

Westwood Park Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2015 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Faxon Avenue Green (Northwood & Faxon)

MINUTES (*out of order*)

I. Roll

Present: Kate Favetti, Tim Emert, Caryl Ito, Linda Judge, Kathy Beitiks (left early)

Excused: Anita Theoharis, Ravi Krishnaswamy

Guests: Westwood Park residents

II. Call to Order and Welcome Message – Kate Favetti

Kate welcomed residents to the Annual Meeting and Picnic, and thanked the committee for working to organize the event: Deepa Balgobin, Nilu Singh, Robert Gruettner, Pauline Jue, Caryl Ito, Kathy Beitiks, Ray Favetti.

Kate also thanked organizations and groups attending the Annual Meeting, providing information to residents: SF Fire Department, SF Police Department, NERT, SF SAFE, Recology, nextdoor.com, Kid's Table (Caryl Ito), SF Rec&Parks, WPA Balboa Reservoir Subcommittee.

III. Treasurers' Report – Kate Favetti

Checking -\$60,325.48; **Savings** - \$40, 821.51; **Total** - \$101,146.99 (as of 8/31/2015)

IV. Trees and Common Areas Report – Anne Chen

- a. Anne reminded residents with dogs to please clean up any excrement their dogs deposit in WP. The WPA is purchasing additional signs to be posted throughout the neighborhood, reminding dog walkers of that responsibility.
- b. Watering the Miramar Median and other green areas has been cut back 50 percent in deference to the current drought conditions.

V. Planning and Zoning – Anne Chen (*for Anita Theoharis*)

- a. Homes are being sold quickly in WP, which has become a very desirable neighborhood. The WP Residential Character District Guidelines (available on the website) have been in force for 20 years now and have resulted in the preservation of the unique architecture of our neighborhood.
- b. Planned development in the 17-acre Balboa Reservoir site is one of the most important issues impacting WP since the 1920s. Residents to participate in the ongoing discussions and meetings.

VI. Balboa Reservoir Development Update – Kate Favetti, Linda Judge

Kate and Linda gave an update on the city's plans for a proposed housing development in the Balboa Reservoir. The WPA has created a Balboa Reservoir Sub-Committee to assure that the interests of WP residents are heard by city planners. WPA members are encouraged to attend meetings of the Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Meeting information is on the SF Planning Department's website and will be posted on the WPA website.

VII. Board of Directors' Election Results – Margaret Reed, Inspector of Ballots

- a. Kate extended her thanks to residents Margaret Reed and Marge Casey for assisting with the ballot tally for the election of three residents to the WPA board. Elected to serve three-year terms were: **Kate Favetti, Anita Theoharis** and **Linda Judge**. Congratulations to all!

VIII. **Speakers**

a. *Norman Yee, Supervisor District 7*

Sup. Yee gave an update on District 7. He will ask for a traffic study of the area from SFMTA. The easement (owned by SFPUC) adjacent to the Ingleside Library has been developed into a parklet. Grand opening will be September 24, He is looking into reports of the increase of coyotes in District 7, consulting with an urban wildlife expert. This is the third year of Participatory Budget Funding. District 7 will receive \$250,000 to distribute for projects designated by residents. A Youth Council is being created for the first time. Yee recommended the establishment of the Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee to advise the city on the proposed development on the site – and to slow down the process to give the community a voice. President of the nine member CAC is Lisa Spinalli of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association; Vice president is Kate Favetti, president of the Westwood Park Association. Alex Randall, City College of San Francisco Trustee gave an update on CCSF.

b. *Fire Chief Rubenstein*

Chief Rubenstein talked about fire safety and recommended residents take classes offered by the NERT program (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team). He also recommended that residents provide at least 72 hours of supplies for your family in the event of an emergency – such as an earthquake. Change your smoke alarm batteries annually (January 1). He reported on the updates of fire hydrants throughout the city and described the municipal cistern system.

c. *Captain Joseph McFadden, Ingleside Police Station*

The Ingleside substation is the second largest in the city. Three new lieutenants are part of the “solid” team. There has been an increase in car break-ins and burglaries all over the city, including West of Twin Peaks. He recommended residents contact SF SAFE for neighborhood safety tips. Having video surveillance cameras is also helpful. He is available to talk to residents on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

d. *Kathy Beitiks, Centennial Committee Chair*

Kathy reported that the Centennial Committee continues to explore ways to celebrate Westwood Park’s 100th anniversary in 2017. She asked residents look out for any vintage photos, memorabilia or other items for the WPA’s archives. During the Annual Meeting, residents will receive a WP T-shirt for every \$10 they donate to the Centennial Committee.

IX. **Open Questions/Answers from Residents**

Re: The corner of Ocean and Miramar – formerly a gas station – will be developed into 14 housing units, with retail shops on the ground floor. The WPA approved the design and plans two years ago. No information about the beginning of construction; Mercy Housing units are now open; Avalon Apartment building actively seeking a restaurant /café for its ground floor; Twenty-nine housing units are under construction on Ocean Avenue@Brighton.

X. **Wellness Volunteer Drawing/Symphony Tickets**

- a. Resident Jeff Lorton will be the distributor for the 30 annual passes donated to Westwood Park by the CCSF Wellness Center. Contact the WPA for information about the passes
- b. Ginger Truntbou announced that the San Francisco Symphony offers local organizations \$10 tickets for a performance. Contact the WPA board for information.

XI. **Adjournment and Picnic - 12:14 p.m.**

Linda moved for adjournment; seconded by Caryl; approved, 4-0.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Judge (for Kathleen Beitiks, Secretary)
Westwood Park Association*