

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting of June 10, 2004

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:

Richard Cahalan – Seat 2
Steve Spector – Seat 3
Jean Shigematsu – Seat 4
Mary Kusnik, alternate for James Lynch – Seat 5
Gretchen Lewotsky – Seat 6
Barbara Broide, alternate for 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
Sarah Fitzsimmons, alternate for Sam Skootsky – Seat 15
Jan C. Gabrielson – Seat 17
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, LAPD

Board Members absent:

Nancy Catullo – Seat 1
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16
Paul Backstrom – City Council District 5
Seat 14 - Vacant
Representative from LAFD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2004 were approved as corrected.

Agenda Items

Terri Tippit announced that agenda item 4.a.1 (Proposal to have left-turn signals turned off during non-peak hours) was removed from the agenda at the request of CD5.

4.a.2 Election Procedures Sub-Committee.

Committee Chair Ellen Ruben reported. The committee met on June 7. Amber Meshak of DONE attended. On the DONE website is a draft of election procedures that should be approved at a DONE meeting around June 15. To comply with all deadlines, our election procedures must be drafted and approved by our Board no later than our July meeting. We need two separate organizations to serve as our election administrator and arbitrator. Ellen asked the president of SORO (South Robertson NC) if Soro would be our arbitrator, but they are not able to do it. We will have to mount a serious outreach effort for the election, including hand-delivered flyers, lawn signs, and possibly mailings to condos and other places where we can't hand-deliver. We must budget money for all this. Alan Levine said he wants to be on the committee.

4.b Proposed FBI building on the grounds of the Federal building.

Rich Cahalan reported. He and Stacy attended a meeting on May 20. The FBI wants to build a new regional facility of one million square feet of space on the current parking lot at the Federal Building in Westwood. It was apparent at the meeting that they had not considered other sites, such as downtown. Many of the people involved in the planning are not from this area. For example, the consultant who did the EIR is from Kansas. Stacy noted that the building would be next to a park and be a possible terrorist target, and would further congest the intersections of Wilshire and Veteran and Wilshire and Westwood, already two of the busiest intersections in the world. Terri talked to Dianne Feinstein's office and said our letter is coming.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 15-0-0 to send the letter that Rich Cahalan had drafted, a copy of which is in the record of this meeting.

4.c Proposed plan for LAX expansion, Plan D

Viet Tran, of the Mayor's office, introduced Nick Johnson of Los Angeles World Airports, who described the Mayor's proposed changes to LAX, with the help of a Power Point presentation. Patricia Torres of the Mayor's office also attended. They distributed a package of materials, which will be in the record of this meeting. Details are on the web at www.laxmasterplan.org. Val Velasco and Denny Schneider of ARSAC (Alliance for a Regional Solution) spoke in opposition to the plan. The second hearing on the EIR is set for June 14. Gretchen said that approving the EIR means only that it is complete and correct; approval does not address whether environmental problems raised by the EIR have been solved. According to Nick, in September there will be another vote on: the Base LAX Master Plan, the Base EIR, a General Plan amendment, specific plan amendment, tract-map changes, and forwarding the plan to the County for its approval.

Barbara Broide moved that we contact the Mayor's office and relevant bodies to

hold off voting on the plan until a report to be produced by Rand Corporation has been completed and affected persons and entities have had a chance to study it and comment on it. Dick Harnetz seconded. The motion passed 14-0.

Miscellaneous Item

Richard Raddon spoke about the LA Film Festival, and handed out brochures.

Public Comment

Loren Gonzalez, a resident of Dunleer Place said the chain-link fence on the MTA right-of-way around the Overland Avenue School teachers' parking lot is an eyesore and asked what could be done about it. Alan said his homeowners' group has been talking to the school about it. There is no water available for landscaping. Loren also asked what is being done to improve the look of the right-of-way in general. Alan said a bike path would be constructed, but that funding for it has been delayed.

A break was taken from about 9:15 to 9:25.

