

DRAFT West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – October 22, 2007

11 Organizations Present:

Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Ingleside Terrace, Paul Conroy
Merced Manor, Lynn Lynch
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club, Gary Noguera
Monterey Heights, Mark Lynch
Pinelake Park, Don Dutil
St. Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn., Doris Linnenbach
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho
Westwood Park, Margaret Reed

5 Organizations Absent: Balboa Terrace, Forest Hill, Lakeshore Acres, Lakeside Properties, Sherwood Forest

Officers Present:

Denise LaPointe, President
Don Dutil, Vice President
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer

Officers Present, continued

Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary
Dave Bisho, Parliamentarian

Guests:

Marilyn Amini, Greater West Portal Assn
John Farrell, Forest Hill
Charles Meyers, Lakeshore Acres
George Wooding, Midtown Terrace
Dorothy Johansen, Parkside
Mas Kawaguchi, Parkside
Sean Elsbernd, District 7 Supervisor
Mark Slavin, Laguna Honda Hospital
Nick Hardeman, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma's Office
Summer Graham, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
J. Richardson, LPOA
Sgt Steve Quon, Taraval Station
Sgt Michelangelo Apodaca, Taraval Station
Sgt Eric Kim

Featured Speakers: State Senator Leland Yee discussed plans to ease 19th Avenue congestion, District 7 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd responded to delegate questions

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

Minutes: The September 24, 2007 minutes sent by regular mail did not list the 2007-2008 elected officers. They are: Denise LaPointe, President; Don Dutil, Vice President; Treasurer, Carolyn Squeri; Secretary, Rae Doyle, Parliamentarian, Dave Bisho. The minutes sent by e-mail were corrected prior to the September 24 meeting, and the corrected minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported there is \$2,055.10 in the treasury. The WTPCC Board will be requesting a dues increase that will be explained in a letter to members so that they will have time to consult their respective boards before a vote is taken regarding dues. *George Linn moved to approve the proposal, Paul Conroy seconded and it was passed unanimously.*

Police Report: Officer Michelangelo Apodaca is being transferred to Public Affairs and Denise LaPointe presented him and Captain Keith Sanford, who has transferred to the airport, with certificates of appreciation signed by WTPCC officers & delegates. Sgt. Steve Quon reported that the new captain, Paul Chignell, distributes by e-mail a daily police report and invited people to submit their e-mail addresses to the list. He introduced, Sgt Eric Kim, who is newly transferred to Taraval Station.

COMMITTEES:

Traffic & Safety: No report

Land Use & Planning: Margaret Reed announced that the draft EIR for Balboa neighborhood is ready for public view.

Community & Events: George Wooding said that there are groups who want to change the designation for LHH from medical licensed facility to Independent Living facility. This is an effort to scale down the 1200 skilled nursing beds originally voted for even further than the current 780 beds. Mark Slavin of LHH staff said that community voices are being heard. His number is 759-2350. Denise LaPointe asked if 400 parking spaces are being eliminated on LHH campus. He was not sure if this was true

Featured Speakers: Senator Yee discussed two points regarding 19th Avenue: traffic congestion and pedestrian safety. The teardown of the Central Freeway and population growth on the west side has created an impact on 19th Avenue. The problem is being discussed at the state level. He is working with Bond Yee to improve the traffic flow. One proposal is to coordinate the lights better and install countdown signals in the early part of 2008. He will introduce a bill in January 2008 to double traffic fines on 19th Avenue. The Dept. of Transportation doesn't like double fines, but is reconsidering them. If passed, Elsbernd will have a role in determining how those extra dollars will be spent. Also, because of the recent death at 19th Ave & Sloat Blvd, CALTRANS will install a dedicated left lane signal for traffic traveling east to north. He is looking at getting more of a share of California sales tax funds to improve public transportation in SF. The Senate will be discussing health care. Re the legislation to ban violent video games, the industry got an injunction against the state, but the state will take it back to court. Sean Elsbernd discussed the intricacies of how Ed Jew will be removed from the BOS and responded to questions from the delegates. Re pot holes, he said that prior to 2 years ago, for 25 years no money was allocated to street repair so there is a huge backlog of projects. Monterey Blvd is completed. Work on Portola Dr. from St. Francis Circle to Twin Peaks Blvd will start in 2008. The next project is the continuation of Monterey Blvd. Nick Hardeman, from Fiona Ma's office, said Assemblyman Ma has introduced 28 bills in her first year in office and eight are on the Governor's desk

Delegates News & Announcements: Denise LaPointe announced a Town Hall meeting about the Arden Wood development on 11/1/07 at St. Cecilia Church from 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm