

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting – March 13, 2003

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion by Chair Terri Tippit.

Board Members attending:

Nancy Catullo – Seat 1
Louis Horvath – 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
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16
Jan C. Gabrielson – Seat 17
Mario Gonzalez - LAPD
Randy Judd - LAFD

Board members absent:

Sam Skootsky – Seat 15
Beverly Kenworthy – City Council

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2003 were approved.

Agenda Items

Anthony (Tony) Padilla is a resident of Cheviot Hills west of Motor Avenue, next to the MTA right of way. He reported that plans for a sound wall along the freeway in

our area have been reduced in priority by Cal Trans, that there are about 71 sound-wall projects ahead of ours, and that there is no time set to build a sound wall in our area. Tony will draft a letter and email it to Terri to edit and forward to the appropriate agency, expressing our support for a sound wall.

Koko Panossian spoke about a USC Neighborhood Participation Project, which is studying neighborhood organizations, including neighborhood councils. He solicited the participation of Board members and passed around signup sheets. He assured us that no confidential information about any Board member would be disclosed.

Jan Gabrielson reported that 0-3 times per week, between 4:30 and 5:15 AM, a trash truck empties dumpsters in Cheviot Hills Park, making noise and possibly violating LAMC section 113.01, if houses on Monte Mar are within 200 feet of the operation. Board member Officer Mario Gonzalez will have a chat with the supervisor of the facility.

Karen Kisvarday reported that business operators are hacking trees to the trunk along Pico between Sepulveda and Patricia, presumably so that their signs are more visible. Several people reported that the person in city government in charge of trees has been unsympathetic to complaints. Barbara Broide volunteered to get information from the City on the problem and to draft a letter. When we have approved the letter, we will ask Jean Shigematsu to distribute it to the merchants along Pico through the Chamber of Commerce.

Gary Kuist spoke of efforts to save three residential buildings on Kelton south of little Santa Monica Blvd. A motion was made and passed that Ty Vahedi draft a letter that we will send to Jack Weiss, supporting the March 5 decision of the Cultural Affairs Commission to designate the buildings a historical landmark.

Richard Hametz questioned whether Trammel Crow followed CEQA guidelines for the implementation of the traffic portion of its EIR. Representatives of Tract 7260 will meet with the appropriate agencies and report back on whether the City thinks they are in compliance.

Public Comment

Annette Mercer spoke briefly.

Nancy Catullo raised the issues of banners on light poles.

Ted Wu asked about follow-up on previous matters.

Executive Board Report

Terri reported that the officers had met on March 12 and discussed general

procedures for our meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Robert Guerin reported that the Budget Committee has met twice and prepared a very rough proposed budget, which he handed out. Anyone who has ideas on budget items that were not included should email them to Stacy Antler.

It was moved and seconded that for each item under discussion, Board members each be asked in sequence for comments. The motion did not pass.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report

Committee Chair Jim Lynch reported that committee members had conferred. He mentioned some issues that his committee and the Board need to address: a different table shape that would allow Board members to see each other during meetings, more control over interaction with the audience, time limits for speakers.

Public Safety Committee

Jan Gabrielson and Melissa Kenady played hot potato with the chair. Jan lost and was appointed to chair the committee. Members so far are Jan, Melissa, Mario Gonzalez, and whoever is the captain on duty at the fire station at the time we meet.

Terri announced that the Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) needs members. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at the West LA Police Station.

Announcements

The next Brown Act training will be on May 15.

Stacy, Dick, Jan, and Barbara will attend the Congress of Neighborhoods on April 5.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be on April 10, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the same location. Meetings are on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Recording Secretary