

West of Twin Peaks Central Council Minutes – January 28, 2008

12 Organizations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Hanna Fleck
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard
Ingleside Terrace, Paul Conroy
Lakeshore Acres, Bruce Selby
Lakeside Property Owners Assn, Joyce Richardson
Merced Manor, Lynn Lynch
Midtown Terrace, George Linn
Monterey Heights, Mark Lynch
Pinelake Park, Jeannette Dutil
St. Francis Woods, Carolyn Squeri
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn., Doris Linnenbach
Westwood Park, Anita Theoharis

4 Organizations Absent: Forest Hill, Miraloma Park
Sherwood Forest, Westwood Highland

Officers Present:

Denise LaPointe, President
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer
Rae Doyle, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Harry Kim, Ingleside Terrace
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor
George Wooding, Midtown Terrace
Bhushan Mudbhavy, Westwood Highlands Homeowners Assn.
Celeste Cremen, Neighbors of Arden Wood
Pat Shanahan, Neighbors of Arden Wood
Eric Castongia, Neighbors of Arden Wood
Brett Stein, Neighbors of Ardenwood
Doug Comstock, West of Twin Peaks Observer
Leah Rowell, Senator Leland Yee's Office
Kelenia Olson, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma's Office
Lt John Feeney, Taraval Station
Sgt. Steve Quon
Sgt. Scott Biggs
Sue Graham, Mayor's Office
J. Pettibone, Mayor's Office
Catherine Dodd, Mayor's Office
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd,

Featured Speakers: Taraval Police Station Captain Paul Chignell, Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval, Matt Chamberlain of Neighbors of Arden Wood (NOA) talked about the Arden Wood development.

Meeting came to order: 7:43 p.m.

Minutes: The November 26, 2007 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported \$1,722.00 is in the Treasury. Information regarding the proposed dues increase was sent to WTPCC delegates. Carolyn presented reasons for doubling the dues including the need for Directors' insurance and new stationery. Proposed dues, if approved at the February WTPCC meeting, would be as follows: less than 150 homes: \$90.00; 150 to 500 homes: \$180.00; 500 or more homes, \$270. When the insurance contract is finalized, it will include an option to offer WTPCC organizations discounted Directors' insurance.

Police Report: Capt. Paul Chignell reported there were 106 officers at the Taraval Station to serve 153,000 people in the District. He e-mails a daily report of crime to anyone who is on his e-mail list. He warned about people who pose as utility workers to gain access to homes. One group was arrested, but there are other groups working in the neighborhoods. Chignell said one of his policies is to assign 15 sergeants to attend neighborhood organizations to find the problems that are vexing to the neighborhoods. The goal is to identify and resolve problems before the problems escalate.

Committees: Traffic & Safety, Land Use & Planning (covered in New Business)

Community & Events: Denise LaPointe announced that WTPCC will meet at Forest Hill Clubhouse in 2008 on: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, Tuesday May 27, June 23, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24. No meetings in July, August or December. Avrum Shepard moved to approve the dates and Paul Conroy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Supervisors Chu, Dufty, & Elsbernd are holding a pedestrian safety hearing with MTA, DPH, and Police Dept before BOS Public Safety Committee (Mirkarimi, Maxwell, and Chu) re pedestrian safety. When a date is set, WTPCC should attend to demonstrate how concerned member associations are re pedestrian safety, especially on 19th Avenue. Sup. Elsbernd is interested in starting a study with the Plg. Dept. re the cumulative impact of the proposed West side developments. He will speak at Feb. WTPCC meeting. Five West side organizations want to join WTPCC, but there is not a process re criteria for new members. Dave Bisho, Denise LaPointe, George Linn & Anita Theoharis volunteered for a membership committee.

Old Business: George Wooding discussed problems re LHH: Originally plans were for four buildings housing 1200. Now LHH's plans have shrunk to 780 beds. Costs per beds from 1999 have gone from \$335,000 to a current \$550,000. Now 14 % of SF residents are 65+, by 2030 26% will be 65+. According to Wooding a little publicized lawsuit (Chambers) will have an affect of LHH. George Linn raised motion for WTPCC President to write a letter of inquiry to DPH re the Chambers Lawsuit and how it will affect LHH. Lynn Lynch seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.

Featured Speakers: Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval explained his legislation that would enforce penalties on people who cover their front yards with cement. Penalties would be \$500 fine and possible removal of the concrete. Matt Chamberlain of NOA explained the position of the neighbors re Arden Wood developer's plans for two towers on the site. They are concerned on the impact on traffic and the neighborhood. In response to NOA opposition, the developers have announced they are considering alternative plans that will be explained in two public meetings in February. George Linn moved that WTPCC support the NOA in their endeavors. Joyce Richardson seconded motion that passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

