

**WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 25, 2016– DRAFT**

**12 Associations Present:**

Balboa Terrace, Roger Ritter  
Forest Hill, Gus Guibert  
Golden Gate Heights, Sally Stephens  
Greater West Portal, Matt Chamberlain  
Ingleside Terraces, Mark Scardina  
Lakeside Property Owners, Joyce Richardson  
Midtown Terrace, George Wooding  
Miraloma Park, Karen Breslin  
Monterey Heights, Steve Roditti  
Pine Lake, Don Dutil  
Twin Peaks, Denise LaPointe  
Westwood Highlands, Dave Bisho  
The Woods, Judy Clarke

**Guests Present:**

Mitch Bull, Westside Observer  
Carl Wendorf  
Paul Conroy  
Archie Wong, Asst. DA  
Sup. Norman Yee  
Lt. Col. Doug Bullard, JROTC

**7 Associations Absent:**

Forest Knolls, Lakeshore Acres, Merced Manor,  
Mount Sutro Homeowners, Saint Francis Woods,  
Sherwood Forest, Sunnyside

**Officers Present:**

Roger Ritter, President  
Sally Stephens, Vice President  
Lee Hsu, Parliamentarian

**Meeting called to order:** 7:33 pm, there was a quorum (13 of 20).

**Minutes:** The draft minutes for the January 2016 and February 2016 minutes were approved. Don Dutil moved and Mark Scardina seconded.

**Officers Reports:**

**President:** Roger Ritter reported that the Nominating Committee for WTPCC Officers will consist of Denise LaPointe, Dave Bisho, and Paul Conroy. Anyone interested in serving should let them know. Election of officers will take place at the June 2016 meeting.

Roger also suggested WTPCC hold a Candidates Forum for District 7 Supervisors on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Forest Hill Clubhouse. There will be no charge for the use of the room. Denise LaPointe suggested we reserve seats for delegates. Denise moved that we hold a Candidates Forum at the Forest Hill Clubhouse on September 9, 2016 in the morning as our first choice, assuming there would not be a lot of work for the President to do to make it happen. Don Dutil seconded. Motion passed 12 yes, 1 no (George Wooding). Roger suggested forming a logistical working group to oversee the Forum. Matt Chamberlain offered to chair the logistics committee and Dave Bisho will help.

There were no other Officers Reports.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Health:** George Wooding announced that two people in San Francisco have contracted the Zika virus. This is not a health crisis, but the effects of the virus can be serious. Denise LaPointe offered to draft a letter, with George's input, to the Dept. of Public Health asking about their mosquito abatement program.

No other Committee Reports.

**Presentation on JROTC:** Lt. Col. Doug Bullard, who runs JROTC at Lowell, talked about a new funding proposal before the School Board submitted by Emily Murase. In 2006, the School Board voted to kill JROTC and said they'd replace it with something else. But they couldn't. In 2009, the Board reinstated the program but with a lot of cuts. Currently 7 schools have JROTC programs. Most have only one instructor, when the standard is supposed to be two. Norman Yee, when he was on the School Board, proposed a resolution saying that no central funding could be used for JROTC; it had to be site funding, which is hard to do. As a result, two of their programs are now on probation. His resolution also asked JROTC instructors to get P.E. credential, which can take 2-3 years and costs about \$15,000. Not every instructor has done that. Murase's resolution provides a short cut for JROTC instructors to get the P.E. certification, recognizes JROTC as an alternate means to fulfill the state P.E. requirement, and lifts the site-specific funding requirement, allowing programs that are on probation (because of lack of staffing) to use central funding to hire the second instructor. Murase's resolution would also allow another teacher who is credentialed to oversee instructors who do not have the credential, if needed. Bullard noted that JROTC provides no military training, They have uniforms and a battalion structure, but no use of weapons. Denise LaPointe moved that WTPCC support the JROTC resolution before the School Board, and thank them for their work. Gus Guibert seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Roger Ritter will draft a letter to the School Board indicating WTPCC support for the resolution.

**Homeless Shelter Crisis Ordinance Update:** Sup. Norman Yee reported on a Supervisors' hearing on the homeless. The number of homeless in SF stays about the same – 6000 people. Yee said there were actually three different pieces of legislation: 1) asked the state to declare a state of emergency; he voted against it because we would have lost local control; it was defeated; 2) stated that there is a local crisis; he added amendment that said the city shouldn't bypass community process and building codes to address crisis; this passed; 3) says now that we have a crisis, what should we do about it; look at models that work, e.g., Navigation Centers, and figure out how we can do more of them; this is working through the Supervisors now. Yee noted that the City's policy is that shelters should be put where most of the homeless population is and where there's a lot of supportive services, e.g., drug treatment. Shelters also have to put in places that have infrastructure in place, e.g., water, electricity. Shelters also have to be at least 10,000 sq ft. None of the parking lots in D7 that were mentioned as possible places for shelters are that big. So no homeless shelters in D7, despite what was reported in newspapers. He noted that while it seems like most homeless come from out of SF, experts say that 60% of people lived in SF before becoming homeless; only 30% came here from elsewhere. When asked about how the City holds nonprofits like those that work with homeless accountable so that the money they get from the City is being used effectively, Yee said he would raise that with the Mayor, to consider results-oriented budget items.

**Crime and Safety:** Sup. Norman Yee noted that SFPD is short-staffed, especially Taraval Station. In June, there will be more officers assigned to Taraval and Ingkese side stations. Archie Wong, Asst DA for Taraval and Ingkese side police stations for neighborhood concerns, introduced himself. Wong said that the DA's office doesn't think Prop 47 is the cause of increase in crime in SF. He said auto burglaries were not made misdemeanors by Prop 47. What Prop 47 did do was make some simple drug possession cases that had been felonies into misdemeanors. It raised the limit for property crimes from \$400 to \$950; now if less than \$950, it is a misdemeanor. However they still have discretion. Wong said all auto burglaries will be prosecuted as felonies regardless of value of property taken. His contact information: Archie.Wong@sfgov.org, cell phone—415-603-7644.

**Other Business:** Mark Scardina talked about problems with the Planning Dept enforcing homeowners association's design guidelines when people remodel a home. The remodel can have a visual impact on a home and the neighborhood. He is interested in working with other homeowners associations who have had similar problems with Planning to discuss working with Planning to protect neighborhood character. Contact him if you are interested. Scardina said he had hoped to get a presentation on coyotes for the meeting, but the woman who he had asked to speak had a personal conflict and could not attend this meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:03 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sally Stephens, Vice President, acting as Secretary

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