

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – February 27, 2006

14 Organizations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Mike Jones
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Ingleside Terrace, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Barbara Chionsini
Lakeside Properties, Hal Harper
Merced Manor, Christophe Niglio
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club, Dan Liberthson
Monterey Heights, Mark Jordan
Pinelake Park, Don Dutil
Sherwood Forest, Bob DeLiso
St Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri
Twin Peaks Improvement Club, Doris Linnenbach
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho

2 Organizations Absent: Greater West Portal
Westwood Park

Officers Present:

Dave Bisho, President
Barbara Chionsini, Vice President
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary
Bill Chionsini, Parliamentarian

Guests:

Avrum Shepard, Greater West Portal
Emeric Kalman, Greater West Portal
Christian Mackey, Lakeshore Acres
Charlie Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Alene Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor
Dorothy Johansen, Parkside District Improvement Club
Mas Kawaguchi, Parkside District Improvement Club
Kirsten Wallerstedt, Assemblyman Leland Yee's Office
Sergeant Randy Young, Taraval Police Station

Featured Speaker: District 7 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

Meeting came to order: 7:40 pm

Minutes: The January 23, 2006 minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Dave Bisho reported that there is \$3036.07 in the treasury.

Police Report: Sergeant Randy Young reported on the homeless problems. Along with Rec & Park people, they are clearing the Fleischaker Bldg of homeless and of huge amounts of debris. Two officers from Taraval along with two officers from Park Station cleared an encampment on 7th Ave. near the Reservoir. They monitor the site regularly. Two officers, John Braganoli and Scott Biggs, have been taken off of street duty pending an investigation whether they searched a home without signed authorization as tenant claims. OMI & other people are supporting them because of their fine work in their neighborhoods.

Committee Reports:

WTPCC website, Sloat Ave, Medicinal Marijuana Clubs, Laguna Honda: No reports

Zoning: Marilyn Amini reported that the BN+ legislation would be heard before BOS on 2/28/06. She says it should not go forward. Because of 5 amendments that have been added, it should go back to the Plg Commission before being acted upon. There was a discussion about WTPCC writing a letter asking that BN+ be sent back to Plg. Comm. Paul Conroy commented that WTPCC has written letters already on the subject to BOS. Planning Supervisor Mike Antonini agreed that BN+ should return to the Plg Commission so they could consider the amended document to see how much BN+ now differs from the one they acted upon. The City Attorney office should determine if the amendments are substantial enough to warrant starting the process over again. He said when the Plg Comm. considered BN+, it felt BN+ was "not ready for prime time" and the city should go more slowly on it. In addition, Mike Antonini said that there is increased activity in city planning: the BN+, below market housing projects, attempts to relax the off street parking space requirement of 1 parking space for 1 residential unit in the C3 zoned sections of the city. The C3 legislation was also amended after the Plg. Comm. rejected it.

Lakeshore Plaza: Barbara Chionsini reported that delivery trucks are parking illegally in streets adjacent to Plaza. A proposed solution for containing problems within the Plaza would be to close off the vehicle exit going on to Everglade. However, that would require a traffic study.

Ocean Avenue: Paul Conroy reported good news. The City College Performing Arts Center will be built. Prop A that provided the funding was approved on 11/05. Not all money will be coming from the bond. Some is coming from the State. WTPCC supported it, along with Ingleside, Westwood Park, Balboa Park, Westwood Highlands, and Aptos

New Business: A motion to write a letter supporting legislation proposed by Sean Elsbernd to allocate \$28,000,000 one-time expenditure to repair potholes. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Old Business/Delegates News & Announcements: None

Featured Speaker: Sean Elsbernd reported on upcoming construction work of MUNI tracks in and out of tunnel. He called attention to the new trees on Portola Drive commenting that it is ironic that the same street is riddled with potholes. He is proposing legislation to use \$27,800,000 of one-time windfall from taxes to fix potholes. The liability for injuries resulting from potholes is huge. A bicyclist was injured when he hit a pothole and received a settlement of \$925,000. He estimated it has cost city \$135,000,000 in injury settlements from pothole accidents. He asked for support by WTPCC for the legislation. The increase of parking tickets and meter fares will be acted upon by BOS. The revenue will go to MUNI.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm