

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Fall of 2015



September 12, 11AM – 1PM, Faxon Green

Westwood Park's Annual Meeting and Picnic: A Gathering for Fun, Food and Friends!

*by Kate Favetti, President,
Westwood Park Association*

IT'S TIME for Westwood Park's annual neighborhood celebration! Come meet new neighbors and catch up with longtime residents on Sat., Sept. 12, 11 AM–1 PM, on the Faxon Avenue Green (at Northwood Drive).

Our agenda includes reports from the Board on our budget, common area maintenance, planning and zoning, and our Centennial Committee. Our good neighbor and District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee will speak as well as Captain Joseph McFadden, Ingleside Police Station. In addition, Mayor Ed Lee has been invited. We will also have our annual drawing for the Wellness Coordinator (distributor of passes for the fitness

center at City College.)

Following our meeting, enjoy delicious deli sandwiches, chips, cookies and soft drinks. Activities will be provided for children over the age of two. Climb aboard a

fire engine and talk to firefighters. Say hello to a working police horse from the San Francisco Mounted Patrol. The Annual Meeting is fun, informative and a great way to meet your neighbors! ♦



Vintage post card of Ocean Avenue Gates, Westwood Park, circa 1916. Courtesy of Glenn Koch

Westwood Park's Connection to the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition

by Kathleen Beitiks

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) is being observed in San Francisco this year, but many local residents are unaware that Westwood Park has a connection to the 1915 event that was staged to showcase the city to the world.

Louis Christian Mullgardt, a renowned architect of the early 1900s, was one of the principal architects of the PPIE – and the designer of the entrance gates and street lamps in Westwood Park.

In 1912, Mullgardt was appointed to the Architecture Commission of the PPIE and was responsible for the design of the “Court of Ages” pavilion at the fair. His Court of Ages was also known as the “Court of Abundance.”

Around this time, Mullgardt was hired by the development firm of Baldwin & Howell,

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Twenty years of preserving WP's architectural integrity

In 1995, Westwood Park became San Francisco's only Residential Character District (RCD). One of the principal proponents of the RCD, Anita Theoharis, will write about the efforts of residents to preserve the architectural integrity of our neighborhood in the upcoming Winter issue of the Westwood Park Association Newsletter. Meanwhile, to read our RCD Guidelines that have been in effect for the past 20 years, go to "Important Documents" on the WPA's website, westwoodparksf.org.

SAFE Neighborhood Watch

Contact the WPA, board@westwoodpark.com, for information about forming a neighborhood watch group (SAFE- Safety Awareness for Everyone) on your street.

Panama Pacific Expo *(continued from page 1)*

to design entrance gates and street lamps for its new residence park on the slopes of Mt. Davidson—Westwood Park. Work on the park and its approximately 650 homes, began around 1915.

Mullgardt was a native of Missouri who worked in Massachusetts, Chicago and England, before coming to San Francisco in 1905. In addition to many homes and buildings in the East Bay, Mullgardt made a name for himself as a talented architect by designing such buildings as the 1928 Infant Shelter (former Conservatory of Music) on Ortega Avenue (at 19th Avenue) in San Francisco and the renovation of the 1899 version of the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

According to Laura A. Ackley, author of the recently published book about the PPIE, "San Francisco's Jewel City," Mullgardt's Court of Abundance was critically acclaimed as "the architectural fantasy of the Exposition."

For the most part, Mullgardt and his architect colleagues for the PPIE were trained in the Beaux Arts tradition of design, which had a neo-classic influence. During Mullgardt's time in England, however, he was introduced to the Arts and Crafts Movement, which eschewed the industrial revolution and promoted a philosophy of "back to nature" and celebration of hand-made rather than machine made.

Mullgardt's work in Berkeley, Piedmont, Oakland and Mill Valley helped establish his reputation as an advocate of the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Likewise, his design of the entrance gates and street lamps reflected the relative elegant simplicity of the new neighborhood's popular bungalow homes, built for the city's middle class residents.

In 2003, the Westwood Park Association (WPA) obtained a grant from City Beautiful to help restore the deteriorating barrel vaulted gates on Miramar Avenue at Monterey Boulevard. With the addition of funds from the WPA, pillars on Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue were also restored.

Early photos of the Ocean Avenue entrance show gates similar to the Monterey entrance, but it is believed that those gates were the victims of the influx of autos and traffic through the years. Two pillars are all that remain today.

A "starchitect" of the early 1900s, Mullgardt reportedly did not adapt well to emerging architectural trends in his later years and died in poverty at a state hospital in Stockton in 1942.

In Westwood Park, however, his legacy remains as a tribute to his part in rebuilding a city devastated less than 10 years earlier by the 1906 earthquake. ♦



WANTED: MEMORIES OF WESTWOOD PARK

What do you give someone who is 100-years-old?

How about a collection of memories to celebrate a century of life, reflecting on years of growth, friendships and family? The Westwood Park Association will be 100-years-old in 2017 and we are looking for a collection of photos and ephemera to present our neighborhood with a gift a memories. Have you lived in our neighborhood for 40, 50, 60 years or more? The Westwood Park Centennial Committee would like to hear from you.

As part of our Centennial celebration, we want to hear from longtime residents about life in the 'hood—legends or lies are welcome!

