



# West of Twin Peaks Central Council

*A Resource for Neighborhood Organizations West of Twin Peaks in San Francisco since 1936*

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## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, September 25, 2017

**Time:** 7:30pm – 9:00pm

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

<b>Associations:</b>	Those Present shown in bold			
	<b>Balboa Terrace</b>	<b>Brigitte Churnin</b> Robert Mann	<b>Monterey Heights</b>	<b>Steve Roditti</b> Leslie French
	<b>Forest Hill</b>	<b>Dena Aslanian</b> <b>William</b> Gus Guibert John Farrell	Mount Sutro Homeowners	
	Forest Knolls	Herbert Dunmeyer Kristine Zaback	Pine Lake Park	David Golden
	<b>Ingleside Terrace</b>	<b>Paul Conroy</b> Carolyn + Bob Karis <b>Mark Scardina</b>	<b>Saint Francis Woods</b>	<b>Carolyn Squeri</b> Paul Hill
	<b>Golden Gate Heights</b>	<b>Sally Stephens</b>	Sherwood Forest	
	<b>Greater West Portal</b>	<b>Matt Chamberlain</b> Lee Hsu Libby Noronha	Sunnyside	Lisa Spinali Estelle Smith Steve Martinpinto
	Lakeshore Acres	Barbara Chionsini Bill Chionsini	<b>The Woods</b>	<b>Judy Clarke</b>
	Lakeside Property Owners	Joyce Richardson,	<b>Twin Peaks</b>	<b>Denise LaPoint</b>
	Merced Manor	Mike Garcia	<b>Westwood Highlands</b>	<b>Bhushan Mudbhary</b> Dave Bisho
	<b>Midtown Terrace</b>	<b>George Wooding</b>		
	<b>Miraloma Park</b>	<b>Karen Breslin</b> Karen Wood		
<b>Officers Present:</b>	<b>President – Sally Stephens</b> <b>Vice President - Matt Chamberlain</b>		<b>Treasurer- Carolyn Squeri</b> Secretary – David Golden Parliamentarian – Dena Aslanian Williams	

<b>Guests Present:</b>	Indigo Mudbhary Jen Low (Supervisor Yee's Office) Judy Clarke Carl Wexidorf	Herbert Dwymeyer Christopher Bowman Frank Noto
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**Roll Call and Minutes Review:**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:39 pm by Sally Stephens.

**Roll Call:** 12 Delegates Present, Quorum Attained (initially no quorum, but delegates arrived after meeting started and a quorum was present before voting on minutes)

**Minutes:** Previous Minutes Approved with minor amendments to show delegates present at June meeting and to correct a single typo.

**Main Agenda:**

**Supervisor Normal Yee (District 7):** We deferred officer updates and other matters to accommodate the limited time Supervisor Norman Yee had to address the delegates.

Supervisor Yee discussed housing, noting that we need family housing, which means we need to be sure that if we build housing, we build units for families that are larger than a studio or one-bedroom apartment. He also mentioned flashing beacons that have been added to O'Shaughnessy Blvd as part of Vision Zero pedestrian safety. He has asked for similar flashing beacons to be installed at the West Portal middle block crosswalk. He would also like to see the beacons added at several intersections on Monterey.

Yee also noted that long-term municipal construction projects can have major impacts on businesses on those streets, as was seen recently on West Portal and on Castro. He is working to find ways to help businesses impacted by these long-term projects. He also wants to ban delivery robots from San Francisco sidewalks because he feels there is no way to make them safe for pedestrians. Regulations may not work because they will be difficult to enforce.

In an effort to combat crime against tourists, Supervisor Yee has been working on legislation to block rental cars from being easily identified by prominent bar-codes in the windows or other advertising affixed to the cars themselves. This will apply only to cars rented within San Francisco or at the SF Airport though, so tourists who drive in from outside the area may still be easily identified and targeted by criminals for smash-and-grab auto break-ins. Yee mentioned that tourism brings about \$9 Billion/yr to San Francisco.

In another effort to combat property and quality of life crime, Yee is supporting a Police Commission Taskforce to help determine the target total number of police needed in San Francisco. Yee mentioned that with the massive development plans for Park Merced over the next 10 years, SF may need to build an entire police station dedicated just to Park Merced. Yee has asked the Police Commission to study the problem.

