

## DRAFT West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – November 26, 2007

### 11 Organizations Present:

Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard  
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy  
Lakeshore Acres, Bruce Selby  
Lakeside Property Owners Assn, 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

**5 Organizations Absent:** Balboa Terrace, Forest Hill,  
Merced Manor, Monterey Heights, Sherwood Forest

### Officers Present:

Denise LaPointe, President  
Don Dutil, Vice President  
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer  
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary

Dave Bisho, Parliamentarian

### Guests:

Charles Meyers, Lakeshore Acres  
Mara S. Kopp, Lakeshore Acres  
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor  
George Wooding, Midtown Terrace  
Eric Castongia, Neighbors of Arden Wood  
Barbara Morris, Neighbors of Arden Wood  
Aaron Goodman, Parkmerced Residents' Organization  
Judy Berkowitz, Coalition of SF Neighborhoods  
Joan Girardot, Coalition of SF Neighborhoods  
Sean Elsbernd, District 7 Supervisor  
Doug Comstock, West of Twin Peaks Observer  
Leah Rowell, Senator Leland Yee's Office  
Christine Hwang, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma's Office  
Catalina Hayes-Bautiste, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma's Office  
Sgt Jahan Kim, Taraval Station  
John Gavin, Parkmerced  
Leo Chow, Parkmerced

### **Featured Speakers: Kathryn Devincenzi to discuss lawsuit re EIR of Housing Element, Dist. 4 Supervisor Carmen Chu, Dist. 7 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, & Craig Hartman, Parkmerced project update**

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

**Minutes:** The October 22, 2007 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported there is \$1721.19 in the treasury. Dues increase letters will be sent prior to the January 2008 meeting. There will be different rates for organizations depending on number of homes, rather than flat rate dues.

**Police Report:** Sgt. Jahan Kim reported there have been street robberies between 9:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the area from Lakeview to Irving Streets. Asian females are targeted, being approached from behind and having their purses taken. Since the incidents are similar in MO and the area is widespread, police think suspects are riding in cars looking for victims.

### **COMMITTEES:**

**Traffic & Safety:** Paul Conroy raised and Avrum Shepard seconded motion for WTPCC to write a letter to DPT, CALTRANS, and City authorities complaining about the left-hand turn signal from Sloat Blvd. onto 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue that it needs to be studied and adjusted to permit a safe turn north. The motion was passed unanimously by the delegates.

**Land Use & Planning:** Eric Castongia of Neighbors of Arden Wood reported that about 250 people attended a Town Hall meeting regarding the Arden Wood project. Doris Linnenbach moved that WTPCC support the Aqua Vista neighbors in the effort to have P&R Dept. purchase a landlocked lot for open space. Avrum seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Community & Events:** No report

**New Business:** Paul Conroy reported on a DR request before the Planning Commission on 12/13/07 re an acupuncture clinic at 1959 Ocean Ave. requesting expanded hours from a closing time of 8:00 pm to closing at 10:00 pm. This clinic is already open six days a week and by appointment on Sunday. ITHA and neighbors are concerned about the late night activity at the site and oppose the expanded hours. Paul Conroy moved that WTPCC support the neighborhood opposition to the expanded hours in a letter to the Planning Comm. George Linn seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. Denise LaPointe announced that three organizations have asked to join WTPCC and delegates will be asked to vote on this in January 2008. She also said that Aaron Goodman of the Parkmerced Residents' Organization has asked to join, but since the member organizations are not tax paying property owners, that organization is not eligible. But they are welcome to attend WTPCC meetings

**Featured Speakers** Kathryn Devincenzi, lawyer for San Franciscans for Livable Neighborhoods, a citywide group, reported on the lawsuit that the group won requiring the City to have an environmental impact report (EIR) on the 2004 amendments to the General Plan Housing Element. The Planning Department had exempted the 2004 General Plan Housing Element from an EIR even though it contained requirements for increased housing density, and doing away with SF's one-to-one parking/residential unit requirement that Devincenzi argued would affect the environment. In 1990 and 1983 the Housing Elements did have EIR's and in those years, it did not require increased housing density and parking requirement changes.

Carmen Chu answered questions about City spending, traffic on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the burden on taxpayers to supply services to proposed major housing projects now being considered. Sean Elsbernd discussed his legislation to reform medical coverage for city employees that will be on the June 2008 ballot. Craig Hartman of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architects for the Parkmerced development explained how the development will be the greenest in the country by encouraging public transportation use, use of efficient appliance, realignment of streets to take advantage of wind power, and use of recycled water.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm**

