



West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Meeting Minutes

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Date: Monday, January 26, 2015

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: **Forest Hill Clubhouse**
381 Magellan Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

Associations:	Those Present shown in bold	
	Balboa Terrace Roger Ritter	Monterey Heights
	Forest Hills Gus Guibert	Mount Sutro Homeowners
	Forest Knolls	Pine Lake Park
	Ingleside Terraces Paul Conroy	Saint Francis Woods Carolyn Squeri
	Golden Gate Heights Sally Stephens	Sherwood Forest
	Greater West Portal Avrum Shepard Matt Chamberlain	Sunnyside Lisa Spinali
	Lakeshore Acres	The Woods
	Lakeside Property Owners	Twin Peaks
	Merced Manor	Westwood Highlands
	Midtown Terrace George Wooding	
	Miraloma Park Karen Breslin	
Officers Present:	President – Roger Ritter Vice President- Sally Stephens	Treasurer- Carolyn Squeri Secretary – David Golden Parliamentarian - Lee Hsu
Guests Present:	Matthais Mormino FX Crowley Patrick Otellini Kathy & Mike Montague Ashley Summers Jim Stearns Chris Bowman Corey Cook	

Roll Call and Minutes Review:

Roll Call: President Roger Ritter called the roll. Nine members were present and eleven were absent. Since less than a majority of the members were present, there was no quorum.

Minutes: The minutes were not reviewed or put to a vote for approval in the absence of a quorum.

Officer Reports:

President / Roger Ritter: President Ritter is appointing a City Hall Liaison Committee, which so far consists of: Lee Hsu, chair; and Barbara Chionsini. The purpose of the committee is to communicate with the Mayor and members of the Board of Supervisors to express the Council's position on issues. Delegates interested in joining the committee should contact Roger Ritter.

Roger has also appointed an Abstention Committee consisting of: Paul Conroy; Dave Bisho; Roger Ritter; Dave Golden; Lee Shu; and Barbara Chionsini. The committee will review the by laws and determine whether they should be re-drafted to clarify the effect of abstentions on the outcome of a motion. If any other delegate is interested in participating on this committee, they should contact Roger Ritter.

Vice President / Sally Stephens: No Report.

Secretary / David Golden: Not present.

Treasurer / Carolyn Squeri: Current Balance is \$5,006.25.

Parliamentarian / Lee Hsu: Not present.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Land Use: In Committee Chair Estelle Smith's absence, there was a discussion about the December 2014 public meeting that took place regarding plans for the Balboa Reservoir, located east of Westwood Park and west of City College. Several Planning Department personnel were present as were representatives of neighborhood organizations and a housing advocacy group known by the acronym "BARF." BARF suggested that the reservoir should be used to construct high density housing consisting of 6,000 units. The reservoir is being considered for housing development under the City's "Public Land for Housing" program. During earlier public meetings, City representatives had suggested that the reservoir might be developed into 400 or 500 residential units. Concern was expressed by some delegates as to whether the plans have already been set. A question was raised as to whether the reservoir will be used for water storage, with housing above. This had not been discussed during the public meeting. There will need to be input into this planning process from neighborhood organizations. Roger Ritter has invited representatives of the Mayor's office and the Planning Department to the Council's February meeting. The City will make a presentation on this subject to the Sunnyside neighborhood organization on February 2, 2015.

Technology / Avrum Shepard: Avrum asks that all members respond to his request for updated roster information, as half of the member organizations have not responded to his earlier request for this information.

Public Health / George Wooding: The rebuilding of San Francisco General Hospital is 85% complete, with completion anticipated in December, 2015. This project has resulted in a cost of \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed property value in San Francisco. The total cost is \$1.4 billion.

Open Space & Parks / Sally Stephens: Last week the Recreation and Park Commission voted to deny a proposed condominium project under the provisions of Proposition K, also known as "The Sunlight Ordinance" which regulates the extent to which proposed projects can cast shadows on public parks. This is the first time a project has been denied based on this measure.

Transportation / Avrum Shepard: The tracks in the West Portal Tunnel will be replaced over the next year, with the work to be conducted at nighttime to minimize the project's impact on service. West Portal Avenue will also be resurfaced. Speaking of West Portal, recently there have been a number of petty thefts on the street. The District Attorney's Office has established a Crime Strategies Unit to deal with neighborhood crime, including tracking criminal activity.

Public Safety / Roger Ritter: Nothing to report.

Panel Discussion on the November Elections and the Outlook for 2015: Jim Stearns, Chris Bowman and USF Political Science Professor Corey Cook made presentations on the November elections. Of special interest were the statistics on voting behavior in the areas within West of Twin Peaks, compared to the rest of the City. A question and answer period followed.

Old Business & New Business

Presentation by Patrick Otellini on the San Francisco Brace and Bolt Program: Patrick Otellini (Director of the Earthquake Safety Implementation Program in the Office of the City Administrator) announced implementation of the State's Earthquake Brace+Bolt Program for four designated zip codes within the City and County of San Francisco: 94127, 94132, 94121 and 94112. Homeowners can receive up to \$3,000 cash back for retrofitting their homes. Registration for the program is open only between January 15, 2015 and February 15, 2015. Mr. Otellini referenced the website for further details: www.earthquakebracebolt.com

Introduction of Ashley Summers, Representative from Supervisor Katy Tang's Office - Ms. Summers spoke briefly about the Muni Forward Project, which will impact service along the L Taraval and 28 19th Avenue routes. Significant changes are proposed, including new traffic lights along Taraval, changes in the number of stop signs and relocation of some transit stops. The program proposes to relocate and eliminate some stops on the 28 19th Avenue Bus route. There are no public meetings currently scheduled for this project, but the SFMTA website can be consulted for more information.

Matt Chamberlain suggested that member organizations give consideration to donating funds to purchase a cart and video equipment to be donated to the Forest Hill Clubhouse. This equipment would expedite set up time for future meetings.

9:00pm Adjourn + Social

A motion was made to adjourn, which passed in the absence of any objection.

Adjourned.

Notes taken by Paul Conroy in David Golden's absence.