

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting July 8, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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
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
Sam Skootsky – Seat 15
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16
Jan C. Gabrielson – Seat 17
Paul Backstrom – City Council District 5
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, LAPD
Lee Weber, LAFD Station 92 + 3 colleagues

Board Members absent:

Nancy Catullo – Seat 1
Seat 14 - Vacant

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2004 were not approved or disapproved because the Recording Secretary sent them out too soon after the last meeting and everybody forgot they had received them. By consensus, those minutes will be resent to the Board and considered at the next Board meeting.

Public Comment

Leslie McKenna of Chefs, Inc. announced, while passing out brownies, that she and her husband are opening a retail store and cooking classroom at Pico and Veteran. Classes will be in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 or 10 pm. Website: chefsinc.net.

Agenda Items

4. a) Report of Election Committee. Committee Chair Ellen Ruben reported on the work of the Committee and the draft election procedures, which were emailed to the Board before the meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed 15-0-0 to approve the procedures, with the exception of two issues that were reserved and referred to the Committee for further study and recommendation: 1. What happens if there is no candidate for a seat? 2. The selection process for appointed seats.

4. b) Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mar Vista Community Council to Establish Neighborhood Council Access Channels. Ken Marsh presented. It was moved and seconded that we join other neighborhood councils in supporting public-access outreach. A motion to amend the main motion to specify that we not be obligated to pay anything or have any responsibility for its operation was made, seconded, and passed 12-2-1. The main motion as amended passed 10-3-1.

[Terri announced that Jim Lynch has taken a job as executive director of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and that this is his last meeting as a member of this Board.]

4. d) Public Storage (11200 W. Pico). Jim Fitzpatrick of Public Storage presented. They want to convert their pick-up-and-delivery space to self-storage space. The details of the history and permits and variances needed are in the report of the Land-Use Committee, which was emailed to the Board before the meeting and is a part of the record of this meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed 13-0-1 that the WNC write a letter of support for the proposed change in the facility if and when they apply for a variance on parking and FAR to add self-storage units only, the total units not to exceed 1,500. Our support is due, in part, to the unique location and configuration of the property.

More Public Comment

Jay Handel, President of the West LA Chamber of Commerce said he has gotten complaints about blight on Pico, including ficus trees creating a hazard and eyesore on the sidewalk in front of the old welfare building. The issue will be on the agenda for next month's Board meeting.

Jan Gabrielson asked that a bylaw amendment to correct district descriptions that could be read as creating overlapping districts be put on next month's agenda.

6. b) **Budget Committee Report**

Treasurer Bob Guerin reported. His report was emailed to the Board before the meeting and is a part of the record of this meeting. He got an email from DONE that we could roll over our funds to next year and so do not have to spend or encumber it as we had been led to believe we had to. Since we decided under duress how to spend the money, Bob wants the ad hoc spending committee to take another look at its spending recommendations. Deanna Stevenson said we could use our money for sidewalk repair. We will have \$91,580.75. Our previous budget was for \$41,580.75.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 13-0-0 to revise the 2004-2005 budget and to send back for reconsideration all spending items with the exception of the transcript of the hearing on the FBI building and the website.

Of the \$6,500 approved by the Board for the website, \$250 has been spent. Bob said the Board has not approved the contract. Steve will read it.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 13-0-0 to authorize Bob to sign the contract after he gets approval from Sam and Alan, after consulting with Steve for business advice, with such changes as they deem appropriate in their discretion.

Schlomo Fattal asked that the Board designate a key contact to provide content for our website.

6. b) **Executive Board Report**

Terri Tippit reported. Jean Shigematsu went to the DWP meeting with Jim Alger. Most NC people there did not want to micro-manage DWP, but wanted to open lines of communication. Jim Lynch and Karen Weiss have left the Board. Nancy Catullo has been too sick to attend meetings. Mary Kusnic wants to take Jim's seat. It will be on the agenda of the next Board meeting. Wendy Greuel's proposal will be on the next agenda.

6. c) **Policies and Procedures Committee Report**

Jan Gabrielson reported that the Committee's work and membership overlaps the Election Committee's and so has not met.

6. d) **Public Safety Committee**

Stacy Antler reported. CERT training starts on Monday, July 12. Jack Weiss agreed to resurface Selby this fiscal year.

6. e) **Land-Use Committee**

Gretchen Lewotsky reported. The golf course will re-do the driving range and raise the fence. The City asked the Committee what education the Committee wanted it to provide.

Next meeting

August 12, 2004, 7:00 pm, same place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.

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