning Dept. and ask them to delay the hearing so that area organizations have time to weigh in. Walt Farrell asked about getting a copy of the WTPCC Roster. Avrum said that we don't give it out to our delegates because "some" of them were once opposed to sharing their contact information with other delegates. Avrum is working to update all the contact info, and will email all delegates with a request to get the current info from them, and also give them the option to OPT OUT of having their information shared with other delegates. We hope to provide a Roster to all delegates at the November meeting (Note, the roster might exclude some members who opt out).

Committee Reports: Transportation Committee Report (Avrum Shepard): Off-the-Grid

has pulled their request to block 14th Ave between Portola and West Portal Avenues for a food truck event on Tuesday nights due to neighborhood opposition. They are now proposing to take over the parking lot in the middle of the block next to Goat Hill Pizza and Ambassador Toys and a couple of adjoining street parking spaces right next to the lot. There is still some opposition from neighborhood restaurants. Barbara Chionsini reported on the CalTrans work planned for Sloat Blvd. Today she received an email from the Dept of Public Works that they have been awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Grant to construct flashing beacons, bulb-outs, curb ramps and median improvements along Sloat Blvd. at the intersections of: Everglade, Forest View and 23rd Ave. This is a huge win for the neighborhood and the team of neighbors who have worked so hard to make it happen. The grant is for just over \$1 Million dollars. If you'd like to join the committee that will be working with CalTrans on the implementation of the project, contact Barbara or Bill Chionsini. We'll get an email out with additional details in the next month or so.

Discussion of Prop A. – City College Parcel Tax: We were joined by Nick Panagopoulos who spoke about why City College is important to SF and why we should support Proposition A. The Proposition is for a \$79 parcel tax for the next 8 years which will raise approximately \$16 Million/yr to fund City College. There is no Senior Exemption or renter pass-through. He noted that the State of California has cut funding to City College by \$25 Million/yr, so this will only make up some of the shortfall. He said that while City College has had some problems in the past in regards to governance and financial management, the education they provide is top-notch and no one has ever complained that they were sub-standard at delivering quality educational services. No one spoke against the Proposition. There was some Q&A.

Discussion of Prop C. – Housing Trust Fund: We had no official presenters either for or against Prop C., but past-President George Wooding said that there is a lot of hidden language in the proposition that would allow the City to issue bonds in the future without going to voters. He cautioned members to read the Proposition carefully. He recommends we vote against it, since it's really just a program to replace funding for developers that was eliminated from the State budget when they cut "redevelopment funding."

Discussion of Prop F. – Water Sustainability and Environmental Planning Act (Hetch Hetchy): We had no official presenters either for or against Prop F., and without a quorum could not vote on the proposed resolution regarding Proposition F. There was some discussion about the Proposition, including the fact that the measure would force the city to spend \$8 Million and form a committee to evaluate how to replace the water and electricity lost if the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir were destroyed. Additionally, it would mandate that at end of the study, regardless of the findings of the study, a Proposition to

destroy Hetch Hetchy would have to be added to the next election. Avrum Shepard pointed out that the State of California already conducted a study of this back in 2006 and determined then that it would cost between \$3 Billion and \$10 Billion dollars to restore Hetch Hetchy to its pre-1920's state. Other members called it a farce and ridiculous.

Old Business: None

New Business: Estelle Smith from Sunnyside Neighborhood Association reported that her group will be hosting their annual Halloween event this Saturday, October 27 from 3-6pm in the 100 block of Marsten. They will block the street and have a carnival with games and activities for kids and adults. There will be a costume contest for adults, kids and pets.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes submitted by Sally Stephens, Secretary, based on notes taken by Matt Chamberlain

2012 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Fourth Monday of every month – January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, ay 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, and December. *All meetings are at 7:30 pm and take place in the Forest Hill Clubhouse.*

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Balboa Terrace – Forest Hill – Forest Knolls – Golden Gate Heights – Greater West Portal – Ingleside Terraces – Lakeshore Acres – Lakeside Property Owners – 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