

MINUTES OF MEETING 8/12/04

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in Community Room A at Westside Pavillion by Chair Terri Tippit.

Board Members attending:

Rich Cahalan, seat 2
Steve Spector - Seat 3
Renato Romano, alternate for Jean Shigematsu - Seat 4
Erika Komarck, alternate for Mary Kusnik - Seat 5
Gretchen Lewotsky, Seat 6
Barbara Broide - alternate for Ty Vahedi
Terri Tippit - Seat 8
Alan Levine - Seat 9
J. Francois Nion - Seat 11
Stacy L. Antler - Seat 12
Robert Guerin - Seat 13
Sam Skootsky - Seat 15
Melissa Kenady - Seat 16

Board Members absent:

Nancy Catullo - Seat 1
Richard S. Harmetz - Seat 10
Jan Gabrielson, Seat 17
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, LAPD
Representative from LAFD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings of June 10th and July 8th were unanimously approved without corrections.

Agenda Items

Please note that agenda items were addressed out of order.

Old Business:

e. After consultation with DONE, the WNC budget was revised to accommodate an increase in website design.

Final revisions =

Outreach - \$2,000

Community Affairs - \$4,000

Website - an increase of \$2.0 bringing total expenditure to \$9,000

Bob Guerin moved to approve the revised expenditure, Stacy Antler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The ad hoc spending committee will meet in September to finalize the 2004/2005 budget.

Public Comment

Suzy Gluck, self described community activist, reported on Pico Blvd. disrepair. She passed out photos with descriptions of buckling sidewalks. standing water and overflowing trash cans. The intersection of Parnell and Pico is of special concern due to chronic standing water and potential health hazards.

Gretchen Lewtosky suggested additional trash cans be ordered from city. Barbara Broide suggested that the Pico Village project tackle this as initial beautification project. Rich Cahalan suggested that the Public Safety Committee discuss this matter further at their meeting, Tuesday, 8/17. Suzy Gluck was invited to attend this committee meeting as well.

New Business:

c. Sean Jordan, resident on Bentley Avenue, described increase of crime on Brookhaven and small alley between Bentley/Tilden and Sepulveda. He asked for more LAPD patrols in this area to prevent homeless in vans on the block, graffiti on 10 overpass and drug trafficking. There is also evidence of prostitution. Detective Beckley from LAPD commented that LAPD is aware of problems in this area and are focussing on clearing out parties involved in drug dealing.

Suggestions were also made for CD 5 to explore permit parking in this area.

Jay Handal from the WLA Chamber of Commerce urged that citizen reports be made to WLAPD in order for neighborhood crime statistics to be up to date.

Melissa Kenady suggested starting a Neighborhood Watch program in this area and promised to follow up with Sean Jordan.

Terri Tippit urged that neighbors attend the WOW HOA meeting on September 30th

where WLAPD Captain Vance Proctor can hear their concerns. SLO Ali will also be asked to attend.

b. Terri Tippit reported on the Westside Issues Group meeting;

1. Regarding support for Plan D, the consensus was that more information be obtained before taking a vote.

2. A vote on the sales tax increase was tabled. Alice Romano will check with the League of Women Voters for independent analysis of this issue.

a. Rich Cahalan

By law amendments:

Revised descriptions (see underlined below) of Seats 9 and 12 were proposed as follows:

Seat Nine; a resident residing within the boundaries of Midvale Avenue, Overland Avenue (excluding homes which are both on the east side of the street and north of Northvale Road), Pico Boulevard and National Boulevard or residing on Dunleer Place east of Overland Avenue.

Seat Twelve; a resident residing within the boundaries of Overland Avenue (homes on the east side of the street , except homes on Dunleer Place and on Coventry Place between Overland Avenue and Dunleer Place), Pico Boulevard, Motor Avenue (between Pico Boulevard and Lorenzo Place), Monte Mar Avenue, Anchor Avenue, Dannyhill Drive (excluding all homes on Dannyhill Drive), Club Drive, Forrester Drive (excluding homes on the south side of the street between Queensbury Drive and Cavendish Drive), Queensbury Drive (homes on the west side of the street), Patricia Avenue (homes on the north side of the street), Motor Avenue (between Patricia Avenue and National) and the Santa Mncia (10) Freeway.

