

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting – February 16, 2003

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion by Chair Terri Tippit.

Board Members attending:

Louis Horvath – Seat 1
Nancy Catullo – Seat 2
Steve Spector – Seat 3
Jean Shigematsu – Seat 4
James Lynch – Seat 5
Gretchen Lewotsky – Seat 6
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
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16
Jan C. Gabrielson – Seat 17
Mario Gonzalez - LAPD
Beverly Kenworthy – City Council

[Items are by category and not necessarily in chronological order.]

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2003 were corrected to show that we approved our by-laws that had been approved by DONE on June 4, 2002, not October 4. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Swearing-in of New Board Members

Ron Stone, of the DONE Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, swore in Louis Horvath (Seat 1), Nancy Catullo (Seat 2), Gretchen Lewotsky (Seat 6), and Melissa

Kenady (Seat 16). The four were then seated at the Board table on the three remaining chairs.

Agenda Items

Ted Wu asked the Board to consider the issue of a store at 2500 S. Sepulveda at Exposition that displays merchandise on the sidewalk and loads and unloads goods on the sidewalk. Beverly Kenworthy agreed to look into the problem.

Ted Wu raised the issue of billboards on Sawtelle that were expanded and built during a moratorium. The area is not in our district. Beverly Kenworthy will refer the problem to Cindy Miscikowski's office.

Trammel Crow - made a presentation on their proposed demolition of the ABC Entertainment Center in Century City and their plans to replace it with a new, mixed-use complex. Speaking for Trammel Crow were Francis Park, John Adams, George Mhlsten, and Dan Niemann. Also present for Trammel Crow were Rick Taylor and Denise Goldberg.

Public comments on the Trammel Crow project were heard from C. Z. Wick of Tract 7260, and from Barbara Broide and Marilyn Cohon, both of Westwood South of Santa Monica HOA. Public comment focused on concerns for traffic arising from plans for a steep increase in office space on the site.

No action was taken.

Shlomo Fattal lives at Pico and Greenfield, next to Norm's Restaurant. He said that the location of the dumpster creates a nuisance, attracting scavengers, both human and avian, both types making a mess. Also, a steam cleaning service runs a compressor at midnight in the parking lot, making an objectionable amount of noise. He heard that Norm's is planning to resurface its parking lot and thinks this might be a good time to suggest that they move their dumpster enclosure to the back entrance of the restaurant instead of on the alley near residences where it is now. Ty Vahedi suggested writing a letter to Norm's. He will communicate with Mr. Fattal to draft a letter.

Frank Maschkowski spoke about a long-running conflict between his parents and one family of their neighbors, and showed part of a video on his computer. No action was taken.

Treasurer's Report

The report was very brief because we have no money. We can't get our \$50,000 until we get an assistant treasurer. Nancy Catullo agreed to take on the gig.

A Budget Committee was appointed, consisting of Robert Guerin, Nancy Catullo, Melissa Kenady, Stacy Antler, and Jean Shigematsu.

Public Comment

Arturo Martinez mentioned the new police policy on burglar-alarm response and tossed out the idea of an ordinance that would require any company selling alarm services to verify the alarm before notifying the police.

Marguerite Lamotte, a candidate for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board introduced herself. She did not make a campaign speech.

Board Comments

DPSS Building

Ty Vahedi announced that the County is trying to sell the old DPSS building at Pico and Veteran. They have not been able to find a government agency to take it. If they can't, they will sell it at auction. Several people expressed a desire to be kept in the loop, including Rich Cahalan. A letter about the building from Zev Yaroslavsky to Terri will be attached to the minutes.

Police Email System

The Captain of the West LA Police station has system to email information to people who sign up. Terri will forward important messages to the Board.

Sound Wall

Stacy Antler said that Tony Padilla, who is a board member of the Cheviot Hills Homeowners Association and sits on the Traffic Committee, would like to address us about various traffic issues, but particularly the need for a sound wall along the westbound 10 freeway. A hearing is coming up.

Political Candidates

Richard Harnetz raised the issue of having a policy about candidates for elective office who ask to appear at Board meetings. It was referred to the Policies and Procedures Committee. Jim Lynch also commented.

Information on Terrorism

Shlomo Fattal said information on preparing our neighborhoods for terrorism is posted in the fire station.

Logo and Letterhead

Ted Wu is working on a logo and letterhead for the WNC. Terri referred it to the Policies and Procedures Committee to work with him.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be on March 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 meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Recording Secretary