

## WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of September 8, 2005

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p. m. in Community Room A at the Westside Pavilion by Chair Steve Spector.

Voting Board and Alternate Members present:

Steve Spector – Seat 3  
Renato Romano – Seat 4  
Mary Kusnic – Seat 5  
Gretchen Lewotsky – Seat 6  
Barbara Broide – Seat 7  
Terri Tippit – Seat 8  
Alan James Levine – Seat 9  
Kevin Singer – Seat 10  
J. François Nion – Seat 11  
Stacy L. Antler – Seat 12  
Robert Guerin – Seat 13  
Blaise Antin – Seat 15  
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16  
Shannon Burns – Seat 17

Non-Voting Board Members present:

Paul Backstrom – City Council District 5

Board Members absent:

Seat 1 – Vacant  
Seat 2 – Vacant  
Seat 14 – Vacant

Non-Voting Board Members absent

Senior Lead Officer Ali, LAPD  
Representative from LAFD

Other officials' present/absent:

Deanna Stevenson of DONE, Absent

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a vote of 10 to 0 with the following correction: On page 6 of the previous minutes, Rancho was misspelled.

#### **Public Forum**

**John Brady** (Westwood Area Representative) from the Mayor's office introduced himself and said he can be reached at (310) 410-1749 or e-mailed at [John.s.brady@lacity.org](mailto:John.s.brady@lacity.org). He discussed *City Wide Day of Service with Our Youth*, which will take place on October 8, 2005, at 8 a. m. at 1300 Venice Boulevard.

**Roberta Scelza** asked what the WNC is doing about Hurricane Katrina and about potential disasters in our own neighborhood. **Barbara Broide** spoke about the relevant programs the WNC currently offers and about what the WNC needs to do to improve the area's readiness. Both Overland Elementary and Westwood Charter Schools currently store disaster supplies. The WNC has a Public Safety Committee and seeks additional members for the committee.

**Terri Tippit** announced that at 7 p.m. on October 6<sup>th</sup> her homeowners' organization will hold its annual meeting in Room C of the Westside Pavilion Too. Speakers will include Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Assemblyperson Weiss, and Westside LAPD Captain Aborn.

**Blaise Antin** announced that Westwood Charter School will be holding a fund raiser, *The Halloween Hoot*. The event will take place at the school on October 23. Antin also brought the Council up to date on the status of the Santa Monica Airport and encouraged the Council to be involved in the airport's consideration of future uses of the airport so that the Council can influence the direction of those uses.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Melissa Kenady** announced a pending expenditure of \$1,200 is due Sketch Farm for website design covering the period from January 2005 through June 2005. Sketch Farm has performed ongoing web site maintenance work for the WNC and offered to continue such work on a month-to-month basis measured from six months prior to this meeting at \$200 per month.

MSP by a vote of 14 to 0 to pay Sketch Farm the \$1,200 due it for website maintenance work covering the six months prior to this meeting and to approve a month to month contract covering future work at a fee of \$200 per month payable every three months in arrear, \$600 every three months, for Sketch Farm's continued work on the WNC website.

### **Land Use Committee**

**Gretchen Lewotsky** informed the Board that the Land Use Committee cancelled its last scheduled meeting.

A special mention was made of the September 22 meeting at Wadsworth Auditorium where the future use of the Veterans Administration land in Westwood will be discussed.

### **Public Safety & Traffic Committee**

**Barbara Broide** announced that future uses of the Veterans Administration land in Westwood will also be discussed at a meeting at 7 p. m. at University High School. The meeting will be attended by Councilmember Weiss, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, and Assemblyperson Bass. Broide encouraged attendance at the meeting in order to make politicians aware that the citizenry is concerned about development issues.

The committee also reported that the Royal Westwood Hotel is applying for a Café Permit. Previously, the hotel's neighbors had complained about music emanating from the hotel's courtyard. The neighbors said that the music has been loud and disturbing. It was noted that Café Permits are granted by the Los Angeles Police Department, which does not have in place a good system for notifying affected persons about the hearings. A motion, to be voted on at the next meeting, was introduced requesting that the Police Permit Commission place its agenda on the internet and notify residents within five-hundred feet when an application for a permit is made.

The Rancho Park noise problem was discussed once again. A motion to be voted on at the next meeting was introduced. The motion would authorize the WNC to expend—in conjunction with Rancho Park—money to purchase and install a pager system for the golf course. The intent of the motion is to reduce bothersome noise generated by the golf course's P. A. pager system. The WNC discussion did not endorse such a solution. Ty Vahedi offered to work with the residents to interface with the golf course owner and the city, which operates the golf course. The WNC chair authorized Ty on behalf of the WNC to inform the city that the WNC encourages the city to better address the concerns of the residents adjacent to the golf course as Ty sees fit. The WNC members voted unanimously to support the authority

given Ty in this matter.

### **Outreach Committee**

**Terri Tippit** reported that that from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. on October 8, the Westside Los Angeles Police Department will hold an open house at its remodeled office.

MSP by a vote with 12 to 0 and with 2 abstentions to pay the WLAPD \$300 for the use of a table at this event.

MSP by 14 to 0 to spend up to \$12,974.25 for give away items, post cards, kiosk posters, store front posters, street banner, and art work development. These items are to be used as part of the WNC's outreach program.

### **Executive Committee**

**Steve Spector** announced that Shlomo Fattal has resigned as a member of the WNC Board. The WNC will not hold its regular meeting in October since the usual meeting date falls on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur and no workable alternative date was found by the executive committee.

### **Council District No. 5 Update**

**Paul Backstrom** said that the Bureau of Street Lighting has some extra money which will be used to install signal lights at high transit locations. He suggested that anyone who knows of a location where a signal light is needed should report the location. He also reported that Susan Bursk, a deputy to Councilmember Weiss, is leaving her position to take on the presidency of the Century City Chamber of Commerce.

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

No report

### **Policies & Procedures Committee**

No Report

### **Agenda Items**

MSP with 10 to 0 with 2 abstentions to donate \$1,000 to the Marshall Riddick Youth House.

Background: The Marshall Riddick Youth House at 2634 Overland Avenue is owned by the community.

The purpose of the donation is

1. to support the many aspects of the house
2. to generate goodwill for the WNC
3. to provide an alternative meeting place for board meetings
4. to place the name of the Westside Neighborhood Council on the Youth House's marquee, thus providing additional visibility for the WNC.

It should be noted that the Riddick Center representative, Jonathon Weiss, convinced the board prior to the vote that supporting the Riddick Center would serve a community oriented purpose. The representative agreed to follow up as necessary to convince DONE that the donation would serve a community oriented purpose.

Robert Nowak, George Mhlsten, and Francis Park provided the meeting with information about JMB's

proposed construction of luxury condominiums in Century City. (This information has been widely disseminated in the press and on various websites.)

**Next meeting**

November 10, 2005, 7:00 PM, Westside Pavilion

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Singer  
Richard S Harnetz, Acting 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, Councilmember)
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CIS	Community Impact Statement
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 (under state law)
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (under federal law)
HOA	Homeowners Association
MND	Mitigated Negative Declaration
NOD	Neighborhood-Oriented District (a zoning overlay in the WNC district)
NTM	Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation
PACT	Police and Community Together
PLUM	Planning and Use Management Committee, LA City Council
POD	Pedestrian-Oriented District (a zoning overlay in the WNC district)
RAS	Residential/Accessory Services (a zoning classification for mixed-use -- commercial & residential together)
SLO	Senior Lead Officer
SUD	Supplemental Use District
TIMP	Traffic Improvement Mitigation Plan
WNC	Westside Neighborhood Council