

**WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 26, 2012 – DRAFT**

**13 Associations Present:**

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter  
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell  
Forest Knolls, Walter Caplan  
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens  
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard  
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy  
Lakeshore Acres, Bill Chionsini  
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin  
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil  
Saint Francis Homes, Carolyn Squeri  
Sunnyside, Estelle Smith  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judith Clark

**Guests Present:**

Virginia Hayes  
Lynn Gavin  
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer  
Joel Engardio  
Carolyn Johnston  
Rene DeJarnatt  
Rae Doyle, GWPNA  
Lisa Spinali, Sunnyside  
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor  
Gus Guibert, Forest Hill  
Lee Hsu, GWPNA  
Barbara Chionsini, Lakeshore Acres  
Kristine Zaback, Forest Knolls  
Stephen Girlick, Lakeshore Acres

**7 Associations Absent:**

Lakeside Property Owners, Merced Manor,  
Midtown Terrace, Monterey Heights, Mount  
Sutro Homeowners, Sherwood Forest, Twin  
Peaks Improvement,

**Officers Present:**

Matt Chamberlain, President  
Roger Ritter, Vice President  
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer  
Sally Stephens, Secretary  
Avrum Shepard, Parliamentarian

**Meeting called to order:** 7:32 pm, there was a quorum (13 of 20)

**Minutes:** The draft of the October 21, 2012 minutes were approved – Karen Breslin moved, Avrum Shepard seconded. NOTE: We need to approve the minutes for the September 2012 meeting at the January 2013 meeting. We did not have a quorum in October, so we could not approve the Sept minutes at that meeting.

**President's Report:** Matt Chamberlain noted that several times members have contacted him trying to get contact info for other members. He has given phone numbers to them. We need to update the contact list for members. In January, Avrum Shepard will ask member organizations for names and contact info for their officers and named delegates. He will also ask if each organization if they want to share any contact information with other delegates. We need this information if we have to contact members on short notice or to get information quickly to neighborhood groups. There was some discussion about whether the full contact list for member organization officers should be available to the membership as a whole. Some felt that only those who agreed to share their contact information should get the list. Others felt the full list should not be made available to all members. Some felt names could be given out, but not phone numbers. General consensus was that if someone from outside of WTPCC contacts the group to get contact info for a member organization, Matt Chamberlain will not give out contact info for member to the person, but instead will relay contact info for the person to the member organization and leave it to them whether to contact the person or not. There was no final decision about how widely to distribute the contact list within WTPCC. One suggestion was to encourage member organizations to create generic emails, e.g., [president@neighborhoodgroup.org](mailto:president@neighborhoodgroup.org), that would protect private contact information while allowing other delegates to stay in contact.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported that we have a balance of \$3126.56 in the bank. She will send out dues notices in January, and will have a year end statement for 2012, along with a 2013 budget then. Members who recently joined will get a pro-rated statement for recent months

**Parliamentarian's Report:** Avrum Shepard noted that the food trucks proposed for West Portal no longer want to close 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. They are now talking about setting up in the food trucks in a city parking lot on West Portal. They plan to come back in the spring to pursue this. Sterling Bank has applied for a Conditional Use permit to open a bank on West Portal. They plan a small bank with a community room. They would be the eight bank on the street, where the limit is eight banks. Café for All Seasons will become an Italian restaurant. There are rumors that the St Francis Market will become a Boulange bakery/restaurant. Several members expressed concerns about the loss of the market. Shepard noted that GWPNA has formed a West Portal Avenue Committee to bring neighbors, merchants and others together. The Committee conducted a survey with about 250 responses asking what people want on the Avenue. Most people wanted a bakery. Several speakers suggested WTPCC get more involved with changes on West Portal. Matt Chamberlain suggested people interested in GWPNA's West Portal Avenue Committee contact Avrum Shepard.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Public Health Committee:** Matt Chamberlain reported that Laguna Honda wants to thank us for our help in them winning the tree planting contest.

**Open Space Committee:** Sally Stephens corrected information given out in October about plans to plant an endangered manzanita on Mt Davidson and in other city parks. It was not RPD that planned to do so, it was the US Fish and Wildlife Service that planned to designate areas on Mt Davidson and in other city parks as critical habitat for the manzanita (which is not currently found in any city park run by RPD). If the areas are designated as critical habitat and the manzanita is planted, its endangered species status could result in closures of those areas to the public. US Fish and Wildlife took public comment on the proposal, but has not announced its final decision. In addition, a recent ordinance proposed by Supervisor Olague that would remove the plans for the Sharp Park Golf Course from the Natural Areas Program Draft Environmental Impact Report (NAP DEIR, currently being finalized) and give control of Sharp Park to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area was tabled in the Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors and did not go to the full Board. WTPCC sent a letter opposing the Natural Areas Program (NAP) as a public comment on the NAP DEIR. Avrum suggested that members who want to be involved in following the status of the NAP DEIR volunteer with the Open Space Committee. Roger Ritter and Carolyn Johnston volunteered.

**Transportation Committee:** Avrum noted that Free MUNI for Youth may resurface as an issue. Roger Ritter noted it was a done deal. Sally Stephens noted that the Board of Supervisors had recently voted to take a new \$6 million federal grant and use \$1 million of the grant to fund the Free MUNI for Youth program. Matt Chamberlain noted that we had discussed this several months ago, but we thought it was over when MTA did not get a regional grant to pay for it. Lisa Spinali suggested that WTPCC has to get information about programs such as this out to member groups far enough in advance for the neighborhood group to vote on them.

**Meeting Location Next Year:** WTPCC will have to find another location for meetings for several months beginning in April 2013 while the Forest Hill Clubhouse is being renovated. Karen Breslin said that Miraloma Park had offered its clubhouse. Other suggestions included the West Portal Clubhouse (might have to pay for this), and St. Brendan's Parish Hall. This will be discussed at the January 2013 meeting.

**New Business: 1)** Lynn Gavin, who ran for District 7 Supervisor in the November 2012 election, said that she may challenge the election because of the possibility that votes may have been cast by voters who were not eligible, and that ballots were left unattended when there was a power failure at City Hall during the counting process. She also noted

that many voters were confused by ranked choice voting. 2) Barbara Chionsini asked for WTPCC support for a pedestrian safety program – handicap access, underground lighting in the street at crosswalks, trees, etc. – on Sloat. They have received a more than \$1 million grant for the public safety program (and hope to get additional grants). She noted that the State DPW decided to put bike lanes on Sloat without taking public comment. They should have done an environmental impact report on the bike lanes. Pine Lake Park is working with Lakeshore Acres on this. Merced Manor opted to not be involved. Matt Chamberlain noted that there will be public meetings on the pedestrian safety program in January 2013. If you are interested in this, contact Bill or Barbara Chionsini.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:43pm

Minutes submitted by Sally Stephens, Secretary

**2013 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

Fourth Monday of every month – January 28, February 25 (location TBD), March 25, April 22, May 20 (note the date change for May due to the Memorial Day holiday), June 24 (annual meeting), September 23, October 28, November 25. No meetings in July, August, and December. *All meetings are at 7:30 pm. Location at Forest Hill Clubhouse, except for the February meeting and meetings from April into the summer when the Clubhouse will be closed for remodeling (location for those months TBD).*

**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 – Sunnyside – Twin Peaks Improvement Association – Westwood Highlands – The Woods