



West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 23, 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	Marco Magallon Susan Zurinaga
	Forest Hill	Dena Aslanian William Gus Guibert	Mount Sutro Homeowners	
	Forest Knolls	Herbert Dunmeyer	Pine Lake Park	David Golden
	Ingleside Terrace	Paul Conroy Carolyn + Bob Karis	Saint Francis Woods	Carolyn Squeri
	Golden Gate Heights	Sally Stephens	Sherwood Forest	
	Greater West Portal	Avrum Shepard Matt Chamberlain	Sunnyside	Lisa Spinali Estelle Smith
	Lakeshore Acres	Barbara Chionsini Bill Chionsini	The Woods	Judy Clarke
	Lakeside Property Owners	Joyce Richardson	Twin Peaks	Denise LaPoint
	Merced Manor	Mike Garcia	Westwood Highlands	Bhushan Mudbhary Dave Bisho
	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 Mivic Hirose David Pines Marc Christensen Glen Hatakeyana			

Roll Call and Minutes Review:

Meeting called to order: 7:37PM

Roll Call: 10 Member associations present.

Minutes: Avrum motions to approve the meeting Karen seconds. Meetings approved, all in favor no opposed.

Officer Reports:

President / Roger Ritter: Nothing

Vice President / Sally Stephens: Nothing

Secretary / David Golden: Please sign-sign-in sheet.

Treasurer / Carolyn Squeri: Nothing

Parliamentarian / Lee Hsu: Nothing

Committee Reports:

Planning and Land Use / Estelle Smith: Cap for Balboa Reservoir Project- Started with large scale meetings, asking what does the community want. "If you leave the sentence blank- a lot of people will fill it in." Truth is they are in the very early phases. Norman Yee has put together a 9 person advisory committee, to be the voice at the community. Norman Yee is looking to make sure that district 7 people are the primary people on the committee. 8 of the 9 seats will be community voices. One seat will be mayor's office- will be from Reardon. Looking to build trustful and transparent relationship with the government body. The mayor's office is pushing for control over the format of the committee. Last open slot is someone for affordable housing. Looking to figure out how best to engage the government so that committee is best representing the community. Matthais adds the following- Number one goal is to facilitate communication. There have been no updates since the January meeting. Matthais is critical of the City's ability to communicate the on going development of the plan with the constituents. In addition the city is trying to be respectful of neighborhood choice. The meetings are open to everyone. There should be monthly updates. Matthais asks if there are any questions. Question- 3 appointed by Mayor, 3 by Representative Lee, 3 by neighborhood. Required to meet every month. Concerned about logistics of how committee will meet. Supervisor Yee sent it forward without recommendation? Can they never meet? If they don't meet every month, then the committee could be in jeopardy. Answer: Per Matthais if we are not meeting every month then we have "failed." On the motion to move forward without recommendation- One member of the committee could not meet, remaining 2 members wanted to get a broader opinion, that is why it was moved forward without recommendation. It will go to supervisor for 1st reading. Would need a second reading on March 31 before it could be approved. Earliest it could go in to effect is in early April. The ordinance would create a citizen's advisory committee to make recommendations to the mayor's office on the various impacts of the project, and what relationship it might have with other institutions in the area.

Technology / Avrum Shepard: Nothing

Public Health / George Wooding: Mark Zuckerberg and his wife gave \$75 million to the SF General which gave them naming rights. Zuckerberg also gave another \$25 million to fight ebola. Sales Force Founder Marc Benioff and his wife gave \$200 million to UCSF, and AirBnB founder Brian Chesky has been an active in philanthropy to health care issues as well. Robots are coming to UCSF- 24 robots. They are the size of small refrigerators. The robots can ask you to get out of the way in 24 languages. They are used to circulate supplies and materials around hospitals. Rooms all have 60" TV's. TV are smart TVs which allow you to review medical records, skype with family, et. This will be a "high-tech" neighborhoods.

Open Space & Parks / Sally Stephens: No updates

Transportation / Avrum Shepard: Twin Peaks Tunnel project- replacing tracks. GWPNA had meeting with agencies and asked about coordination between MTA, DPW, Muni, etc. Concern they aren't communicating. There will be a large projects on West Portal, while they are doing the tracks. The Tunnel will only be closed at night. There is concern about how disruptive the projects will be in total. The street work will exasperate impacts. Meeting tomorrow evening at West Portal community center to continue discussion.

