

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – February 26, 2007

12 Organizations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Hanna Fleck
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Bud Wilson
Ingleside Terrace, Paul Conroy
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club, Gary Noguera
Pinelake Park, Don Dutil
St. Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn., Doris Linnenbach
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
Westwood Park, Margaret Reed

4 Organizations Absent: Lakeshore Acres, Merced Manor

Monterey Heights, Sherwood Forest

Officers Present:

Denise LaPointe, President
Don Dutil, Vice President

Officers Present – continued:

Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary
Dave Bisho, Parliamentarian

Guests:

Walter Caplan, Forest Knolls
Marilyn Amini, Greater West Portal Assn
Mara S. Kopp, Lakeshore Acres
Patti Martin, Lakeside Property Owners
Charlie Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Alene Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
Mara Kopp, Lakeshore Acres
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor
George Wooding, Midtown Terrace
Anita Theoharis, Westwood Park
Ken Ibarra, Lions Club
Sgt. Steve Quon, SFPD

Featured Speaker: Mike Brown and Tyrone Jue, San Francisco PUC

Meeting came to order: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes: The January 29, 2007 minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported there was \$2,605.51 in the treasury.

Police Report: Sgt. Steve Quon reported that the crime rate has slowed down in Parkmerced and OMI.. Taraval station is short staffed by several officers. There was a death of a person in custody who choked to death when he swallowed evidence.

COMMITTEES:Traffic & Safety: No report

Land Use & Planning: Marilyn Amini reported on the Market/Octavia (M/O)Plan. In response to a letter from the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods asking for an opinion from the City Attorney if the M/O Plan would apply to other neighborhoods, Dr. Ghosh explained to the Planning Commission that if it was to be applied to a district there are specific procedures that PD has to follow that require notice. The City Attorney explained that the Zoning Administrator's responsibility is to follow the rules of the Code and provide the notice. Marilyn contended that all neighborhoods potentially affected should be notified when/if the M/O Plan is on the books. Denise suggested that the WTPCC should see that the new zoning not be applied to the large new developments coming up on the west side. Marilyn countered that the issues is that "do we have the right to receive notice and comment on what will be a policy City-wide." Dave Bisho moved that a letter from WTPCC be sent to the Planning Commission requesting that it does not act on the M/O Plan until all neighborhood organizations are notified in the areas that they acknowledge are affected. George Linn seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Community & Events: The 70th anniversary of WTPCC will be celebrated at the June meeting

Featured Speakers: Tyrone Jue and Mike Brown of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission explained the new water rate increases based on higher rates for the amount of water used.

New Business: Dave Bisho announced that there is a hearing on April 2 on an application for a new permit of an existing medical cannabis dispensary (MCD) at 1944 Ocean Avenue. Paul Conroy moved that WTPCC support the community in opposing a MCD close to Aptos Middle School. Anita Theoharis seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The application is subject to a discretionary review action per Plg Code Section 217K. Ken Ibarra from the Lions Club wants to revitalize the West of Twin Peaks Lions Club and is looking for community service projects for Lions Club members.

Old Business: George Linn moved to adopt new names for WTPCC committees: Land Use & Planning, Traffic & Safety, Communications, & Event Committees, Paul Conroy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Charlie Meyers asked if members who were not delegates could volunteer for a committee. Denise responded that yes they can, but a delegate must deliver the report back to the Council.

Delegate News & Announcements: George Wooding, of Midtown Terrace, reported that Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) has an Assisted Living Committee that is funded by a HUD grant. The public has no access to the meetings, and they are developing policies that are going to affect patients and neighborhoods. The committee claims that "assisted living" and "supportive housing" are interchangeable terms. Supportive housing provides counseling and job training and rehabilitation services. LHH is a medical facility but the Assisted Living Committee is creating a situation in which no medical services will be required. Supportive housing is proposed for a proposed a 4th building. There is a meeting of the Assisted Living Committee on March 19. There is a website: www.stoplhhdowntsize.com that has transcriptions of the Assisted Living Committee meetings that a LHH nurse obtained through the Sunshine Ordinance. .

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.