Gretchen Lewotsky moved to approve and Alan Levine seconded. The amendment was passed unanimously with alternates abstaining.

Regarding election procedures: The language for the first proposed election procedure should read as follows:

If there are no candidates for an elected seat, the seat shall remain vacant until an eligible candidate requests to fill that seat and delivers to the Governing Board at least three letters of stakeholder support for that candidate, at which time the Board shall place on the agenda for the next Board meeting a notice of its intent to fill that seat with that candidate at the next following Board meeting and the Board may vote at the next following Board meeting to approve such candidate for that seat. At the Board meeting at which that vote is taken, the candidate may bring additional letters of support and

may make a presentation to the Board about the candidate's qualifications for Board membership.

Stacy Antler moved to approve, Melissa Kenady seconded. Votes = 11 in favor, 1 against.

The second proposed election procedure is as follows:

Three seats will be filled by selection by the organizations comprising each constituency. If there is more than one candidate for any seat, those candidates must come to the first Board meeting of the newly elected Board. To be a candidate for a selected seat, a person must obtain a nominating letter from a constituent organization of the seat. Each candidate may bring additional letters of support and may make a presentation to the Board about their qualifications. The Board will then select by majority vote the Board member for each of these contested seats.

Barbara Broide moved to accept this procedure, Bob Guerin seconded. Votes = 11 in favor, 1 abstention.

Voting on approving the procedural by law amendments will take place, if deemed necessary, at next WNC meeting, September 9th,

d. Councilwoman Wendy Greuel

Councilwoman Greuel presented the Greuel-Garcetti business tax reform proposal. Jay Handal from WLA Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the proposal.

Steve Spector moved to vote in support of the proposal, Bob Guerin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Communications

Executive Board Report

Inclusionary zoning ordinance discussed. Public comment is needed at upcoming hearings.

Rich Cahalan moved to oppose the inclusionary zoning ordinance as it now stands.

Stacy Antler seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Solid waste disposal issue - Gretchen Lewotsky will attend meeting and give report at September council meeting

LAFD Open House - Stacy Antler will attend and give report at September council meeting

Re Federal Building expansion - Zev Yaroslavsky sent letter outlining WNC concerns

Overland Avenue Schools sent thank you and plaque for WNC participation in school festival

Discussion re Area 7: do 3,500 stakeholders need more than one representative? This subject will be discussed at the HOA meeting and a proposal will be submitted by next WNC meeting. The report will be on the agenda for this meeting.

Budget Committee Report

Items addressed under old business.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report

No report given.

Public Safety + Traffic Committee

CERT training completed with a good turn out. Next step is to contact CERT leaders within community to register first responders. CERT training available for all neighborhood councils and HOAs.

Lycee Francais adapted input received by WNC re traffic and parking into their operating plans for new school location.

Next committee meeting = 8/17

Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee did not hold its meeting in July because the Rancho Park Golf Course representative who was expected to make a presentation at the meeting did not call in advance to schedule the presentation. As there are no other pending matters before the Committee at this time, we may not hold the August meeting if the Golf Course representative does not call to express an interest in presenting to the Committee.

Outreach Committee

Alan Levine reported on the following:

--- the updated USC study showing participation by demographics. A separate committee re Pico Village project should be formed by next January. Francois Nion, Rich Cahalan and Renato Romano will meet to organize Pico Village committee.

--- board elections should be highlighted in newsletter by end of September

--- HOA meetings will be attended by members of the outreach committee

--- Website will be focus of outreach to stakeholders. Shlomo requested input for website and made following suggestions:
success stories from neighborhood
pet friendly page for resources and adoptions
images that can be freely used
lists of non profits with needs/wish lists noted

Outreach committee meeting to be rescheduled.

CD 5 Update

Paul Backstrom noted 8/26 Open House for Santa Monica project. Issues re Nextel antennas and matching fund pacts were noted.

Next meeting will be on September 9, 2004 - same location.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn was made by Melissa Kenady and seconded by Steve Spector.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Melissa Kenady, substituting for Jan Gabrielson.
(Special thanks to Rich Cahalan for procedural phrase-ology.)