Public Safety / Roger Ritter: Concern about public safety. Chief of police coming to next meeting. Supervisor Yee is also sponsoring a meeting on April 9th at 11AM, the Chief of police will also be at that meeting as well. Questions can be sent to Yee's office.

Presentation Supervisor Norman Yee:

Featured Speaker: SFPUC Groundwater Supply Project- Presentation followed by Q&A

Speakers Alison Kastama - Regional Communications Liaison & Jeff ?? PM for ground water project. from PUC.

SFPUC is offering a "road show" of their "big" initiatives. They will present to neighborhood associations if we are interested. With a show of hands how many people acknowledge seeing Hetch Hetchy. PUC only funding source is from rates. No General Fund. Regional System, serving many additional counties beyond SF. 70% of the water goes to other associations before reaching SF. Additional reservoirs, for example the reservoirs along 280, bring in water from other watersheds. Some times local reservoirs are used to "house" hetch hetchy water. Many facilities are on top of faults. Hetch Hetchy Route crosses 3 faults. HH is gravity feed. All municipal power comes from HH. Not allowed to sell power to a private buyer such as PG&E. Power saves city a great deal of money. Green power helping the city with clean power. Manage waste water too. Combined system of both Storm and Sewage. All water, even storm gets some treatment. Even with a large rain fall, it gets some treatment. On a dry day treat 80 million gallons in a day, on a wet day need to treat 500 million gallon. Run off goes into storage facilities. Some cleaning goes on through settlement in the storage tanks. We rely on these services, every day. We still have facilities from the gold rush so we need to constantly work at renewal. There is a lot of need at the Bay View plant- including seismic upgrades. They are happy to provide neighborhood associations updates and speakers. Once a month, they provide an overview of the PUC, a four hour tour.

Half of the street lights are operated by SFPUC. SFPUC is upgrading to LED based lights. PG&E owns the other half. Huge cost savings, more adjustable, less maintenance. Seen as a great asset for the PUC.

Last item ground water- "local water program" 10% voluntary water reduction. 43 gallons per day per user... Very low in the district. We have both active and passive systems in place to use water wisely. Last year Governor passed mandatory water reduction of outdoor works. This year additional restrictions going in place- no more than 2 days of water outdoors. Users can log on to website and see usage, updated daily.

Will continue to ask for more reduction. We have a very small snow pack. There is severe shortage of potential water from the Sierra's. Urban Water manage plan, requires us to look forward 30 years. It requires us to look at our management of ground water. All of the golf courses are using recycled water. Westside recycling plant will allow Golden Gate Park to come off ground water, and then divert ground water into the potable water system. Will drill wells that deliver 4 million gallons of ground water per day. It will be blended into main water supply. No more than 15% of domestic water will be ground water. Average day use 64 million gallons per day. We have a 4 to 5 day supply without ground water. Daly City has been using the ground water for the past 60 years. The ground water system will be managed so that it is recharged when there is over supply from mountain sources.

Jeff- We are building 4 wells, 2 of the wells are in Golden Gate Park. When the Golden Gate park is fully transferred to

Question – This is mandated by State. The question is if we divert the water that is currently serving the park, does it cost 6 times more to use recycle water. Answer- Yes, it is more expensive. Question- What are the impacts we should expect as consumers? Answer- The rate plan was approved last year for the next 4 years. The rates will go up by 8% per year. The system is very old, it needs to be upgraded, but the rates reflect the financial projections to implement the upgrades. Question- Is the percentage going from 4% to 15%? Answer - The percentage will be 15%. The ground water has been deemed safe to drink. There is general confusion- 4 vs 64, that's about 6%. The 15% comes as a maximum of the blend at Sunset Reservoir. Question- Will the blend change the 'flavor' of the water?" Answer- =Chronicle did a blind taste test with wine tasters, of current, blend, and blend 15%. The reviewers had no real preference. The wine taster actually preferred the ground water. "It was looking for a ghost". Question- We are having a huge problem with the watering of the medians in our neighborhood? Answer- Rec and Park has reduced their watering of the mediums in response to the drought. Maybe DPW or Rec and Park managing watering. Allison offers to reach out to the management. Notes that there may be recycled water available as an option. Question- What if any discussion are being made on desalination plant? Answer- We did have a joint meeting with other agencies. There have been discussion, but no projects have been approved and are funded. Management and use reduction are currently being planned. Huge energy costs, and environmental impacts- concentration of salts that need to be disposed of. Question- Ground water can be source of backup, of power- Answer- We have an obligation to provide power to the municipal uses, will purchase power off grid if shortage from HH – Will Hetch Hetchy be affected by an earthquake Answer- No, Hetch Hetchy is not at risk, and the impacts are minimal. Question- Restore Hetch Hetchy Valley is being proposed by non-profit groups.

