

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting August 10, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion by Chair Steve Spector.

Board Members attending

Steve Spector – Seat 4

Mary Kusnic – Seat 5

Mado Most, alternate for Gretchen Lewotsky – Seat 6

Barbara Broide – Seat 7

Terri Tippit – Seat 8

Alan James Levine – Seat 9

Mike Eveloff, alternate for Richard S. Harmetz – Seat 10

J. François Nion – Seat 11

Stacy L. Antler – Seat 12

Robert Guerin – Seat 13

Jay Fuhrman, alternate for Ron Stone - Seat 14

Melissa Kenady – Seat 16

Shannon Burns, alternate for David T. (Ty) Vahedi – Seat 17

Paul Backstrom – City Council District 5 (7:37pm)

Board Members absent:

Seat 1 - Vacant

Seat 2 – Vacant

Renato Romano - Seat 3

Blaise Antin – Seat 15

Representative from LAPD

Representative from LAFD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2006 were approved as presented by a vote of 9-0-1.

Public Forum

1. Paul Hibler and Carlos Bernal of Pitfire Pizza Co. came to introduce themselves. They want to open a restaurant on Westwood Blvd. south of La Grange and need a parking variance.
2. Estee Sepulveda, Field Rep for Karen Bass introduced herself.
3. Linda Kerstein (2946 Kelton Ave. 90064) said LAX needs more teletype machines for deaf passengers. Westside Pavilion needs more also.

Treasurer's Report Melissa Kenady reported that our budget has been submitted to DONE. She handed out a list of DONE guidelines for getting reimbursed.

Land-Use Committee did not meet. Barbara Broide gave a summary of some of the development projects pending in our area. Terri said public meetings are scheduled on the driving-range fence on Aug. 17 and 21 at 6:30 at the golf course.

Public Safety Committee Barbara Broide reported on: (i) litigation between Regency and the City over removing and poisoning trees near a billboard near the airport, (ii) a meeting with representatives of the area around Motor and National who want that area south of the freeway to stay in a part of WNC, (iii) planting on the new SM Blvd. wall to avoid graffiti, (iv) Dr. Shoup's proposal to use parking-meter money to maintain SM Blvd. once it is done (the Committee will look into it), (v) a meeting about the Overland bridge on 9/21, (vi) the Expo line (nothing has been approved for west of Robertson).

Outreach Committee Terri Tippit reported. DONE has approved our Election Procedures. We had to make a few additional changes, which will be on the Board agenda in September. Terri showed a draft of the newsletter.

Chair's Report Steve Spector reported. He is setting up a standing committee on funding, which will be on the agenda in September. He reminded the Board of Standing Rule 11:

SR-11 Alternates' Status at Meetings. An alternate may not sit at the Board table unless that alternate's Board member is absent. If the Board member attends the meeting and voluntarily gives his or her seat to the alternate, that member's alternate sits as if a Board member for the rest of that meeting and that Board member may not return to the Board table or vote.

Council District 5 Report

Paul Backstrom reported. The open house on widening the Overland Ave. bridge will be on 9/21, not 9/11. He is leaving his position and going downtown, but will work with us until his replacement has been hired.

D.O.N.E Report

There being no-one from DONE, none was done.

More Public Forum

Lee Wallace of the Motor Ave. Improvement Assn wants us to weigh in on two projects on Motor.

Agenda Items

6a. Southern Boundary Change. Terri Tippit reported. Palms NC has asked us to cede to them the territory east of Overland, north of National, south of the 10 freeway, to the National exit from the westbound 10. Bob went to a meeting at which nothing much happened. Lee Wallach said that businesses in that area like our work and that we should talk to them before doing anything. Palms NC is contacting people in that strip to get their support for the change. Several people said we did not intend to include that strip when our boundaries were drawn.

It was moved and seconded to support changing our southern boundary to the 10 freeway east of Overland to the National exit from the westbound 10, so that our new boundary would be the 10 freeway. Palms Park and the Library will remain in our area. Passed 10-3-0.

It was moved and seconded to clarify the previous motion that we will not take any action to implement the boundary change until after our election on December 7, 2006. Passed 11-1-0

6b. Recommendations on how to spend \$300,000 that CD5 will spend on neighborhood concerns in our area. Barbara Broide reported. She read a recommendation of the Public Safety and Traffic Committee and an addendum to the recommendation by Mike Eveloff.

It was moved and seconded that the WNC recommend to CD5 regarding the \$300,000 Trammell Crow settlement as follows:

Written bids will be obtained. Spend \$50K on a LAFD signal preemption at Prosser and Pico. Spend \$95K for 4 license plate recognition cameras for the WLA PD station, specifying that they are to be used for the basic cars areas that patrol the WNC area and those areas immediately adjacent. Allocate \$125K for arterial intersection improvements that would benefit the community and specifically the area between Santa Monica and Pico Blvds. and between Sepulveda and Beverly Glen Blvds. These would be chosen by a traffic engineer in consultation with the WNC Traffic and Public Safety committee within 6 months of the date of the approval of this recommendation by CD 5. The

remaining \$30K would be available to study, determine feasibility and specifications and implement the Overland Gateway project (understanding that costs for full implementation are not known at this time.) All money is to be held in an interest-bearing account until it is spent.

The WNC expects that the Council office will instruct DOT to give signal preemption the highest priority as it involves the safety of both the general public and our first responders. The WNC expects that the allocation of these funds will result in a dramatically accelerated installation schedule as compared to what would otherwise have been in place.

Passed 13-0-0

6c. Briefing on on work and objectives of Neighborhood Council Review Commission. Paul Reznick reported. He is President of West LA NC and a member of the Commission. The ordinance establishing NCs provided that the system be reviewed in seven years. He represents the west planning area with Tom Ponton. They have 12 months to study and report with a possible extension of 90 days.

Next meeting

September 14, 2006, 7:00 pm, same place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm (You go Steve!).

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Acting 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
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