

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting November 11, 2004

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion by Chair Terri Tippit.

Board Members attending:

Richard Cahalan – Seat 2  
Steve Spector – Seat 3  
Mary Kusnic, alternate for 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  
Representative from LAFD: Captain Stimson

Board Members absent:

Seat 1 – Vacant  
Jean Shigematsu – Seat 4  
Seat 14 - Vacant  
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, LAPD

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2004 were approved as corrected by a vote of 11-0-2.

**Agenda Items**

f) Election Committee Report. Chair Ellen Ruben reported. The Candidate

Forum was held from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, just before the Board meeting. Nobody other than Election Committee members showed up. The final notice of the election will be a postcard, to be delivered by Walking Man on November 29. The election will take place on December 2.

### **Public Comment**

Ken Marsh, of Mar Vista Community Council, spoke on pushing a cable-access channel for NCs. Fifteen NCs support it. He will email a survey to us.

### **Agenda Items**

4.b) DWP Substation. Hoddy Rupp, Manager of Substation Development of LADWP, spoke and showed graphics of the substation to be built on the northwest corner of Bentley and National. Guillermo Honles, the chief architect, also spoke. The project has been approved except for the design. Ken Alpern of Mar Vista CC handed out a letter expressing concerns and questions about the project. A copy is in the record of this meeting. A motion to approve the design and landscaping as presented passed 14-0-0.

4.a) Watch the Road Project. Lan Nguyen, project manager, reported. The Project is designed to reduce traffic deaths by posting yellow and black signs in conjunction with periodic increased enforcement of traffic laws. Shannon Burns of 2305 Overland said they tried it and were disappointed by the results. Stacy will work with Lan on the project.

4.c) Proposed Cellular Antenna Ordinance. Terri Tippit reported that a hearing is scheduled for 11/17 on an ordinance that would require commercial buildings to allow cellular antennas. We asked Paul Backstrom to try to delay the hearing and get us more information.

4.d) Presentation on the Service Station. Paul Holmes described the business he wants to open and distributed some material that is in the record of this meeting. He repeated some of the description of the proposed business that he presented to us at our meeting of 9/9/04. It will provide hair styling, manicures, pedicures, and facials. There will be no jacuzzi, no sauna, no pool table. It will also sell its own personal-care products. The area is zoned M-2, which permits almost anything, but they need a conditional-use permit to sell alcoholic beverages. Their attorney Dale Goldsmith also spoke. They will agree to a covenant running with the land that the permit will never allow the property to be used for adult entertainment, which, Dale said, is defined in the LA Municipal Code. Rich Cahalan suggested that Paul continue to work with the Land-Use Committee to work out a set of conditions that everybody can live with.

### **Public Comment**

Bob Hertzberg, former Speaker of the Assembly, introduced himself. He is running for mayor. The election is March 8, 2005 and the runoff is May 17. His website is changela.com.

A five-minute break, which lasted about 15 minutes, was taken at 9:35.

### **Executive Board Report**

Terri Tippit reported that Karen Bass won the election and will have a community meeting on 11/20 from 10–12 at the Culver City Veterans Building.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bob Guerin reported. The laser gun was presented to LAPD at a CPAB meeting. We have \$5,678 on our credit card and \$126.17 in cash. Nancy Catullo resigned from the Board, so another signer is needed. Rich Cahalan volunteered.

### **Policies and Procedures Committee Report**

Jan Gabrielson reported that the Committee continues to work with Election Committee and has not met separately.

### **Public Safety Committee**

Stacy Antler reported. She attended the CERT refresher course on 10/30. The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday at 7:00 at her house.

### **Agenda Items**

4.e) Illegal tree removal on Pico. Barbara Broide reported. The City denied a request for a permit to trim a tree at Parnell and Pico. But when the owners repaired the sidewalk, they trimmed the tree so badly that it had to be removed. It was replaced with an Italian Christmas tree. That the City notify us before granting tree permits will be on our next agenda.

### **Traffic Study**

Barbara Broide reported that Ron Brohard will start work before receiving his first payment. He suggested meetings to identify problems. Public Safety and Traffic will discuss what to do.

### **Land-Use Committee**

Gretchen Lewotsky reported. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11/23 at 7 pm at her house. They expect two presenters: the golf course, and a multi-use facility and Overland and National where a gas station closed.

**Outreach Committee**

Alan Levine reported. They have been working with the Election Committee. Efforts to reach the public and get a response have not been successful. The lack of public response shows a lack of public interest.

**D.O.N.E Report**

No rep showed up so none was done.

**Council District 5 Report**

Paul had left so none was done.

**Next meeting**

December 9, 2004, 7:00 pm, same place.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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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   |