



West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Meeting Minutes

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Date: Monday October 26, 2015

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: **Forest Hill Clubhouse**
381 Magellan Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

Associations:	Those Present shown in bold		
Balboa Terrace	Roger Ritter	Monterey Heights	Marco Magallon Susan Zurinaga Paul Anderson
Forest Hill	Dena Aslanian William Gus Guibert	Mount Sutro Homeowners	
Forest Knolls	Herbert Dunmeyer Kristine Zaback	Pine Lake Park	David Golden
Ingleside Terrace	Paul Conroy Carolyn + Bob Karis	Saint Francis Woods	Carolyn Squeri, Paul Hill
Golden Gate Heights	Sally Stephens	Sherwood Forest	
Greater West Portal	Avrum Shepard Matt Chamberlain Lee Heus	Sunnyside	Lisa Spinali Estelle Smith
Lakeshore Acres	Barbara Chionsini Bill Chionsini,	The Woods	Judy Clarke
Lakeside Property Owners	Joyce Richardson,	Twin Peaks	Denise LaPoint
Merced Manor	Mike Garcia	Westwood Highlands	Bhushan Mudbhary Dave Bisho
Midtown Terrace	George Wooding		
Miraloma Park	Karen Breslin		
Officers Present:	President – Roger Ritter Vice President- Sally Stephens	Treasurer- Carolyn Squeri Secretary – David Golden Parliamentarian - Lee Hsu	
Guests Present:			

Roll Call and Minutes Review:

Meeting called to order: 7:37PM

Roll Call: 10 Member associations present, we do not start with a quorum.

Minutes: ?? moves, ?? Seconds minutes approved.

Officer Reports:

President / Roger Ritter:

Vice President / Sally Stephens: Nothing

Secretary / David Golden: Nothing

Treasurer / Carolyn Squeri:

Parliamentarian / Lee Hsu:

Committee Reports:

Planning and Land Use / Estelle Smith:

Technology / Avrum Shepard:

Public Health / George Wooding:

Open Space & Parks / Sally Stephens:

Transportation / Avrum Shepard:

Public Safety / Barbara Chionsini:

7:40 pm-8:00 pm Committee Reports (20 min)

Speakers and Discussion Public Safety: Bill Chionsini, introduces the subject of public safety. He pre-polled delegates for questions. Notes that the neighborhoods of WTPCC are different than many of the other neighborhoods, as we are predominantly single family homes. Would like to hear from the officers present what we can do as home owners to make our streets safer. Bill, is interested in discussing the issues related to Prop 47. He proposes that Prop 47 is making their jobs much harder.

Officers Present:

Deputy Chief Mike Redmond- Deputy Chief of Operation, 23 yr veteran of the SFPD. He will speak to department wide issues

Commander Rob O'Sullivan, 21 years, Has been in current assignment since March. The Captains of the local Precints reports to Rob.

Captain Sanford, 30 yr veteran. Park District.

Captian McFadden, Ingleside Captain. 2nd biggest geographic area in the city.

Two other officers are present.

Community Policing: Per Chief Redmond, will allow captains to share their views. It's as simple as the police collaborating with the communities. It is where "the prevention of crime starts." Helpful to have a dedicated officer to be the ear of the community, and facilitate discussion. They are eager to connect with communities and attend meetings like ours.

Commander O'Sullivan: Notes SFPD does not designate community officers. All officers are community officers. The ritual starts with academy where we try to train in this sort of mind set from the

beginning. He envisions that a sargent would be assigned to a group such as ours. Want to have regular contact and familiarity prior to an emergency. For non-emergent incidents would hope that event could be reported directly to the precinct. Officers are expected to be "out there" engaged in the community. There are different units assigned for different categories- such as "youth outreach."

