

Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico
Meeting Room A

1. **Call to order** at 7:03 p.m. by Terri Tippit, WNC Chair
Admonishments to board and audience on silencing/turning off cell phones

Present:

Jae Wu, (alt) seat 1
Lisa Morocco, seat 2
Brandon Behrstock, seat 3
Steve Spector, seat 4
David Burke, seat 5
Barbara Broide, seat 7
Terri Tippit, seat 8
Colleen Mason, seat 12
Francesca Beale-Rosano, (alt) seat 13
Shannon Burns, seat 14
Melissa Kenady, seat 16
Thomas Born, (alt) seat 17

We have a quorum.

An announcement was made to the audience by the Chair that the representative for the AT&T Cell tower on residential property on Manning that was set to present this month contacted the WNC and postponed. They will not be heard until next month, so if anyone was present for that presentation, the Chair wanted to make that announcement at the beginning of the meeting.

2. **April 10, 2014 minutes**

Minutes of 4/10/2014 were reviewed and discussed, with no changes noted.

Motion to approve: Ms. Burns
Second: Ms. Morocco
Passed 12-0-0

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- A. Scott Malsin; Field Representative, Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas . Mr. Malsin stated that he represented Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas of the 54th Assembly District, in the WNC area, the Western part of the district. He came to introduce himself and seek outreach from the community. His office is located in Culver City, and he can be reached at scott.malsin@asm.ca.gov. He really is interested in how to make a difference in the quality of our lives. Board members commented that Mr. Ridley-Thomas did not reach out to the WNC. Mr. Malsin asked that the WNC send him a request and he will contact Mr. Ridley-Thomas's scheduler.
- B. Adrienne Omansky, guest of Councilmember Paul Koretz on behalf of Senior Fraud Awareness Day. Ms. Omansky briefly discussed what the seniors on the Westside do to outreach seniors, particularly in the area of senior fraud. She invited the stakeholders to Senior Fraud Awareness Day on May 15, 2014 at the Felicia Mahood Senior Center. These active seniors have been making presentations to the elder community of issues that strike elders, and in particular senior scams. They get their point across through skits and presentations. Work with police and district attorney's office. Jackie Lacey DA was scammed just a few months ago. Problem: seniors embarrassed to tell they've been scammed. Karen Bass will be there. Both CD5 and CD11 councilmembers will be there. The Dept. Of Consumer affairs will be there. Ms. Burns noted that her mother was a member of this senior troupe, and their skits and presentations are a great asset to the senior community.

4. **LAPD Report**

Rashad Sharif reported on recent crime in the WNC area. Burglaries: 2600 Blk. Greenfield Ave. (smashed side door of residence and removed U.S. Currency and a laptop); 10700 Blk. La Grange Ave. (gained entry to residence via unlocked front door and removed U.S. Currency, wallet, credit cards laptop and a watch); 2500 Blk. Midvale Ave. (On 05/07/14 suspect(s) gained entry to residence via unlocked door and removed laptops, iPad, jewelry, wallet, keys, gym bag, usb thumb drive and security box. Vehicle break ins: 2100 Blk. S. Bentley Ave.; 2300 Blk Greenfield Ave. (removed catalytic converter from victim's vehicle); 11500 W. Olympic Blvd. (suspect(s) removed a pair of Google glasses after the victim returned the vehicle to the rental car agency); 1800 Blk. S. Sepulveda Blvd. (suspect(s) used unknown device to electronically open victim's vehicle and removed a Rolex watch which was in plain view in the center console); 2000 Blk. Linnington Ave. (disabled alarm and door lock and removed an airbag); 2100 Blk. Greenfield Ave. (suspect(s) removed a door lock, steering wheel cover, airbag, bumper and multiple vehicle parts). Had another car - Mercedes fog lights. WLA area. Professionals are doing this and selling on black market and Craig's List.

For Pick Pico – should have vehicle out there with cadets. Also have SoRo and Mulholland festival that same day. Agreed to take Pick Pico flyers.

Ms. Woo noted that “Off site surveillance” warning helps. In response to a question raised about the purported Luv Puppy “raid”, Office Sharif said he had not heard about raid – didn’t come from the police.

Mario Gonzalez – same thing. Windows unlocked. Leave radio or tv on as if someone is at home. Neighborhood watch helps.

5. Chuy Oroczo CD5 Report

Discussed dead tree issue; contracts with the City, and conflict between contract WNC has for Pico trees planted and City’s tree trimming. A severely overgrown tree (that has been trimmed) with roots that have lifted the pavement so high it cannot be used on Prosser, just south of Pico was discussed.

