

MINUTES OF MEETING 5/13/04

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in Community Room A at Westside Pavillion by Chair Terri Tippit.

Board Members attending:

Shlomo Fattal - alternate for Rich Calahan, seat 2
Steve Spector - Seat 3
Jean Shigematsu - Seat 4
James Lynch - Seat 5
Mona Strassburger - alternate for Gretchen Lewotsky, Seat 6
David T.(Ty) Vahedi - Seat 7
Terri Tippit - Seat 8
Alan Levine - Seat 9
Richard S. Harmetz - Seat 10
J. Francois Nion - Seat 11
Stacy L. Antler - Seat 12
Robert Guerin - Seat 13
Sam Skootsky - Seat 15
Melissa Kenady - Seat 16
Ellen Gabrielson - alternate for Jan Gabrielson, Seat 17

Board Members absent:

Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, LAPD
Representative from LAFD
Nancy Catullo, Seat 1

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of April 8th, 2004 were approved as corrected by a vote of 15 - 0.

(Correction = Public Safety Report was amended at request of Annette Mercer. Motion was made by Steve Spector and seconded by Bob Guerin.)

Agenda Items

New Business:

- a. Steve Spector submitted proposed bylaw amendment on behalf of Jan Gabrielson.

This proposal will allow each stakeholder represented by seats 1 - 13 to vote for the seat in their geographical district and for the at large representative, seat 17. The motion passed unanimously. The next step will be to submit the bylaw amendment to DONE.

b. Kevin Singer spoke in opposition to the inclusionary zoning ordinance. After discussion regarding the problems of a "one size fits all" ordinance, motion was made by Dick Harmetz and seconded by Ty Vahedi that a letter (written by Rich Calahan) would be sent to Councilman Weiss' office asking to delay passage of this ordinance. Motion passed 15 - 0.

c. Dale Goldsmith, representing the Le Lycee Francais, presented proposed plans regarding a new campus at 10309 National Blvd. Concerns regarding off campus parking and traffic issues were raised. Q + A included size of campus, eating facilities to be used, on campus parking spaces to be available. Dale Goldsmith agreed to incorporate a "no school parking on neighborhood streets" rule into the agreement.

New location of recycling plant will be researched.

An amendment was proposed by Barbara Broide for preferential on campus parking to be given to student carpools.

This amendment failed.

Motion to support the new campus as presented was made by Jim Lynch and seconded by Ty Vahedi. Motion passed with 12 in favor, 3 against and one abstension. (correct word?)

d. Val Velasco, representing the Alliance for Regional Solution to Airport Congestion, spoke in opposition to LAX Master Plan Alternative D. Viet Tran from Mayor Hahn's office and Patricia Torres and Nick Johnson (representing Mayor Hahn's LAX Team) presented an opposing opinion.

This issue will be presented in depth at the WNC 6/10 meeting and has been put on the agenda.

Board Communications

Executive Board Report

No report given.

Budget Committee Report

Bob Guerin reported that the \$37.0 reserve in our account must be earmarked for expenditure with agreements and contracts in place by mid June. An Ad Hoc Budget Spending Committee was formed to address this issue. The committee is chaired by

Stacy Antler. A proposed encumbrance for all reserve funds will be presented at the next board meeting.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report

No report given.

Public Safety + Traffic Committee

Stacy Antler reported regarding the proposed expansion of the Federal Building in Westwood.

Land Use Committee

No report was given. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 1st.

Outreach Committee

Alan Levine reported that volunteers were needed for Overland Avenue Festival table. An expanded website was discussed with a budget of \$7.0 This will be further addressed at the budget spending committee meeting.

WNC leaflets continue to be distributed.

Jay Handal from the WLA Chamber of Commerce offered space for a WNC column in the Chamber of Commerce on line newsletter.

Mayor Update

Viet Tran reported re Mayor's budget review and the importance of NC input:
--- Over 300 positions in city government will be cut (partially from hiring freeze re vacancies)

--- Mayor has committed to the NC \$50.0 annual budget for new fiscal year

--- Public works has increased street paving program to 253 miles

D.O.N.E. Report

Amber Meshak and Deanna Stevenson provided additional information regarding reserve budget funds. Deanna will attend the ad hoc spending committee meeting.

Council District 5 Report

School valet kits are available for \$500/per kit for crossing guards. This expenditure will be discussed at ad hoc spending committee meeting.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be on June 10, 2004, same place.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Minutes taken by Melissa Kenady, substituting for Jan Gabrielson.