

# Westside Neighborhood Council

Minutes of the Meeting on May 6, 2006

At the Westside Pavilion, Community Room A, Los Angeles

**Voting Board Members Present:** Alice Campbell, 3; Steve Spector 4; Barbara Broide, ; **Mary Kusnic, 5;** Gretchen Lewotsky, 6;, Barbara Broide, 7; Terri Tippit, Alan Levine, 9; Richard S Harnetz & Mike Eveloff, 10; Francois Nion, 11 Bob Gueren, 13; ; Ron Stone, 14; Blaise Antin. 15; Melissa Kenady, 16; Ty Vahedi & Shannon Burns, 17;

**Voting Board Members Absent:** Renato Romanno

**Non-Voting Board Members Present:** Senior Lead Officer Munif Ali, LAPD

**Non-Voting Board Members Absent:** Representative of the Fire Department

**Other Officials Present:** Deanna Stevenson of DONE, Paul Backstrom, deputy to Councilmember Weiss

**Minutes:** MSP unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 to accept the minutes with the following changes: Bob Guerin was not present at the April meeting;

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Sherry Hanover** reported that Overland is \$20,000 away from its goal for its Wonder of Reading Library. The program has been put in place and is going well.

**Gretchen Lewotsky** said that Fox was required to give \$80,000 for mitigations at Ave of Stars and Fox Hills Drive. The widening was to be delayed at the request of Councilmember Weiss so as not to get in the way of the Santa Monica Blvd. Project. At a council hearing, a Cheviot Hills representative objected to the widening project and Fox withdrew its request for a delay.

**Nancy Samovar** commented that people could not trust Fox since it had not constructed the Overland Bridge. Gretchen responded Fox had given to the city Fox's part of the money for the bridge and had fulfilled its responsibility.

She also commented on **Meridian** auto detail shop selling modification equipment for cars and tests the cars by racing them on the streets. Building. & Safety says that Meridian is not in compliance with zoning regulations. Consequently, Meridian will seek modifications to the POD.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer: Bob Guerin** will sit down with **Melissa Kenady** once a month in order to prepare a treasurers report with more detail than is currently provided.

**Land Use Committee:** Gretchen Lewotsky reported that the new Nextel representative was unable to provide salient information about its Pico Blvd. project. He was counseled not to show up before the WNC but instead to appear with the needed information at the next Land Use Committee meeting. Jane Blumenfeld, Division Manager for Citywide Planning Division, has been invited to next LUC meeting.

**Transportation Committee: Barbara Broide** reported that tours of the Red and Gold Lines will take place on Saturday, June 3, starting at 10 a.m. at Western and Wilshire. Construction to begin in Dec 2007 on the Overland Bridge and to be completed in June 2009.

Tom Brohard will address the next WNC meeting to discuss the findings of the WNC traffic questionnaire. JMB and Related hearings for their proposed Century City condominium projects will take place on May 24.

**Outreach: Terri Tippit** reported that WNC banners are going up. Tract 7260 passed out over 100 Outreach items at its annual meeting last night.

The Rancho Park Village Pilot Program will begin on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. An objection was made to the name of Rancho Park Village; however, Terri said that the merchants or the BID, not the WNC, would decide on the final name.

The Election Committee will submit WNC Election Procedures to the Independent Administrator in a few weeks and it will be on the July agenda for board approval.

**Paul Backstrom** was asked by the chair to look into the possibility of establishing a permit-parking district at Notre Dame. Paul said that a letter from the City had said that if both the Neighborhood Council and the Councilman requested the district, the idea would be entertained. Some believe under the past rules to form a parking district at least six blocks would be needed to form the district and petitions from 75% of the homes. We understand the rules are expected to be revised.

**DONE Deanna Stevenson**, said that the 912 Commission with 29 seats is being appointed now. It will evaluate Neighborhood Council system for a year. Each council member will have an appointee and there will be one from each of the seen planning districts.

#### **AGENDA:**

**a) Pauline Stout, Palms Neighborhood Council President and George Garrigues, also of the Palms N. C.** argued that a little section located near the 10 Freeway might be better served if it were placed in Palms N. C. Terri suggested that our bylaws be amended to have the Santa Monica Freeway (10) from Overland east be our southern border. They also said that they wanted to share jurisdiction of Palms Park with us primarily because they would then be able to hold meetings at the Palms Rancho Park Library. Currently, they are not allowed to hold meetings there because they are required to hold meetings only at locations under the jurisdiction of their neighborhood council

**Terri Tippit and Dick Harnetz** agreed to serve on an ad hoc committee to make recommendations on both the park and the freeway areas.

**b) Blaise Antin** spoke in support of the Mayor's proposal to give the Mayor control over the Los Angeles Unified School District. Blaise will write a draft motion, which will be circulated, and a draft letter to the State Assembly Education Committee. We will vote next month on his motion.

**c) Gretchen Lewotsky** reported that the ad hoc committee to create spending procedures for the WNC has held its first meeting. They are working on guidelines for distribution of WNC funds. Until this is done any expenditure we approve should be on condition that DONE approves it.

**d) Mike Eveloff (president of Tract 7260)** ask that we support a request to the planning department that it postpone its hearing for the JMB Condominium project for at least thirty days from the current hearing date of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

MSP by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstaining.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Ty Vahidi said that he would like the WNC to support a clean money act in which the public would finance campaigns for public office. He also said that he would like the council to oppose any variance that would allow Meridian to repair cars. These items could be placed on next month's WNC agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

