

## West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – June 27, 2005

### **8 Organizations Present:**

Forest Hill, Walt Farrell  
Greater West Portal, Bud Wilson  
Lakeshore Acres, Barbara Chionsini  
Midtown Terrace, Gilbert de la Mora  
Pinelake Park, Don R. Dutil  
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn., George Zaback  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
Westwood Park, Margaret Reed

**8 Organizations Absent:** Balboa Terrace, Ingleside Terrace, Lakeside Property Owners, Merced Manor, Miraloma Park, Monterey Heights, Sherwood Forest, St. Francis Home Assn.

### **Officers Present:**

Dave Bisho, President

Barbara Chionsini, Vice President  
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary  
Margaret Reed, Treasurer  
Bill Chionsini, Parliamentarian

### **Guests:**

Avrum Shepard, Greater West Portal  
Marilyn Amini, Greater West Portal  
Laurie Sullivan, Greater West Portal  
Charlie Meyers, Lakeshore Acres  
Alene Meyers, Lakeshore Acres  
Brian McDermott, Midtown Terrace  
Dorothy Johansen, Parkside District Improvement Club  
Mas Kawaguchi, Parkside District Improvement Club  
Doris Linnenbach, Twin Peaks Improvement Assn.  
Sergeant Randy Young, S.F.P.D. Taraval Station

## **Featured Speakers: Supervisor Sean Elsbernd and Pamela Matsuda of SAFE**

**Meeting came to order:** 7:45 pm

**Minutes:** The May 23, 2005 minutes were approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Margaret Reed reported that there is \$2733.26 in the Treasury

**Police Report:** The June 27 meeting of WTPCC was dedicated to commending Captain Sanford on his and his staff's work at Taraval Station. Bill Chionsini read a WTPCC letter commending Captain Sanford that will be sent to the Police Commission

### **Committee Reports:**

**WTPCC Website, Ocean Ave, Sloat Ave. Beautification, Lakeshore Plaza, & Medicinal Marijuana Clubs:** No reports

**Zoning:** Marlyn Amini reported that the Planning Department will determine if the **Better Neighborhoods Plus** planning and implementation process proposed legislation will be sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). This legislation will change the planning process in significant ways. First, zoning would be recommended (by a planning implementation committee (PIC) who would study zoning changes in arbitrary 40 acres lots. It will reduce neighborhood notification of proposed projects, reduce the numbers of DR's, and eliminate the right to appeal. Because of lack of neighborhood notification and the fact that neighborhood organizations recess during summer, Marilyn moved that WTPCC send a letter to the PC requesting that they write a letter to the BOS requesting a continuance to Mid-October of a decision by the PC to send this legislation to the Board of Supervisors; *The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

**Laguna Honda Hospital:** Bud Wilson reported that the Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) legislation, scheduled to appear on November 2005 ballot, has been postponed until the June 2006 election. The proposed legislation, written by a team opposed to 2004 LHH admission policy changes, would remove the authority to make admission policy decisions from the LHH staff and place the decisions with the SF Board of Supervisors. The City Attorney stated that the legislation did not contain language it wanted included, and the City Attorney's office ran out of time to make revisions. Another meeting about LHH will be on June 29 at On Lok Senior Center.

**Old Business:** Bud Wilson reported that the election of WTPCC officers would be postponed because of unresolved issues. A special meeting of the WTPCC Board will convene in July to discuss the issues and then nominate officers.

**New business, Delegate Report:** None

**Featured Speakers: Supervisor Sean Elsbernd** explained his proposed legislation regarding regulation of medical marijuana clubs in the City. The legislation proposes to reduce the number of clubs to 8 from an estimated 40 to 55 now existing. The number 8 was chosen because Oakland, with half of SF's population, has 4 clubs. All of the existing clubs can apply to continue operation. The Planning Director will review those sites with neighborhoods and City agencies, including DBI. The legislation proposes that clubs that have complied with existing rules and regulations will have priority over those who have opened without having complied. Elsbernd explained that the proposal to have the City distribute medical marijuana might cause a loss of federal money to SF because federal law opposes distribution of medicinal marijuana. Therefore, it is not an option. **Pamela Matsuda** explained the program, SAFE, that works for more safety awareness in neighborhoods by forming neighborhood watches and providing information on what's going on in neighborhoods and getting people together to make neighborhoods safer. SAFE provides levels of services: providing safety tips and newsletters or actually coming in to a neighborhood to help organize neighborhood watches. She urged WTPCC member representatives to take SAFE information back to their organizations and urge them to use the services of SAFE. She acknowledged that neighborhoods in which medical marijuana clubs have located have experienced an escalation of crime incidences. SAFE works with the police department and the mayor's office.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**