

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of First Meeting – January 16, 2003

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion. Terri Tippit wielded the gavel as temporary chair by unanimous acquiescence.

Terri welcomed all who turned out for this historic event, and acknowledged the presence of Councilman Jack Weiss, his Chief Field Deputy for the westside Susan Bursk, and Bill Christopher, President of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Resolution of Tie for Seat 11

The vote for seat 11 having resulted in a tie between J. François Nion and Mary Kusnik, the tie was resolved by a coin flip presided over by Councilman Weiss, who also provided the quarter. François Nion was declared the winner of the toss and took his seat with the rest of the Board-Elect.

Swearing-in of Board

Councilman Weiss swore in the new Board, then expressed his support and encouragement, and his eagerness to work with us.

These Board members attended and were sworn in:

Steve Spector – Seat 3
Jean Shigematsu – Seat 4
James Lynch – Seat 5
David T. (Ty) Vahedi – Seat 7
Terri Tippit – Seat 8
Alan James Levine – Seat 9
Richard S. Harmetz – Seat 10
J. François Nion – Seat 11
Stacy L. Antler – Seat 12
Robert Guerin – Seat 13
Karen Weiss – Seat 14
Sam Skootsky – Seat 15
Jan C. Gabrielson – Seat 17
Darrel ? – LAFD
Mario Gonzalez - LAPD
Beverly Kenworthy – City Council

Adoption of By-Laws

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt the By-Laws that were approved by DONE on [October corrected to] June 4, 2002 and posted on our web site.

Election of Officers

The following slate of officers was nominated and elected by acclamation:

Chair	Terri Tippit
Vice-Chair	Steve Spector
Recording Secretary	Jan C. Gabrielson
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Weiss
Treasurer	Robert Guerin

Public Comment

The Board next heard public comments from stakeholders.

Bob Cimiluca, representing Westwood South of Santa Monica Boulevard HOA, asked the Board to consider the issue of the Shubert project. Terri announced that Trammel Crowe asked to be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Ted Wu asked the Board to consider the issue of merchandise displayed on the street, and merchants loading and unloading goods on the sidewalk. He referred to a store at Sepulveda and Exposition.

Frank Maschkowski asked the Board to consider the accumulation of personal property on private property. Reference was made to a house at 2055 Parnell.

Public Storage (Pico at Sepulveda) has also asked to be on the agenda.

Terri outlined the procedures to be followed to get an item on the agenda.

Announcements

Brown Act training for Board members will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at 8:30 AM at the Constituent Services Center, 8475 So. Vermont, 3rd floor, (one block north of Manchester).

The Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils is holding its next Alliance Forum on Saturday, January 25th, 9:30 AM at Los Angeles City College. For details go to the Alliance's website at www.allncs.org.

The next Board meeting will be on February 13, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the same location. Future meetings will be on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the same location.

Adjournment

The public meeting of the Board adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Board Orientation

After a group photo of the new board was taken, orientation for Board members was conducted by Deanna Stevenson, DONE Project Coordinator.

In addition to a general discussion of procedures, Terri appointed our very first committee – Policies and Procedures – partly in response to questions and comments about protocol for printing and use of letterhead and business cards for Board members. Members are Ty Vahedi, Jim Lynch, Stacy Antler, and Richard Harmetz.

The orientation meeting adjourned around 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Recording Secretary