Tell us stories about growing up in the western part of San Francisco and help us compile a history of one of the neighborhoods that makes San Francisco a world class city. If you know of a former resident who has moved on to another neighborhood or city, please pass along the word about our Centennial project. Whether our "seasoned" WP residents want to write about their memories or audio record them, we are here to help—Just send an email to board@westwoodpark.com or call 415-333-1125.

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Picnic to Follow

September 12, 2015
Faxon Avenue Green
11 AM - 1 PM



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome Message
Kate Favetti
2. Treasurer's Report
Anne Chen (for Anita Theoharis)
3. Trees & Common Areas Report
Anne Chen
4. Planning & Zoning Report
Anne Chen (for Anita Theoharis)
5. Balboa Reservoir Development Update
Kate Favetti, Linda Judge
6. Board of Directors' Election Results
Margaret Reed, Inspector of Ballots
7. Speakers
Mayor Ed Lee (unconfirmed)
Norman Yee, Supervisor District 7
Captain Joseph McFadden,
Ingleside Police Station
Kathleen Beitiks, Centennial Committee Chair
8. Open Questions from Residents
9. Wellness Volunteer Drawing
10. Adjournment and Picnic



CCSF WELLNESS CENTER OPPORTUNITY

Interested in volunteering to distribute 30 CCSF Wellness Center passes to WP residents? Call 415-333-1125, or email: board@westwoodpark.com. The drawing for our WPA distributor will be at the Annual Meeting and Picnic.

2015 Candidate Statements

Kate Favetti (incumbent)

During my tenure as the Westwood Park Association President, I have met so many thoughtful and caring neighbors. And, I appreciate my fellow board members who work on a volunteer basis on behalf of this wonderful and unique San Francisco neighborhood. I look forward to the challenges ahead and will represent our neighborhood to the best of my abilities. I would be honored to continue serving on the Westwood Park Board and would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Anita Theoharis (incumbent)

I have served as a volunteer Board member since 1991. I take great particular pride in having spearheaded the neighborhood effort that culminated, 20 years ago, in Westwood Park being designated the first and only Residential Character District in San Francisco. I am a member of a Westwood SAFE group and have written two successful grants for funding gate restoration and tree preservation. I look forward to working together with my neighbors on projects that ensure that the Park remains a beautiful

and safe place to live. It is an honor and privilege to serve my neighborhood.

Linda Judge (incumbent)

It has been a pleasure to meet and work with the talented and dedicated WPA Board Members and residents this past year. I am a nine-year resident of Westwood Park, with prior community volunteer experience as Co-Treasurer of Commodore Sloat Elementary School's PCO Board (2012-2014). Our neighborhood is a special and unique place, from its historic bungalow architecture to the diversity of its residents. As chair of the WPA Balboa Reservoir Committee, I look forward to continuing to represent and serve the residents of Westwood Park. I would be honored to serve on the Board and appreciate your vote.

Westwood Park residents are invited to subscribe to the neighborhood's email list to receive periodic WPA-related announcements. To subscribe, send an email to webmaster@westwoodpark.com



Westwood Park Association :: OFFICIAL BALLOT

- **HOMEOWNERS:** Please use the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope to mail this ballot to the Westwood Park Association. Please mail promptly so that your vote can be counted at the picnic on Saturday, September 12.
- Or you may bring your ballot to the picnic, where election results will be announced during the meeting portion.
- **RENTERS:** We are all neighbors and part of the Westwood Park community, yet only homeowners possess voting rights in the board election. But we look forward to seeing you at the annual community meeting and picnic, where all residents—renters and homeowners alike—are welcome!

Vote for three:

- Kate Favetti (incumbent)
- Anita Theoharis (incumbent)
- Linda Judge (incumbent)
- Write-in _____



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◆ NOTICE ◆

**Ballot is enclosed
to elect**

**Westwood Park
Association's
Board of Directors**

SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Meeting and Picnic
Saturday, September 12, 2015
11AM – 1PM
Faxon Green**

Fall ♦ 2015

Spookie Time!

It's time to release your inner ghosts and ghouls—and win a prize in the Annual **WPA Halloween Home Decoration Contest!** Judges will be roving the neighborhood on Halloween—or a day or two earlier. Prizes are: \$50 - First Place, \$25 - Second Place, \$10 - Third Place and an Honorable Mention to the first runner up. Homes that have put in wonderful efforts year after year will become part of our *Halloween Hall of Fame*. Interested in being a judge? Send an email to board@westwoodpark.com or call 415-333-1125.



Balboa Reservoir Update

THIS SPRING, Supervisor Norman Yee sponsored legislation to form a Community Advisory Committee (CAC), directed to collect feedback about the city's proposal to develop housing in the 17-acre Balboa Reservoir site.

The first meeting of the CAC was held in August. Board members of the Westwood Park Association encourage neighborhood residents to attend the CAC meetings and provide feedback. Dates of future meetings can be found online: <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3989>

Members of the newly formed CAC are:

Lisa Spinali
Sunnyside Neighborhood Association President
Kate Favetti
Westwood Park Neighborhood Association President
Maria Picar
Ocean Merced Ingle side (OMI) Resident

Brigitte Davila
City College Employee or Trustee
Robert Muehlbauer
Member of Balboa Park Station Area Plan CAC
Howard Chung
Ocean Avenue Business Owner
Rebecca Lee
SF Public Utilities Commission CAC Member
Christine Godinez
Lick Wilmerding High School
Jon Winston
Sunnyside resident, Friends of Monterey Boulevard