Executive Board Report

Terri Tippit reported. The Executive Board met on June 2, 2004. Jim Alger asked for someone to join in a process to deal with DWP and the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It will be on our next agenda. Laura Chick asked us for a list of five things we want the City to do. Rich, Annette, and Barbara responded. Terri will forward their comments to Laura. The West LA Chamber wants a member of our Board to be on their government affairs outreach committee. Bob will try to attend. The plan for the improvements to Westside Too "passed unanimously." As voted at the last meeting, we sent a letter to Jack Weiss requesting delay in passing the inclusionary zoning ordinance (housing). The request of the Mar Vista NC about cable TV will be on next month's agenda. Karen Bass, candidate for assembly is trying to organize advisory groups through the neighborhood councils. Terri has been working with her. Jan and Gretchen said that Bass hasn't been elected and it sounds like we are supporting a candidate. Terri distributed copies of an email that Kathleen March handed to her at the beginning of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Guerin reported.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to increase the allotment for the laser gun to \$3,300 in the budget.

Stacy Antler reported on the work of the ad hoc spending committee, which met

to decide how to spend our remaining money in our 2003-2004 budget, and encumber the funds so that we don't lose them. The money must be encumbered by June 16 and spent by December 31, or we will lose it. She asked that we move the \$5,000 allotment to the Pico-Village concept to the cost of the Board election.

Rich Cahalan moved that we approve the 2003-2004 budget as revised by the list to be attached to the minutes or otherwise included in the record of this meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed 13-0-0

It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the 2004-2005 budget attached to the Treasurer's Financial Report for 2003-2004.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report

Jan Gabrielson reported that there was no meeting in May as he was away most of the month and that there would be no meeting in June since some members of the Committee are also serving on the Election Committee and are busy with the election.

Public Safety Committee

Stacy Antler reported. The Committee met and discussed signage and striping at Pico and Overland. CERT training starts July 12.

Land-Use Committee

Gretchen Lewotsky and Rich Cahalan reported. Fox is in phase 2 of development and wanted to be on tonight's agenda, but there was no room. So they will do an open house. Next meeting June 29 7:00 pm at Gretchen's house. Public Storage will make a presentation.

Outreach Committee

Alan Levine reported. There was no meeting last month. The committee is down to three people and wants to discuss its function, perhaps with the Executive Board. Schlomo and Nancy will join the committee. Alan said the outreach function seems to be spreading over a number of efforts and maybe one outreach committee is no longer appropriate.

Mayor's Report

Viet Tran, who had waited patiently for hours, maintained gracious equanimity as he reported at about 11 pm to the tired remnants of the meeting. The Mayor's budget has passed and funding of \$50,000 per year for each NC is still there. There were complaints about a \$500 permit fee each week that threatened to put farmers' markets

out of business. Viet will talk to the Mayor about it.

Next meeting

July 15, 2004, 7:00 pm, same place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **11:01 pm**. No, that is not a typo.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Recording Secretary

Approved at Meeting of: _____

Without correction _____

As corrected _____

**CUMULATIVE GLOSSARY OF
ESOTERIC ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND BUZZ WORDS**

BID	Business Improvement District
Brown Act	The Ralph M. Brown Act
CD5	City Council District 5 (Jack Weiss)
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CPAB	Community Policing Advisory Board
CRA	Community Redevelopment Agency
CUP	Conditional Use Permit
DONE	City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
DOT	Department of Transportation (LA, California, or federal)
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
Executive Board	The officers of the WNC: Chair, Vice-Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer
HOA	Homeowners Association
MND	Mitigated Negative Declaration
NOD	Neighborhood Oriented District
NTM	Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation
PACT	Police and Community Together
PLUM	Planning and Use Management Committee, LA City Council
SLO	Senior Lead Officer
SUD	Supplemental Use District
TIMP	Traffic Improvement Mitigation Plan
WNC	Westside Neighborhood Council