

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting April 14, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in Community Room C at the Westside Too part of the Westside Pavilion by Chair Steve Spector.

Voting Board Members present:

Richard Cahalan– Seat 1
Steve Spector – Seat 3
Renato Romano – Seat 4 (departed at 8:20 PM)
Gretchen Lewotsky – Seat 6
Barbara Broide – Seat 7
Terri Tippit – Seat 8
Alan James Levine – Seat 9
Richard S. Harmetz – Seat 10 (arrived at 7:15 PM)
J. François Nion – Seat 11
Stacy L. Antler – Seat 12
Robert Guerin – Seat 13
Blaise Antin – Seat 15
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16
David T. (Ty) Vahedi – Seat 17 (arrived at 7:10 PM; departed at 8:20 PM,
at which point he was replaced by his alternate, Shannon Burns)

Non-Voting Board Members present:

Paul Backstrom – City Council District 5 (departed at 8:20 PM)
Representative from LAFD

Board Members absent:

Seat 2 – Vacant
Mary Kusnic – Seat 5
Seat 14 - Vacant
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, LAPD

Introductions

The Board members introduced themselves to the audience.

Vacant Board Seats

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and announced that there are two vacant seats on the WNC Governing Board. He invited interested parties to apply to fill those vacant seats.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2005 were approved without correction by a vote of 11-0-1.

Public Forum

At the request of Jan Gabrielson, Rich Cahalan announced that the WNC Policies, Procedures & Bylaws Committee has various bylaw amendments to propose to the WNC Governing Board for approval at the WNC's May 2005 meeting. A written copy of the proposed bylaw amendments was submitted for the WNC records.

At 7:10 p.m., Board member David T. Vahedi arrived at the meeting.

Agenda Items

6.a) WNC Regional Traffic Study -- Additional Budget Allocation. Barbara Broide proposed that the WNC approve an additional \$2,000 budget (in addition to the existing \$10,000 budget authorization) for expenditure on traffic consultant Tom Brohard, to be used for compilation of the results of the WNC Regional Traffic Study survey (up to 500 surveys to be reviewed and compiled at a rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$2,000 total). Upon motion duly made and seconded, the WNC voted 12-0-1 to approve this additional expenditure.

At 7:15 PM, Board member Richard Harmetz arrived at the meeting.

6.b) SB 466 Mobile Photo Radar Enforcement System. Barbara Broide proposed that the WNC send a letter of support for SB 466, which would allow automated speed limit enforcement on residential streets subject to certain conditions. David Cardozo, representative for Assemblyperson Karen Bass, stated that this Senate bill has not counterpart in the Assembly at this point in time and, therefore, Karen Bass has no view on the bill yet because she hasn't reviewed it. He stated that he would report to Assemblyperson Bass that this bill is an issue of importance to our WNC community. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the WNC voted 14-0-0 to send a letter of support for SB 466 substantially in the form of the draft letter presented to the Board at the meeting, subject to removal of any references to Overland Avenue.

The Chair recognized Rich Cahalan, who reported that Melissa Kenady had completed her required training to become WNC Treasurer on March 16, 2005 and that, accordingly, on that date, she became the WNC Treasurer, replacing Bob Guerin in that

role. The Governing Board congratulated Ms. Kenady and thanked Mr. Guerin for his service as Treasurer for the past two years.

The Chair announced that there would be no further reports at this meeting because the remaining time had been reserved for the Mayoral Forum. At 7:25 PM, the Chair called for a 5 minute break.

6.c) Mayoral Forum. The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 PM for the Mayoral Forum. The Chair recognized Blaise Antin, who introduced Alan Levine as moderator of the Mayoral Forum. Mr. Levine introduced the first speaker, Councilmember Jack Weiss, representing the Antonio Villaraigosa campaign. The Governing Board and audience members asked questions, which Mr. Weiss answered. Mr. Weiss departed at 8:20 PM and the Chair called for a 10 minute break. At this point, Board members Renato Romano and David T. Vahedi departed the meeting; Mr. Vahedi was replaced by his alternate, Shannon Burns. Mr. Paul Backstrom, representative of Councilmember Jack Weiss also departed the meeting at this time.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 PM and Mr. Levine introduced the second speaker, Councilmember Janice Hahn, representing the James Hahn campaign. The Governing Board and audience members asked questions, which Ms. Hahn answered. The Mayoral Forum concluded at 9:30 PM.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Mayoral Forum.

Next meeting

May 12, 2005, 7:00 PM, at Community Room A of the Westside Pavilion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Cahalan, 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