Answer- We have an unfiltered water source in a national park. We have a good match, with National Park, with the Park and Us having a shared mission. Will there always be people to tear down the system? sure. Could it be done, yes. Will it be done? It's the will of the voters who will determine. Re-engineering would come at a huge expense. Very elegant system. It was on the ballot in 2012, and lost by a great deal. Question- Do you know the status of the windmills in GG Park. Are they pulling up ground water? Do we treat ground water? Answer- Filter water to remove debris, second step, do we disinfect the water. Hetch Hetchy only requires disinfected with ultra violet. We also use Chloramine in the system. Wind Mills- Murphy at the south- was recently restored. The blades and bonnet were fixed to operate, but hasn't been put on line. The north windmill is strictly ornamental. Early on they were used to pump surface ground water. Now the water comes from much lower Question- What are the population projections that are in your 30 year plan? Answer- The projections can be found on line. We are currently doing the 2015/2016 update. Question- Are there plans in place to protect against terrorism? Answer- There is a security division. We spend a lot of money in the park to protect the dam and the assets. We work with Home Land Security to make sure the proper protections are in place. Question- Why aren't we water rationing already? Answer- 10% reduction is across all users. Our individual users are already pretty efficient. They are concerned about economic impacts. We are much more efficient now, so there is less opportunity to cut. Primary purpose is water supply not electrical generation, things are very different now than during earlier droughts.

Old Business & New Business (15 min)

Gas Station: Mike and Nancy – Owner to Twin Peaks Auto-care. Explains long history of working in the city. Current facility is on City Property. Current lease expired in 2014. In negotiation to get another 20 year extension of the lease. Were given an offer for a 15year term. The lease was reduced to a 5 year lease, and then now it was retracted again, so that we have only month to month occupancy. We would like at least a 10 year lease. But current offer is only a 5 year lease, with a 5 year option at the city's discretion. We are concerned about making a long term investment- Question- Do you know why they did this? Is there other competition? Answer- We installed monitoring wells around property. The property was deemed clean. I believe the city may want to offer use to other developers- housing?. Miraloma Park has taken a position, and will provide the letter as a frame work to WoTPCC as a model for WoTPCC. Motion- Avrum makes a motion that WoTPC supports neighborhood letter offering support of gas station. Karen's seconds. All in favor, no negative votes.

GWPNA Resolution: West Portal Playground Closing Time. Park hours used to be 6AM to 10PM When they passed legislation to set uniform hours across all parks, establishing hours of closure. Karen moves that we support 10PM closing time, Avrum seconds. All in favor, no negative votes. Measure passes.

Forest Hills: Forest Hills Station Murals- Director of Laguna Honda notes we have funding to do a mural, at Forest Hills Stations. A mural organization has been brought into to help with the design. Do you have any quick input? Question- Can you come back when you have a more definitive plan. Answer- Yes, we usually do a work shop. Question- The community mostly impacted is forest hills. Suggest that you come to Forest Hills meeting, so that you get the input from the community most impacted. Answer- Yes, we would be happy to work with the neighborhoods, and make it "Your mural." Question- Maybe provide some historical perspective, of the hospital. Answer- Good idea... We do want to get the mural designs to the Arts Commission by May

Marc Christensen Support on Community Budgeting: District 7 is having a vote on 24 projects. Anyone over 16 yrs of age can vote. Highlights one project that would upgrade a sidewalk badly needing repair and extend it to a Assisted Living Facility. Votes can be done at sfbos.org/participatorybudgeting

9:00pm Adjourn + Social

Avrum motions to Adjourn. We are adjourned.

Adjourned.

Minutes by David Golden, Secretary