Street resurfacing. Will be resurfacing Glendon (Board very pleased). Asked that Board members email him with streets that should be reviewed. Before July 1st Pico will be done. He will weigh in on the streets. Meets with George Gonzalez tomorrow re: Palms Rancho Park. Ordinance dealing with homeless. Now must call sanitation and to clean it takes 5 weeks. Ordinance coming soon. Homeless – letter for Sepulveda being drawn up with no overnight parking. Sidewalks. Alleys also discussed. Might be able to patch up some alleys. Spoke with them about the tree issue and double cutting. Tree planting. In budget discussed graffiti. Reallocating to sidewalk repair.

6. Regular Agenda.

a. Albert Perez, DWP. Presentation on water supply, conservation, Turf Program

Mr. Perez, representing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power provided a power point presentation on water conservation. Mr. Perez noted that he doesn’t work for the water conservation, but the recycle water group. 28 years at Water & Power. Started as a meter reader. Then ran water trouble calls.

We are in a drought. History of where water to L.A. comes from, starting with the LA river. LA aqueduct from Owens river (Mulholland). Colorado river aqueduct. Sacramento Delta. Described snow packs. Early 1900s fully metered City of LA. LA began implementing its conservation program in 1977. Since 1990, spent a lot of money on water conservation. Most toilets have been replaced. Rebates on efficient washers. Water recycling (now 2%). Now in phase 2 of drought plan. Can only water 3x a week. Mon weds fri (odd). Tues thurs and sun (even). Before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m. DWP ramping up enforcement of these rules. Don’t want to fine anyone. Don’t run sprinklers on a Saturday. However, if you put sod in, they are

reasonable. Will cite 2 or 3 times before fining.

Increased incentives to promote CA-friendly landscape program. Rain barrel rebate program to be used for irrigation. \$75 rebate. There will be a seminar program. Flyers available.

[Www.ladwp.com/wc](http://www.ladwp.com/wc)

Violations: waterconservattionresponseunit@ladwp.com

Cash for your lawn. \$2 for square foot. Has brochures and water conservation presents for everyone. Looking to reduce water consumption because most is pumped here.

b. Brandon Behrstock report on Rancho Park Golf Course opening of new Driving Range. Mr. Behrstock there is new fencing and lights. It looks gorgeous! Councilman's office there. Ribbon cutting two weeks ago

7. **Motions & Resolutions.**

A. Discussion and/or possible action: NC budget advocate white paper. Mr. Behrstock is the WNC Budget Advocate representative. Participation in Mayor's Budget Committee. Process provides for budget advocates to do white paper. Feels everything in there is quite positive. And it seems as if one would support it. Slipped in a few things that concern him. Don't fight unions.

Motion by Mr. Behrstock to accept the white paper in its entirety. NC support recommendations and report back in 30 days.

Second by Ms. Broide.

Discussion: Issue re: deferred compensation. It was stated that new employees not guaranteed fixed amount.

Motion Passes: 11-1 (14) -0

B. Reallocation of funds in WNC Account. 300 funds need to be reallocated to 200 funds

Motion made by Ms. Morocco to reallocate 300 funds to 20 funds.

Ms. Kenady seconds

Discussion:

1. Ms. Broide asked how much left. Ms. Morocco state there is \$9,000. Will have \$3,000 left. P card shuts down after next meeting. There is a mechanism to sweep it back to NC fund vs. city.

2. Discussion regarding surveys and having something at Pick Pico seeking to volunteer on committees and areas of interest.

Motion Passes: 12-0-0

Further Announcement: The Chair reminded stakeholders that Seat 9 is vacant.

8. Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Morocco discussed her Treasurer's report, noting a starting balance of \$21,355.33, and following all of the approved expenditures, an ending balance of \$9,229.96, described in detail on the WNC Treasurer Report dated May 8, 2014.

Motion by Ms. Heller-Mason to approve.
Seconded by Ms. Kenady
Motion passes: 12-0-0

9. Pick Pico report & Motion

Ms. Morocco stated: 39 businesses registered, 4 pending. Present will be CD5, WNC, Karen Bass. There will be community groups, Coupons, etc. will be put in bags. Handing out at WNC table. Fox confirmed stage and amplifier. There will be waste baskets. Posters, banners. Up at park and library. Still waiting on insurance. Lots of entertainment. Need: water donations, balloons. Need: help. 8 - 12 and 12-4. Or come at 7 a.m. for morning shift for set up.

MOTION:
Needs \$3,000 more for bus shelter posters, port-a-potty. Wants up to \$3,000. P card gets shut down in June. Demand warrants due.
Ms. Morocco moves
Ms. Burns seconds.
Motion passes: 12-0-0

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Burns
Second: Ms. Kusnic
Motion passes unanimously

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Burns, Co-Secretary