

**WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**June 23, 2014 (June 2014 Meeting) – DRAFT**

**11 Associations Present:**

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter  
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell  
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens  
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard  
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson  
Miraloma Park, Karen Wood  
Monterey Heights, Franck Avril  
Pine Lake, David Golden  
Saint Francis, Carolyn Squeri  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judy Clarke

**9 Associations Absent:**

Forest Knolls, Ingleside Terraces, Lakeshore Acres,  
Merced Manor, Midtown Terrace, Mount Sutro  
Homeowners, Sherwood Forest, Sunnyside, Twin  
Peaks

**Officers Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Christopher Bowman, Restore Transp. Balance  
Jane Shepard, GWPNA  
Time White, GWPNA  
Gus Guibert, Forest Hill  
Anne Wilson, Noe Valley  
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer  
John Farrell, Forest Hill  
Doug Engmann, SF Neighbors  
Lee Hsu, GWPNA  
Bonnie Jones, Forest Hill  
Dena Aslanian Williams, Forest Hill  
Carl Wendorf, Rockridge Terr.  
Neal Patel, SFMTA  
Capt. Tim Falvey, SFPD Ingleside Station  
Joe Meniola, SFPD Taraval Station  
Eric Santiago, SFPD Taraval Station  
Rani Singh, SF District Attorney's Office  
Sup. Norman Yee

**Meeting called to order:** 7:33 pm, there was initially not a quorum (10 of 20), but one more delegate arrived once the meeting had started, and a quorum was present before any voting took place.

**Crime in the Neighborhood:** Karen Wood described an attempted burglary on Marietta in which a suspect was arrested coming out of the house but not prosecuted. Asst. DA Rani Singh noted that the case had not been prosecuted yet because they have to prove a specific intent to burglarize the house and not just trespass within it. They are continuing to investigate the case. She noted that crime in general is down, but noted there has been a rise in property crimes. She acts as a liaison between the community and the District Attorney's office. If people have concerns, they should contact her. Capt. Falvey added that often a few people commit many burglaries and they're working hard to tie burglary cases together. Property crimes went up in 2011 after realignment (shifting prisoners from state to county jails). But they're putting better cases together now, and arrests for property crimes are up 60%. Cell phone robberies are down 26%. Homicides are down in Ingleside (there have been none so far this year). Ingleside leads the City in stolen cars. People should call the police non-emergency line 553-0123 to report car break-ins. Do not call the station. The Police are doing more traffic enforcement to increase pedestrian safety, and helped expedite getting a light installed at Yorba and Sunset, where two pedestrians were killed in recent months. Karen Wood made a motion that WTPCC send a letter supporting Miraloma Park in its call for a review of and reversal of the decision not to prosecute the suspect arrested coming out of a home on Marietta for burglary. Roger Ritter seconded. The motion passed with 10 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

**Supervisor Norman Yee:** Supervisor Yee noted that during the recent Participatory Budgeting process, District 7 projects received more than double the vote for the other two districts participating combined. 33 projects applied for money through Participatory Budgeting, and 15 were funded. He hopes to do a similar process with next fiscal year's budget, with more districts participating. As part of Vision Zero, a citywide pedestrian safety program, Yee said police have stepped up traffic enforcement, targeting drivers, bikes and pedestrians. They are working on an education piece about pedestrian safety and are coordinating different programs. This week is when the Supervisors position themselves to push for addbacks in the City budget process. Yee wants more support for pedestrian safety programs in District 7. He also has noticed a lack of services for seniors in the district and he wants more. He is concerned about isolation of seniors. As the population ages, this will be more of a problem. Yee added that there will be a November ballot initiative focusing on children's services and public schools. Current initiatives are sunsetting, and they have been combined into one city vision for children and families. He noted that Laura's Law, with amendments, will go to the Full Board of Supervisors, having passed out of the Rules Committee. When asked about impacts of secondary unit legislation on RH-1 zoning in the West of Twin Peaks area, Yee said he is continuing to look into this, and investigating language to protect CC&Rs.

