



## MINUTES

Mission Hills Town Council Trustee Meeting  
Thursday, December 8, 2011 6:00 PM  
@Francis Parker School, 4201 Randolph St

**Present:** Fehlman, Gehl, Valentino, Benke, Sandel, Shafer, van der Lee

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Mark Fehlman. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved (Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, unanimous).

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Fehlman	PRESIDENT
Lara Gates	VICE PRESIDENT
Sharon Gehl	TREASURER
Karen Valentino	SECRETARY
Jasper Benke	
Richard Disraeli	
Karen Foreman	
Gary Nordstrom	
Scott Sandel	
Warren Shafer	
Frans van der Lee	

### Action items

Item	Responsible Person	Due Date
Look into feasibility of coordinating tree trimming: <i>Warren has conducted research; logistics will be a challenge. Discussion at Trustees retreat in January</i>	Warren	✓12/08/11
Arrange for presentations regarding the VA housing project for Town Hall meeting. <i>Joe has set this up.</i>	Joe	✓12/31/11
Schedule Trustees retreat before next Town Hall	Lara	12/31/11
Elect new Secretary	Lara	12/31/11
Review of financial records	Finance Committee	01/12/12

### Guests: (5 minutes allowed per guest)

Paul Schulman provided an update on the street lighting project. Installation of the new lighting is expected to begin in the spring. Installation of similar materials will begin in Talmadge in January, and Paul can arrange viewing for interested residents. Mission Hills will use 13 foot poles with 85W induction bulbs (55W available on request), and we will be the first project to use all induction lighting. The lighting is much more natural, less light polluting and with longer-lived bulbs. Installation should be finished by the end of 2012, although the timetable for removal of the existing poles and lines will be up to AT&T, Cox, and SDG&E. Anyone interested in looking at the boundaries for the project can find the map on the City website at Undergrounding Area 2E. Reslurrying and/or resurfacing of the impacted streets will also be accomplished.

Officer Dave Whitfield from SDPD gave a status report on the suspect charged with stealing the historical plaques. He was recently found guilty and sentenced to one year in prison. He explained the process of the police investigation and the subsequent charges brought by the district attorney. Evidence did not exist for all of the plaques, which is why he was not

charged with the full total; likewise, there was no evidence for the other suspects, so they could not be charged. A restitution hearing is scheduled for the near future. Mark Fehlman asked about recent crime statistics in the neighborhood, and Officer Whitfield stated that they were still low, but that residents should always be vigilant, particularly around the holidays. Valuables should not be left in plain sight in automobiles.

**Election of 2012 MHTC Officers:** The slate of Lara Gates (President), Gary Nordstrom (Vice-President) and Sharon Gehl (Treasurer) was approved (Benke/Shafer, unanimous). The position of Secretary has not yet been filled.

**Agenda Items for January 12, 2012 Town Hall Meeting:** VA Housing project, information on tree-trimming, membership, updates on W. Lewis/Falcon Pocket Park, Pioneer Park, Vons, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and BBQ competition, financial report and committee signup.

**Community Garden / Open Lots between Goldfinch and Hawk Streets:** Scott Sandel wanted to know if there was any interest in the community acquiring the vacant lots between Goldfinch and Hawk Streets (across from St. Vincent's). There was some discussion about possible uses of the space, including a community garden, but Scott will look into the price before any additional discussion takes place.

**Arrange for Annual Financial Report:** Bylaws call for an annual review by the Finance Committee. Warren volunteered to serve on the committee, and plans for the review will be finalized at the Trustees retreat in January.

#### **Committee Reports/Updates**

Budget Report: Sharon provided the monthly financial report prior to the meeting. The balance is down a bit from this time last year, but there was the expense additional concerts were presented in the summer.

Business Enhancement Committee: Mark announced that the art sale he held with Paul Dean December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Espresso Mio raised \$5000 for additional Concerts in the Park. He also reported that he took a tour of the new Vons with the architect and was very impressed with the amount of progress and how the project is shaping up. They are still working on the public art aspect, and Stuart White will be involved. Completion is expected by spring. The Farmers Market is under new management and will move to Wednesdays next year.

Arts Committee: No report.

Public Facilities: Warren reported on the status of signage on the curve from Goldfinch to W. Lewis St (site of earlier accident). Recommendations were made to change the location of some of the signs and add some pavement markings. He is still waiting to hear back from the City on this. There was a motion to request the City to pursue restitution from the driver or insurance company for damage caused to the artwork on W. Lewis (Shafer/Valentino, unanimous). Sharon stated that the picnic tables had been delivered for Pioneer Park, but that the finish on top was poor. This will be repaired, and once the anti-graffiti coat goes on the tables, the fence will come down.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Valentino, Secretary