Yee also argues against centralizing a police task force to address property crime (auto and home burglaries) in favor for dedicating a single officer in each police district. He points out that a centralized property crime group may only focus on the highest crime areas in the most densely populated areas of the city, and ignore crimes in District 7.

Finally, he suggested that SF should close the Twin Peaks observation area to all auto traffic at night because of the huge concentration of property and violent crime there. Instead of just putting in a barrier at

the top of the hill where people could park and walk around it, he suggests blocking automobile traffic at the bottom of the hill on both the North and South access roads.

Matt Chamberlain also asked how Yee could argue that it's best to spread our police resources out (one officer per station), while simultaneously pointing out that certain areas are more prone to crime (Twin Peaks) and need extra attention. Yee did not respond to this question.

Matt Chamberlain asked Supervisor Yee to explain how he can reconcile his previous points that crime is based on population density, with his vote against legislation that would have adjusted police headcount based on SF population. Yee responded that he's not interested in defending his previous vote, and that setting an arbitrary number that increases as the population increases doesn't make any sense.

A guest asked Yee to report on school absentee data in District 7 and correlate this chronic absentee information with the number of kids who go on to become criminals. Yee said that he's not on the school board anymore and doesn't have any of that data and that we should invite someone from the school board to talk to it.

**Guest Speaker Frank Noto (Stop Crime SF):** Frank Noto spoke briefly about the organization Stop Crime SF and their efforts to let judges and law enforcement know that the victims of crime (residents) are aware of what's going on at the courts. That group has many individual members and the support of several neighborhood associations. Stop Crime SF is a strong supporter of the Yee legislation to make rental cars less identifiable. They also meet regularly with various SF PD station captains and sponsor the "Court Watch" program that helps neighbors attend court arraignment and hearings for people arrested for property crimes. Interestingly the criminal court system operates only 4-days per week because of state budget cuts. And while the prosecution rate nationwide for car break-ins is 14%, here in San Francisco, it's only 2%.

**President / Sally Stephens:** Our next meeting will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. That's the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, but not the last Monday. Sally asked for delegates to suggest key topics for WTPCC to concentrate on over the next year. The following list is their suggestions in the order they were made:

- Stonestown Development
- Balboa Reservoir Development
- Water (Blending Ground Water)
- Streets (terrible condition)
- Water & Sewer Rate Increases
- Recology Rate increases and Can Size decreases
- Monterrey Heights looking into Private Security companies
- Property Crime (burglaries and car break-ins)
- SF Budget
- City taking over care of street trees
- Legalization of Marijuana for recreational use becoming legal in January 2018
- Junipero Serra Trees in terrible repair (branches falling on cars)
- KLM Line Underground project
- Impact of Uber/Lyft on traffic in SF
- Privatization of public space (streets and parks)
- Pedestrian Safety
- Zoning
- AirB&B and other vacation rental activity

**Vice President / Matt Chamberlain:** No Report

**Secretary / David Golden:** Not Present – Notes Taken by Matt Chamberlain

**Treasurer / Carolyn Squeri:** Currently hold \$2,388.34 in our account after paying D&O Insurance over the summer as well as some minor Internet Service fees for our domain name and web site. Dues letters will go out shortly to all member organizations who haven't paid yet for this year.

**Parliamentarian / Dena Aslanian William:** No present

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Land Use:** Committee not active. Need volunteer for chair. This shouldn't be a huge time commitment and it's an important function to fill. If you can spare some time, please consider volunteering for this role.

**Technology / Matt Chamberlain:** Plans to update the master delegate roster and member organization board/officer contact info this Fall. Will also be moving the web site to an easier to use hosting service so that updates can be done more quickly in the future.

**Public Health / George Wooding:** Several organizations have sprung up to raise concerns over the blending of toxic ground water with the piped in Hetch Hetchy drinking water. Gorge and Chris Bowman passed a petition to request the PUC stop the practice. Visit <http://www.sfsafewatercoalition.com> for more info.

**Open Space & Parks / Sally Stephens:** No report.

**Transportation / OPEN:** No Update, looking for someone to volunteer to keep the group updated on transportation related issues.

Interestingly even the San Francisco Bike Coalition is feeling the sting of property crime with bike theft a major concern. <http://www.sfbike.org/news/what-more-can-be-done-to-address-bike-theft/>

**Public Safety / Barbara Chionsini:** Not present.

**9:00 pm Adjourn + Social :** Karen Breslin motions to Adjourn. We are adjourned.

Adjourned.