

**WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 25, 2013**

**15 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  
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson  
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding  
Miraloma Park, Tim Armour  
Monterey Heights, Stacey Pinoris  
Pine Lake, David Golden  
Saint Francis Homes, Carolyn Squeri  
Sunnyside, Estelle Smith  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judy Clarke

**5 Associations Absent:**

Lakeshore Acres, Merced Manor, Mount Sutro  
Homeowners, Sherwood Forest, Twin Peaks

**Officers Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Rani Singh, SF District Attorney's Office  
John Farrell, Forest Hill  
Doreen and John Sinclair  
Blue Mudbhary, Westwood Highlands  
Ken Hoegger, Westwood Highlands  
Kathy Hoegger, Westwood Highlands  
John Farrell, Forest Hill  
Gus Guibert, Forest Hill  
Lee Hsu, GWPNA  
Kathy Montague, Pine Lake  
Alexandra Vuksial, Balboa Terrace  
Matthias Morino, Sup. Yee's Office  
Carla Johnson, Mayors Office on Disability  
Bob Planthold  
Lisa Foster  
Katherine Chen

**Meeting called to order:** 7:33 pm, there was a quorum (15 of 20).

**Minutes:** The draft minutes for the September 23, 2013 and the October 28, 2013 meetings were approved.

**President's Report:** Matt Chamberlain noted that this is the last meeting of the year. WTPCC will continue to meet at the Forest Hill Clubhouse in 2014, except for the May 2014 meeting. The normal meeting day is Memorial Day. We will either shift our meeting that month to the third Monday or the fourth Tuesday. Let him know if you prefer one or the other of those changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported that WTPCC has \$3445.56 in the bank. Dues reminders will go out this week.

**Parliamentarian's Report:** Avrum Shepard noted that SF Police Department has reported a lot of cell phone thefts. If you have an Android phone and want software to shut it down if it is stolen, contact him for more info.

There was no Vice-President's or Secretary's Report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** Matt Chamberlain reported that Sup. David Chiu has proposed legislation to speed the legalization of secondary units. WTPCC has traditionally opposed this idea. The Planning and Land Use Committee is circulating a draft of a Policy Statement showing WTPCC's opposition to subdividing single family housing into multiple smaller units. He asked delegates to take this draft statement back to their organizations between now and January 2014, discuss it, and see if groups are comfortable with the statement. He will send the statement to Sup. Yee as it now stands to show him where we've stood in the past on the issue. Avrum Shepard noted there is also talk about changing the Ellis Act and we should be concerned about that too.

**Technology Committee:** Avrum Shepard asked delegates to tell him if they've had trouble getting email attachments on Google Groups. He himself has been having that problem.

**Public Health Committee:** George Wooding reported that the Board of Supervisors overturned a decision to move 30 dialysis machines from SF General to Laguna Honda. The machines will stay at SF General. Laguna Honda wants to do more with the community, perhaps a community garden. They're willing to give people space for a project like that, but cannot provide any money to help.

**Transportation Committee:** Avrum Shepard noted that they are tearing up intersections near West Portal to put yellow disabled ramps at the curb. They are also working on bulbouts at some intersections, which could result in the loss of some parking spaces. Look for lots of construction on West Portal. Matt Chamberlain added that each yellow ramp costs \$20,000 and bulbouts drive the cost up to \$150,000 each. He added that multiple agencies (PG&E, DPW-Water, and MTA) are working together on Vicente St, from West Portal to Saint Cecilia, so that they only tear up the street once. He said there is a new process for getting speed bumps. They collect every application and then evaluate them together, rather than evaluating them individually. You still have to get 50% of neighbors plus one to okay a speed bump, and you must get the approval of the person in front of whose house the speed bump will be placed. Walt Farrell noted that Forest Hill is also getting traffic calming, with bulbouts and speed bumps.

