

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting – April 10, 2003

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion by Chair Terri Tippit.

Board Members attending:

Nancy Catullo – Seat 1
Louis Horvath – Seat 2
Steven Chaffee – (Alternate for 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 (Arrived 8:11 pm)
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16
Jan C. Gabrielson – Seat 17
Beverly Kenworthy – City Council

Board members absent:

Representatives from LAPD and LAFD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2003 were approved without change.

Agenda Items

a) Ty Vahedi – Kelton apartments

As resolved in our last meeting, the letter of 3/22/03, attached to the

minutes, was sent to Jack Weiss.

- b) Barbara Broide – Illegal tree-cutting on Pico

Barbara was did not attend the meeting, so this item was deferred.

- c) Rich Cahalan – Sale of the former welfare building on Pico

Rich spoke on behalf of the 2300 Residents Group, and asked us to support a position statement and do a letter asking for a delay of six months before the building is sold, so that different uses of the building could be explored. Terri sent them outside to draft a letter. Later in the meeting, after the Executive Board report, they returned with a draft letter.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that Terri send the letter to County Supervisor Zev Yaroslovsky.

- d) La Serenata Restaurant

Alain Bally solicited our support for La Serenata's application to upgrade its liquor license to allow a full bar. La Serenata has been at its location on Pico for eight years and has had a beer and wine license for six years. They plan no change in hours, no remodeling, and no alcohol on the patio. The patio closes at 8 pm. Alan Levine was disturbed by the idea of a Mexican restaurant that could not serve margaritas.

It was moved, seconded and passed that we support the upgrade of La Serenata's liquor license.

- e) Richard Harmetz

On last month's agenda was the question of whether Trammel Crow followed CEQA guidelines for the implementation of the traffic portion of its EIR. Representatives of Tract 7260 were going to meet with the appropriate agencies and report back on whether the City thinks it is in compliance. Richard reported that he posed the question to the City Attorney, who declined to answer, citing lawyer-client privilege. There was some further discussion. The Board took no action.

Public Comment

Schlomo Fattal reported on the status of the problems with the trash facilities at Norm's Restaurant. He said they had a meeting with Norm's and they are working with them. Therefore we should not send Norm's a letter.

Leslie Reisbord asked about the status of the noise problem of trash trucks

operating in the park before 6 am. Jan Gabrielson responded that he had not discussed with and Board member and Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez what action he had taken, but the problem seems to have lessened for the moment. [SLO Gonzalez later confirmed to Jan at the Public Safety Committee meeting that he had spoken to the people at the park.]

Executive Board Report

Terri reported on the Executive Board meeting of April 7, 2003.

Deanna Stevenson will report back to us about our computer.

We will have space in the Chamber office in Westside 2 until it is demolished.

Terri is talking to DOT about space for us in their building at Expo and Sepulveda.

Committees [lists current as of the meeting date only]:

Public Safety and Traffic: Melissa, Stacy, Alan, Jan

Land Use: Gretchen, Bob, Dick, Rich Cahalan, Lois Andre-Bechely, Terri, Schlomo Fattal

Outreach: François (Chair), Louis, Bob, Karen, Sam

Budget Committee Report

Treasurer Bob Guerin reported. The budget was presented. Deanna Stevenson said she would help us get our money card. We will get the City's discount on whatever we buy with the card.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report

Chair Jim Lynch reported. The Committee's recommendations:

Each Board member should select his or her own alternate. The alternate must be a stakeholder.

Public comment should be limited to three minutes unless the Board votes by a majority to extend a person's time.

Our stationery should be simple and bear the City's seal. To add our own logo would confuse people. Elected Board members' names should be on the left side. We need rules on use of our stationery.

Gretchen will make business cards for us.

There should be a book of resolutions in addition to minutes, for easier searching and retrieval when everybody has forgotten what action we took on some subject.

Public Safety Committee

Has not met, but will. [And did meet on April 24, 2002]

Announcements

The CPAB Traffic Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am in the roll call room at the West LA police station.

Deanna Stevenson gave a DONE update. She will follow up on space for us in the DOT building, at Rancho Park, or in some other public building. She also asked if we wanted to have a retreat. Several people fidgeted nervously, but nobody answered.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be on May 8, 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 around 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Recording Secretary