

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 20 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -  
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

**15 Associations Present:**

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter  
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell  
Forest Knolls, Kristine Zaback  
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens  
Greater West Portal, Avrum Shepard  
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy  
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson  
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding  
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin  
Neighbors of Arden Wood, Matt Chamberlain  
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil  
Saint Francis Homes, Carolyn Squeri  
Twin Peaks Improvement, Denise La Pointe  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judith Clarke

**5 Associations Absent**

Lakeshore Acres, Merced Manor, Monterey Heights,  
Mount Sutro, Sherwood Forest

**Officers Present:**

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

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30 pm.

**Minutes:** The draft of the January 23, 2011 minutes approved (as amended, to reflect the name of one missing guest) - Avrum Shepard moved and Walt Farrell seconded.

**Guests Present:**

Susan Yip, NERT  
Brigitte Churnin, Balboa Terrace  
Kathy Montague, Pine Lake Park  
Ashley Summers, Office of Fiona Ma  
Rupa Bose, SF Forest Alliance  
Lee Hsu, Greater West Portal  
Michael Garcia, Merced Manor  
F.X. Crowley, Lakeshore Acres  
Gustin Guibert, Forest Hill  
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer  
Rae Doyle, Greater West Portal  
Don Enochson, Greater West Portal  
Norman Yee  
John Fassell  
Michael Breyer  
Joel Engardio

**Vice President's Report:** George Wooding spoke about Recology and whether they should continue to have a non-competitive bid situation with San Francisco, and stated that there has been a 236% increase in fees in the last 11 years.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported that the balance in the treasury is \$6191.13, and that dues and financial statements are now available.

**Committee Reports:** For the Bylaws Revision Committee, Paul Conroy reported that he, Dave Bisho and Roger Ritter have simply been trying to catch up the bylaws to what WOTPCC is doing in practice. One goal is to give better notice to our member delegates. For now, it has been decided not to pursue voting by email and to continue with in-person delegate voting. To accept the revised version of the bylaws that this committee has drafted, we need 2/3rds of the members to vote on the bylaws at the next meeting. The committee also plans to create a change log of what was proposed and what was decided for or against, to aid in future revisions of our bylaws.

For Public Health, George Wooding reported that Laguna Honda Hospital is "officially green" and also discussed the high-pitched whining noise that is bothering neighbors of LHH, whose houses have dropped 50K or more in value due to the ongoing noise problem.

For Transportation, Avrum Shepard discussed the narrower roads and added bike lanes, such as Sloat Boulevard, and how that improves pedestrian safety.

No reports for 2011-12 Goals, Technology, and Planning and Land Use Committees.

**Recognition of Patrick Monette-Shaw:** George Wooding introduced him and described the journalism award he has won; WOTPCC is recognizing his outstanding service as an accountability advocate for the citizens of San Francisco for his numerous years of investigation of the practices of Laguna Honda Hospital and other public agencies and services.

**Announcement: Susan Yip**, of NERT, announced the upcoming safety training for the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team, which is scheduled to start March 15<sup>th</sup> and run through April 26<sup>th</sup> (on Thursday evenings) at Aptos Middle School.

**Guest Speaker: Sean Elsbernd**, our District 7 Supervisor, updated us on the America's Cup, which has been scaled back. He also spoke of labor negotiations and current work on the City's budget. He then addressed the concerns and questions of our membership.

**Open Space Committee Report on RPD Natural Areas:** Gus Guibert introduced the basic issues and plans of the SFRPD Natural Areas Plan. For example, since the stated goal of the Natural Areas Plan is to return to a previous state of nature, they may cut down 1600 eucalyptus trees on Mount Davidson, especially those close to trails; this means it is much easier for poison oak – a natural areas plant – to grow. We hope to have SF Forest Alliance and the RPD at a future meeting to present both sides of the Natural Areas Plan in greater detail.

**Redistricting SF Based on the 2010 Census Update: Matt Chamberlain and Chris Bowman** encouraged the members to please keep attending the City's Redistricting meetings and continue advocating for WOTPCC neighborhoods to stay together within District 7.

**Motion to submit a written argument in support of the June ballot measure by the Coit Tower Preservation Group:** As Jon Golinger was successful in getting enough signatures to put the Coit Tower Preservation Measure on the June ballot; we considered whether WOTPCC should submit a written argument in favor of the measure. George Wooding wrote a draft ballot argument, which was discussed by the membership as to wording and what the actual position of our argument should be, as well as the tenor and flavor of a ballot argument. The motion was made to write a ballot argument in favor of the preservation measure, with tenor and word changes to be decided by interested delegates in a drafting committee, to cost less than \$500 and to be finalized via email consensus. This motion was proposed by Denise La Pointe and seconded by Avrum Shepard. Voting Yes (9) were FH, GWP, MT, MP, NOA, SFH, TP, WWH and the Woods; Voting No (2) were BT and FK; Abstaining Votes (4) were GGH, IT, LPO and PLP. Thus the motion carried 9-6.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:30 pm.

**2012 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

Fourth Monday of every month -- January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 21 (note the date change for May due to the Memorial Day holiday), June 25 (annual meeting), September 24, October 22, November 26. No meetings in July, August & December. *All meetings are at 7:30pm and take place at the Forest Hill Clubhouse.*

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