



West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday June 22, 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		

Roll Call and Minutes Review:

Meeting called to order: 7:37PM

Roll Call: 11 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: Nothing

Technology / Avrum Shepard: Nothing

Public Health / George Wooding: Nothing

Open Space & Parks / Sally Stephens: Nothing

Transportation / Avrum Shepard: Nothing

Public Safety / Roger Ritter: Nothing

Featured Speaker(s): Nothing

Supervisor Mark Farrell, Presentation Followed by Questions and Answers:

Rachel Hyden, SFMTA, Presentation Followed by Questions and Answers:

Old Business & New Business (15 min)

Election of Officers for 2015-2016: David and Paul, the nominating committee presents that the meetings are informative, meeting minutes are “outstanding” and the committee recommends, Roger Ritter - President, Sally Stephens – Vice President, Carolyn Squeri – Treasurer, David Golden – Secretary, and Lee Hsu – Parliamentarian. Avrum moves, Denise seconds the nominating committees recommendations. Motions carries, officers re-elected for another year.

Sunnyside Reservoir Survey: Did a survey of the Sunnyside SNA, the results were very low, few responders. Special meeting will be held to SNA membership- “next Monday night.” Printed Orange Flyer to special meeting- goal of the meeting is to layout process, SNA has issues of language and technology. Explain the exactly what is meant by the technical terms used by the planners. Will divide into groups to re-ask what neighbors think are the priorities. The results of this planning session will be combined with other results and analyzed against the city wide surveys. The concern is that prior surveys were loaded with responders motivated to address the issue, and skewed the results in a pro-affordable housing population. Concerns were raised about parking, open space for walking, neighborhood character, etc. Traffic wasn’t specifically included in the survey, but is known to be a high priority to all neighbors. Very little support among the neighborhood for affordable housing, educational, space for non-profits, etc. Paul asks if the any money scheduled for the performance art center, noting that the bond was held out a carrot during the negotiation with neighborhoods and believes they should be held accountable to fulfill that prior commitment. Paul follow’s with a question if it has already been determined that the site will be used predominately for housing? Answer- the PUC is planning to sell the property, and want to work with the PUC to insure that the neighborhoods issued be addressed, but will probably include housing. Will performance center be part of RFP? No, but parking for the Performance Art will be included.

Motion for WTPCC to co-sponsor transportation panel on Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. at Squat &

Gobble in West Portal: Glenn Park and GWPNA will sponsor the event. Avrum asks that WoTPCC co-sponsor, no funding required. Avrum moves, and Judy seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Proposed Housing Measures on the November Ballot, Unused Open space would 1st be used for housing for the Homeless:

Authorizes the City to develop an inventory of open and underused City Land. Many details to work out, including how the surplus land is designated. Each department is authorized to develop what land it owns which it considers surplus. The measure doesn't clarify yet how the process will work, and there is concern that the process isn't transparent and allow for public input. Lots of public housing being approved by the City, while there are 26K units vacant in the city right now. There is concern that the legislation hasn't been thought through yet. Per Matthais- The City already passed a ballot measure from General Fund Departments, authorizing that these open spaces be studied for use for affordable housing. According Chris the new measure further defines what kind of housing will be provided. It's feared that the priority of providing housing for the homeless will dwarf any other potential uses and other priorities will never be realized. It's noted that at one extreme Parks and Rec might designate an underutilized Golf course as surplus and then developed as affordable housing. There is difference between affordable housing for the destitute and affordable housing for people with limited incomes.

Peter Cohen with council on Affordable Housing: We have been involved with the Balboa Reservoir sites, and others around the city, and we have been active in these projects. What has been frustrating to us is the lack of transparency, with decisions being made "behind the curtain of the bureaucracy." Peter's group has advocated that the process becomes more open. They believe each site should be evaluated for its own strengths, and projects be appropriately designed for each site. Question- How do we define surplus? Is there really any surplus property? Answer: Each agencies develops of the property it considers surplus. One site that was identified was part of abandoned freeway. The other site is a former orphanage. Neither was appropriate for other uses. Question: Is there an inventory of Property of all City Property? Do we know? We should have an inventory, a city administrator should be maintaining that list. The agencies are not consistently providing the information, and then we could debate which are surplus lands, and what else we could do with it. Question: Do you know if City agencies are mandated to project forward, that they just base their needs on current uses? Some agencies do, such as the MTA has a long term capital plan. There was a "bone yard" for street cars, owned by the MTA, it took MTA a full 5 years to determine that the land wasn't needed. School districts have similar processes developed based on populations. Question: Transitional Youth housing on Ocean Ave, is another example of City surplus land being converted. Answer: Do not believe that this particular parcel was covered by this law. There are similar laws on the state level, and one effort is to align city and state mandates. Question: How do you determine how much housing for the homeless would be necessary? Answer- our goal was to free up the specific requirements to address a range of different needs from homeless to home ownership. Gives the mayor (and City) freedom to determine which is the right thing for the right site, and to make sure a range of housing types are being provided. Typically housing developers want to do a range of housing from lowest level to higher levels, so that they can keep the project profitable. George- what the city was doing a few years ago, noted how they couldn't use public lands for other purposes, but now there has been a complete flip-flop. Answer- The city is made of different entities. The Mayor wants to develop 30K units of housing. Peter and his group know they are competing with increasing property costs when trying to develop a parcel for affordable housing. They hope they can obtain surplus lands at a discounted rate. Discuss that there may be a need to have mid summer meeting so that we can take a position

Resolution Regarding Increased SF Police: Karen moves to support the sponsors of a motion before the supervisors to increase Police Staffing to 2200, reflecting the increase in population. An increase 13%. Denise La Point seconds. Miralona Park has already written a letter of support and is asking for support of WoTPCC. Per Denise, this is a simple resolution, asking to meet the needs outlined by the police in previous meetings. The money for 5 additional police academy classes has been included in the budget for the 1st year, 3 in the 2nd year. 1971 is the current charter staffing level. Per Matthais the Mayor's budget includes these 8 additional classes. The resolution has specific language to match population as the city grows, so should the city police department grow. David Bisho notes that the money is available in the budget to do this now, but there may be competing demands on the funding. George asks what our supervisors thinks of this measure. Per Denise, Supervisor Yee has asked that there funding include "sensitivity" training be included with the increased funding. She believes that Yee will be responsive if WoTPCC is supportive. Supervisor Yee has also expressed concern about pedestrian safety, which would be better addressed with increased staffing. Denise suggests that we careful phrase the letter that we support the increases in staffing, but that we are not endorsing other police measures such as helicopters or cameras. Avrum asks if we link the police mandate to population what future controls will we have to future increases. John asks about relation to other agencies, and if they too, fireman, sheriff's offices, etc. will increase in staffing too.

Motion carries unanimously.

9:00pm Adjourn + Social

Avrum motions to Adjourn. We are adjourned.

Adjourned.

Minutes by David Golden, Secretary