

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS 20 ASSOCIATIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES -  
MAY 21, 2012

**16 Associations Present:**

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter  
Forest Hill, Walt Farrell  
Forest Knolls, Kristine Zaback  
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens  
Greater West Portal, Rae Doyle  
Ingleside Terraces, Paul Conroy  
Lakeshore Acres, Bill Chionsini  
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding  
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin  
Mount Sutro, Jeffrey Eade  
Pine Lake Park, Don Dutil  
Saint Francis Homes, Carolyn Squeri  
Twin Peaks Improvement, Denise LaPointe  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judith Clarke

**4 Associations Absent**

Lakeside Property Owners, Merced Manor,  
Monterey Heights, Sherwood Forest

**Officers Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Estelle Smith, Sunnyside  
Carolyn Johnson, SF Forest Alliance  
Jacquie Proctor, Miraloma Park  
Rupa Bose, SF Forest Alliance  
Michael Breyer, AD19 Candidate  
Chris Giorni, Tree Frog Treks  
Kathy Montague, Pine Lake Park  
Tim Armour, Miraloma Park  
Gustin Guibert, Forest Hill  
John Farrell, Forest Hill  
Avrum Shepard, Greater West Portal  
Judy Reynolds, Ingleside Terraces  
Ashley Summers, Office of Fiona Ma  
Joel Engardio, Engardio for Supervisor  
Mitch Bull, Westside Observer  
Terese Lawler, NAP Volunteer  
Lisa Spinali, Sunnyside  
Mike Garcia, Merced Manor  
Andrew Bley, Candidate for Supervisor  
Jake Sigg, California Native Plant Society  
Laura O'Heir  
Jeanne McKinney  
Cathy Bayer  
Jane Shepard  
F.X. Crowley  
Jess Montejano  
Jerry & Jane Risk  
Anastasia Glikshtern

**Meeting called to order:** 7:35 pm

**Minutes:** The draft of the April 23, 2012 minutes was approved (with addition of Steve Williams as the second Caltrans speaker) - Rae Doyle moved and Kristine Zaback seconded.

**Officer's Reports:** Matt Chamberlain announced the need for volunteers to host a District 7 Candidates Forum in the fall - please see him if interested; also, if you are interested in volunteering

for the new membership committee (currently consisting of Paul Conroy and Roger Ritter), please see Matt; he also requested that if any of our members know any city officials that could be invited to our meetings please do so; and he announced a meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at the Wawona Clubhouse about restoring an airplane to put at Larsen Park playground. George Wooding announced the upcoming joint commission meeting regarding the Beach Chalet soccer fields.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Squeri reported that one outstanding bill for \$1300 (for sound engineering) was paid from the Mayoral Forum that WOTPCC hosted last October; currently the WOTPCC balance is \$5015.

**Committee Reports:** Dave Bisho announced on behalf of the Officer Elections Nominating Committee (which also includes Paul Conroy, Denise LaPointe and Avrum Shepard), the slate that is being offered for consideration at the WOTPCC June annual meeting: President – Matt Chamberlain; Vice President – Roger Ritter; Treasurer – Carolyn Squeri; and Secretary – Sally Stephens. For Technology and Open Space Committees: no reports. Public Health: George Wooding reported that Laguna Honda Hospital is now doing outreach to their neighbors, and to please vote for the installation of an orchard at LHH (see the letter that Avrum sent out to the members). Transportation: Avrum Shepard announced that the N Judah will be shut down for maintenance for a few weeks; details will be given to the membership. WOTPCC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Committee: Roger Ritter reported that the food and wine will be provided by WOTPCC, and please do invite friends and neighbors to this party, to take place after our annual meeting next month in June.

**Vote to Update West of Twin Peaks Central Council's Bylaws:** A motion, to approve the proposed changes to our bylaws (copies were delivered to our delegates two months ago), was made by Denise LaPointe and seconded by Avrum Shepard. A vote was taken, and the motion to amend our bylaws with these changes passed unanimously, with a 16-0 vote.

**SF Recreation & Parks Natural Areas Plan Discussion:** Representing the Natural Areas Plan (NAP), Dennis Kern and Lisa Wayne presented a video and then gave information about NAP: NAP has a full-time staff of 10, but also relies heavily on volunteers. Their goal is to create something other than a monoculture. NAP is not a new program; it has been administered by SFRPD for years. They are concerned about too much understory and too much ivy and wish to create more natural areas within San Francisco.

Opposing the NAP Plan, **Eric Miller** spoke on behalf of the SF Forest Alliance. He stated that they are against habitat destruction, both for native and non-native areas, and that the NAP will remove 18,500 trees, close 9.2 miles of trails and 19.3 acres of dog play areas. A big issue is that the public is largely unaware of these plans, what has been done and what is being planned in the future in our parks. He also reported that a minimum of \$34 million will be spent in the next 20 years on NAP. Both sides then answered questions from the members and the audience.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Sunnyside Neighborhood Association reported that their first outreach meeting to their community was successful and well-attended.

Also, Matt Chamberlain reported that Neighbors of Ardenwood, a WOTPCC member organization, will be petitioning to withdraw in June because it does not have unique geographical boundaries that are not already represented by other WOTPCC member organizations.

Finally, Don Dutil made a motion to form a committee that will make a written response (with solicitation of comments from our membership) to oppose NAP as it is currently written in time to comment on the EIR for June 11<sup>th</sup>. This committee would consist of volunteers from our membership and the members would compose a first and then final draft as an opposition statement that will be submitted to the NAP EIR. Avrum Shepard seconded the motion. There was a vote called and 12 member organizations voted yes (with 4 abstaining). There were no “No” votes, so this motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:00 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.*

**MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:** Balboa Terrace - Forest Hill - Forest Knolls - Golden Gate Heights - Greater West Portal - Ingleside Terraces - Lakeshore Acres - Lakeside Property Owners - Neighbors of Arden Wood - Merced Manor - Midtown Terrace - Miraloma Park Improvement Club - Monterey Heights - Mount Sutro Homeowners - Pine Lake Park - St Francis Homes - Sherwood Forest - Twin Peaks Improvement Association - Westwood Highlands - The Woods