Captain Sanford: Community policing is all about collaborating with the community. San Francisco is very diverse and it's important to respond to the specific community. Each district is unique. Each district presents its unique challenges. Need to respond individually to community. Capt. Sanford, is happy to share his email to his entire district. He likes to get the email from a broad spectrum of the community to get diverse points of view. The district is divided into 4 sectors. Sargent's are assigned to each sectors. The sector assignments supervisor the officers, and can respond immediately to issues as they are raised by the community. We like to use our news letter to share information with the community. Include tips for how to respond to common issues in the neighborhood. Our goal is to make our officers are accessible as possible. Meeting with neighbors, and hearing their concerns. One last thing that we do at Park Stations "Merchant's Monday" connects directly with local business.

Captain McFadden: We try to connect with the public so that they can assist with community police. He tries to offer training of the community about how and when to use 911. Gives an example of a suspicious person looking around the neighborhood, who then starts to use a flashlight. That would be a trigger to call police. Notes that if a suspicious person is seen in one neighborhood it can create probable cause which would allow them to detain an individual if they are seen in another neighborhood.

Bill notes that we can use 311 to create a complaint which can be used to trigger police activity.

Crime: Bill asks the officers to discuss some of the many kinds of crime from violent to crimes against property:

Commander O'Sullivan: Notes that we are seeing more crime moving across neighborhoods. Looks to see the different stations work together. Notes that they are seeing more gang related crimes. They are looping gangs into property crime. Gangs are a particular concern because the crimes to escalate. 2 teams with 8 officers looking to loop in these property crimes if gang activity is suspected. City wide the department management doing its best to push more resources out into the field.

Officers: It can hard to see a pattern to the crime. We have had a string of crimes such as garage burglaries, crimes of opportunity where criminals are taking advantage of open garage doors. Notes that video surveillance is the best tool to help us catch criminals. Provides a recent success where they captured a

Captain McFadden: The computer generated alerts that are being distributed throughout the city are really helping. Communication is working really well. More video the better. Suggest cameras that monitors your front door. Any information about how the suspect entered and left the project. They are looking to provide a list of what feature they recommend. Prices are really dropping. Most house burglaries happen between 10-3. Suggests we call, when we see something suspicious. Suggest we can call the station again if the response has been delayed.

Prop 47: Passed Nov. 2014.

Commander O'Sullivan: Prop 47 redefined sentencing requirements. Some crimes which used to be felonies were changed to misdemeanors. For possible felonies we used to collect DNA article for many more crimes. Prop 47 has let to many people avoid criminal activity. The threshold for arrest and an extended sentencing has really risen, so many violent crimes are given minimal punishment. Provides an example of a lenient judge who let off a criminal who had committed 10s of crimes, they had plain clothed officers follow the individual out

of the court, who started to break down the street break into a car, and was escorted back to the bench for additional sentencing review. Thefts need to be over \$950 to qualify as a felony. Robbery is still a felony. However if you can not link the suspect to the act of crime the actual attack, but only find them with stolen property, the crime is reduced to a misdemeanor because

Homelessness: Looks to coordinate with the wide range of city entities that provide services to the homeless. Over 15K crimes related to quality of life issues. Notes that the police are not able to solve the issues of homelessness, that's a larger social issue. It will not be solved by the police just issuing more citations. Encampments are something we can try to address as quickly as possible. Look to have neighbors added supporting testimony so the officers are not alone in making the case against and individual. Reminds the audience to call 911 as soon as they see someone behaving in a dangerous way. The officer notes that its critical to find more housing for the individuals who end up the street. That the core issues related to homelessness can not be addressed until we housing for the individual. Question: How do we handle mental health issues? Answer: Two conditions- 5150 situations where the person needs to be hospitalized, the police will be very involved with that sort of situation. With less emergent situations the city's social workers will attempt to address the situation. Question: I see people with people living in their cars what can we do about that? Answer: We are seeing lots of individuals who have jobs and living out of their cars. Its difficult to address these issues. We have some tools, such as a limit of 72 hours that a vehicle can be parked in one location.

8:45 pm-9:00 pm Old Business & New Business (15 min):

None

9:00 pm Adjourn + Social

Avrum motions to Adjourn. We are adjourned.

Adjourned.

Minutes by David Golden, Secretary