**Future of Transportation:** Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation for MTA, spoke about the future of transportation in San Francisco. He noted that SF is the second densest city in the country, and more people are expected to move here in the future. We have to be strategic and smart in how we approach transportation. Streets are in disrepair; half need resurfacing. Public transit is overtaxed and overburdened, stretched thin. There are more and varied uses of streets, and we see more conflicts as a result. Streets were not designed for a variety of uses. Last year 34 people died on the streets, 21 pedestrians. Vision Zero has been developed to eliminate traffic fatalities. Things will not get better unless we do something different. We are getting a lot of streets paved. MTA has over 100 new buses. There have been improvements to the right of way, with colorized lanes to make it clear where you should be. We know what we need to do to make streets safer, but funding is inadequate, both today and in the future. MTA needs \$6 billion. There is \$3.5 billion available, which leaves a \$6 billion need. A task force has recommended MTA find \$3 billion in new revenues over the next 15 years, and leverage and match with other funding to reach the \$6 billion needed. They suggested: 1) a \$500 million General Obligation Bond in November 2014 and another \$500 million Bond in 20 years; 2) restoring the vehicle license fee to raise \$1 billion; and 3) add a new 0.5 cent sales tax dedicated to transportation. The \$500 million Bond in November 2014 will not increase property taxes (it replaces an unrelated bond for the same amount that is being retired). 2/3 of the Bond will be for transit improvements – help speed buses, improve accessibility of transit stops (especially improve escalators and elevators), improve maintenance facilities, etc. 1/3 of the Bond will go to improve right of way to make streets safer for everyone. Reiskin noted that 60% of traffic fatalities happen on 6% of streets. We know where the problems are and know what to do – narrow crossing distances, widen sidewalks, traffic calming, create better separation between bikes and cars. \$300 million of the Bond will go to make streets safer. The Bond has the support of the Mayor and all 11 Supervisors. For more information, go to: [sftransportation2030.com](http://sftransportation2030.com). When asked, he said he did not know the cost per taxpayer of the \$500 million Bond, but he could get back to us with that information. Reiskin said that we need to better manage MUNI, to make it a more attractive choice for all people. If MUNI functions better, it will be able to move more people. He noted that he is happy to give presentations to member organizations.

**Minutes:** The draft minutes for the June 2, 2014 meeting were approved, with three corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported that WTPCC has \$4406.70 in our account. We paid Directors and Officers insurance for the coming year.

**Parliamentarian's Report:** Arvum Shepard noted that he will send out an email asking for contact information for the roster of delegates.

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

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** Dave Bisho made a motion that WTPCC oppose David Chiu's short-term rental legislation (Airbnb). Karen Breslin seconded. The motion passed with 10 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

**Technology Committee:** Avrum Shepard reported that he had transferred delegate list serves from Yahoo to Google.

**Open Space Committee:** Sally Stephens reported that the Board of Supervisors would soon vote on a Draft Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE). The primary concern is with Policy 4.2, that directs the City to inventory all open space in SF, including land in private hands, and develop management plans for that land modeled after the Recreation and Park Department's Natural Areas Program (NAP), with a native-plant preference. In June 2012, WTPCC voted to send in a comment opposing the NAP EIR. In January 2014, WTPCC voted to send a letter to the Mayor opposing the designation, at the suggestion of NAP staff, of 3.2 acres of private land as critical habitat for the Franciscan Manzanita plant. That same month, WTPCC also sent a letter to the Planning Department noting that WTPCC shared concerns of the ROSE Comment Group about a native plant preference in the biodiversity sections of the Draft ROSE. Stephens noted that our concerns had not been addressed. She moved that WTPCC write a letter to the Board of Supervisors opposing the Draft ROSE as long as it contains Policy 4.2. Dave Bisho seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no Public Health, Public Safety, or Transportation Committee report.

**Election of Officers:** Dave Bisho presided over the election. He reported that the Nominating Committee, composed of former Presidents Don Dutil, Denise LaPointe, George Wooding, Paul Conroy, and himself, presented the following Slate: President – Roger Ritter; Vice-President – Sally Stephens; Treasurer – Carolyn Squeri; Secretary – David Golden; Parliamentarian at the discretion of the new President. There were no nominations from the floor. Avrum Shepard made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Franck Avril seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Bisho presented a plaque to Matt Chamberlain, on behalf of WTPCC, in appreciation for his dedicated service as President from 2011 to 2013.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:13 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