**Open Space Committee:** Sally Stephens reported on a recent move by SF Recreation and Park Dept. staff to recommend up to 12 acres on Mount Davidson, and an additional 3.2 acres on private land, be designated as critical habitat for the endangered Franciscan Manzanita plant. Miraloma Park Improvement Club circulated a copy of a letter they had written to Mayor Lee opposing the plan, and pointing out confusion in the maps of just where the critical habitat will be, and the lack of public notice to homeowners that some of their backyards was being included in the habitat designation. Tim Armour said his backyard is one of those affected and he never received any official notice about it. Matthias Mormino added that Sup. Norman Yee had been told by US Fish and Wildlife Service that unless one of the affected homeowners needs to get a permit from the Federal Government for something, the designation will have no effect on them. Avrum Shepard suggested the Open Space Committee draft a letter to Mayor Lee and the Rec and Park Dept supporting Miraloma Park's letter asking for clarity in the maps and opposing the taking of private property for the designation. He suggested we vote to send the letter in January 2014. Blue Mudbhary circulated a draft of a letter from WTPCC to Rec and Park Dept General Manager Phil Ginsburg asking him to explain to the WTPCC and the public what steps the department is taking to ensure there is no repeat of the tragic death of a woman last September who was run over by a truck driven by a Rec and Park staff gardener'sat Holly Park as she lay on a blanket with her young daughter and dog, far from a sidewalk or path. Dave Bisho moved that we send the letter. Roger Ritter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Disabled Parking:** Carla Johnson, from the Mayors Office on Disability, and Bob Planthold, a disability and pedestrian activist, reported on recommendations from the SF Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee to address difficulties that people with disabilities have finding parking in San Francisco. Currently, once a doctor has said you qualify for a disabled placard, you can park anywhere you want for as long as you want for free.

There are currently 60,000 placards in SF, and a total of 29,000 metered parking spaces (note that other parking spaces are also available but are not metered). The Committee reached a broad consensus on six policy recommendations to increase the availability of parking for people with disabilities: 1) Increase the number of blue zones by 70% – this would mean 470 new blue zones for a total of 4% of all metered parking spaces identified as blue zones; 2) Improve enforcement of placard misuse – including more parking control officers to enforce placards, increased stings, and putting photos in a DMV database so officers can match the person with their placard; 3) Increase oversight of placard approvals – including photos to match person to placards, taking steps to ensure doctors who certify placards are legitimate, and clarifying criteria for eligibility; 4) Remove the meter payment exemption – that is, require everyone to pay at a meter, even if have a placard, as is now required in 35 states, including Arizona and Florida, states with high numbers of seniors; 5) Direct revenue to accessibility improvements – channel funds from metered blue zones into accessibility improvements such as audio pedestrian crossing signals, or bulbouts, or curb ramps; and 6) Establish reasonable time limits – a four-hour time limit to park in a metered spot, and 30 minutes in a green zone for anyone with a placard should give people with disabilities enough time to conduct their business. SFMTA Board of Directors approved a resolution of support for these recommendations, and will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval, at which point they will implement those items under local control, while advocating for changes to state laws as needed. They will continue community outreach on this.

**Legalizing Illegal Secondary Units:** Matt Chamberlain noted that Sup. Scott Wiener has a resolution about this that is specific to District 8 and only effects RH-2 units and up. He is not concerned about that resolution. However, he is concerned about legislation by Sup. David Chiu that would legalize secondary units citywide. George Wooding noted that many WTPCC organizations have CC&Rs that ban secondary units. Dave Bisho expressed concern that the proposed legislation would interfere with our ability to go after people who violate the CC&Rs. Gus Guibert noted that Chiu's legislation would only legalize existing units and not allow people to add any additional secondary units. Carolyn Squeri added, under the legislation, once you legalize a secondary unit, you can never go back to being a single unit building. Adding 30,000 new secondary units to the official roles of housing could take some of the pressure off the demand by the Association of Bay Area Governments that the City add thousands of new units of housing to accommodate population growth in the region. Mathias Mormino noted that Sup. Norman Yee has no interest in co-sponsoring either Sup. Wiener's or Sup. Chiu's proposed legislation. Matt asked members with CC&Rs to send any comments on this to Estelle Smith and the Planning and Land Use Committee.

**Other Business:** Roger Ritter noted that Sup. Norman Yee told the District 7 Council that he has \$100,000 for general improvement projects and \$250,000 for traffic improvements in the district. You can send any ideas for possible projects to him or to the District 7 Council.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sally Stephens, Secretary

#### **2014 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

Fourth Monday of every month – January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May (TBD because the normal meeting day falls on Memorial Day), June 23 (annual meeting), September 22, October 27, November 24. No meetings in July, August, and December. *All meetings are at 7:30 pm. Location is 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 – Sunnyside – Twin Peaks Improvement Association – Westwood Highlands – The Woods