

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 17 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -
OCTOBER 25, 2010

11 Associations Present:

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell
Greater West Portal, Rae Doyle
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding
Miraloma Park, Karen Wood
Monterey Heights, Copley Crosby
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil
St. Francis Wood, Carolyn Squeri
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho

6 Associations Absent Crestmont-Mt. Sutro,
Lakeshore Improvement Club, Lakeside Property
Owners, Merced Manor Property Owners,
Sherwood Forest, Twin Peaks Improvement
Association

Officers Present:

George Wooding, President
Matt Chamberlain, Vice President
Carolyn Squeri, Treasurer
Blue Mudbhary, Secretary

Guests Present:

Mary Ritter, Balboa Terrace
Bert Polacci, Parkmerced
Sue Vaughan, Bert Hill Campaign
Nate Miller
Todd Pellman, BGP
Jana Clark, SF City Attorney
Joshua Arce, Brightline
Mike & Sima Talai
Mas Kawaguchi, PDIC
Belinda Johns, MPIC
Lucile J. Taber, MPIC
Steve & Maria Balestrieri
Jason Elliot, Yes on A
John Rizzo
D. Kerr
Rose Hillson
Robert & Chris Olson
Beth Rimbey, KGO TV
A.J. Meyer
Karen Breslin, MPIC
John Gavin, Parkmerced
Jay Cutler
Robert Pekelnicky
Jack & Ninh Lawhon
Elliot Wagner, West Portal Merchants
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer
Ted Loewenberg

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm

Minutes: September 27, 2010 minutes were approved after Don Dutil moved and Rae Doyle seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Squeri reported that there is \$3833.24 in the treasury. Carolyn also spoke about the 990 filings for nonprofits - Nov. 15, 2010 is absolute deadline for "electronic postcard" submission for this requirement.

Committee Reports: Communications & Events, Public Health and Land Use & Planning: no reports; Transportation & Traffic: George Wooding (for Avrum Shepard) reported that the city is overpaying for roads – \$86 million over 20 years through “certificates of participation.”

Guest Speakers: **Omid Tahli** from the District Attorney’s Office spoke briefly about why there are such quick releases from arrests – sometimes the judges authorize release over the DA’s objection. **Bob & Chris Olson** spoke up to object about radiation and other effects from unwanted antennas in their neighborhood due to easements on the telephone poles (specifically at San Benito and Darien) and what they are doing to stop their proliferation.

Old Business: **Dr. Derek Kerr** and **Dr. Maria Rivera** spoke about the LHH gift fund – an audit is to be released at the end of November. So far, 139K has been restituted (including that which was taken/allocated to staff accounts), and 1 month ago the hospital received a citation because of its inconsistency with the city’s administrative code.

New Business --

Featured Speakers: **Bob Pkelnicky** (substituting for Sarah Karlinsky) spoke as a neutral party about the unreinforced masonry program in SF, and what the costs would be – 42.4 million to retrofit public housing. Then **Jason Elliot** from the Mayor’s office spoke in support of Proposition A and that the retrofit project should go through because they are concerned for the safety of residents during and after an earthquake. **Rose Hillson** also spoke questioning why so few buildings are included in the plan and raised questions about the research/parties behind the proposition. Questions from the audience included why the responsibility to pay for the retrofit is not assigned to the owners of the buildings.

Ted Loewenberg, the President of the Haight Ashbury Association, spoke in support of the Sit/Lie Law (Proposition L), saying this law would give police a valuable tool that would help businesses. **Paul Boden** (substituting for Nate Miller) of Stand Up Against Sit/Lie then spoke about this law being used to infringe one’s personal rights and unduly burden the homeless.

MOTION – a motion against residential windmills in Miraloma Park was introduced by **Karen Breslin**, who spoke against a proposed windmill (at 400 Teresita) bringing unnecessary noise and light and destroying the character of the neighborhood. The owner of the property, **Nathan Miller**, argued that he was merely trying to be energy efficient and set a good example for using less of the earth’s resources. **Josh Acre**, of the Brightline Defense Project, also spoke in support of the windmill, saying it would not be noisy and used an existing windmill at 25th & Alabama as support that the proposed one would be quiet as well. **Todd Pellman** (a neutral party) argued that the windmill is not correct for the site. Over 65 neighbors in Miraloma Park have signed this motion.

George Wooding then read the motion aloud and the delegates voted. The vote was 10 in favor, 0 against (and 1 delegate left the meeting before this vote was taken). This motion is therefore adopted by West of Twin Peaks Central Council.

George Wooding then invited everyone to meet with Bert Hill and John Rizzo who are running for office and enjoy some social time.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

2010 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Fourth Monday of every month --January 25, February 22, March 23, April 26, May 24, June 28 (annual meeting) September 27, October 25, November 22. No meetings in July, August, and December. For 2011: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27 (annual meeting), September 26, October 24, November 28.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Balboa Terrace - Crestmont Mt. Sutro Forest Knolls -Forest Hill - Greater West Portal- Ingleside Terraces - Lakeshore Acres - Lakeside Property Owners - Neighbors of Arden Wood - Merced Manor - Midtown Terrace - Miraloma Park - Monterey Heights - Pine Lake Park - St Francis Homes- Sherwood Forest - Twin Peaks Improvement Association - Westwood Highlands