WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Meeting October 12, 2006

Call to Order

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

Board Members attending

Renato Romano - Seat 3
Steve Spector – Seat 4
Mary Kusnic – Seat 5
Mado Most, alternate for Gretchen Lewotsky – Seat 6
Katherine Greenbaum, alternate for Barbara Broide – Seat 7
Terri Tippit – Seat 8
Alan James Levine – Seat 9
J. François Nion – Seat 11 (to 8:10)
Stacy L. Antler – Seat 12
Ron Stone - Seat 14
Blaise Antin – Seat 15
David T. (Ty) Vahedi – Seat 17 (7:20)
Jay Greenstein – City Council District 5

Board Members absent:

Seat 1 - Vacant
Seat 2 – Vacant
Richard S. Harmetz – Seat 10
Robert Guerin – Seat 13
Melissa Kenady – Seat 16

Representative from LAPD
Representative from LAFD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2006 were approved as corrected by a vote of 7-0-2.
Public Forum

Janel Artis, Manager, State and Local Government Affairs of Fox Entertainment Group, announced that Fox would beginning a hauling operation in the area of Pico and Fox Hills Drive between 9am and 3pm starting October 25, 2006 and continuing for about four months. Call (310) 369-3025 and press 6 for further information.

Steve Spector announced that Landmark Theatres no longer plans to put movie art on the Pico facade of Westside Too on a day-to-day basis promoting films being shown. Other possible uses of the facade for occasional posting were also announced. Stacy Antler noted that there is trash in the street in front of the project. Laurel Crary said she would look into it.

Estee Sepulveda of Assemblymember Karen Bass’s office announced a town hall meeting to discuss the ballot measures on October 22, 2006 at 3pm at LACES.

Blaise Antin noted that on Yom Kippur, a police helicopter operated over Olympic and Overland and streets were closed, creating a disturbance and nuisance. Jan Gabrielson commented that our former Board member, SLO Mario Gonzalez told us when the issue of helicopter noise came up in past years that LAPD is aware of the sensitivity of the westside to helicopter noise and does what it can to minimize it.

Agenda Item 6.a Request for a letter of support for a Fisher House at the VA.

Shana Boehm and Mary Berrocal from the VA spoke and reiterated what was explained at our last meeting about the Fisher House Foundation and the facility that is proposed for the VA. Jay Handal of the West LA Chamber of Commerce spoke against the proposal, expressing general support for the work of the Foundation, but objecting to the facility until the VA adopts a master plan. Keith Jeffries of Citizens for Veterans' Rights expressed his agreement with Jay.

Moved and seconded: That the WNC send a letter of support for the establishment of a Fisher House facility on the west LA VA campus to Councilmember Weiss, Representative Waxman, and Senator Feinstein only because the project benefits veterans. By this support, we do not suggest that we support any other project on the VA property that does not directly benefit veterans until there is a master plan. Passed 9-1-2.

Treasurer’s Report No report.

Land-Use Committee Mado Most reported that there had been no meeting.

Public Safety and Traffic Committee Annette Mercer reported. There was no
meeting in October. The regular meeting was moved to the fourth Monday so that it could be held in Community Room A at Westside Pavilion. Annette and others attended a meeting on widening the west side of the Overland Avenue bridge. The work is to start on the freeway median to minimize disruption to traffic on the bridge. There was also discussion of phase two of the Expo line. No decision has been reached on the route west of Robertson, although the usual rumors keep popping up from dubious sources. There will be more docent-led art tours of the Red and Gold Lines on October 29 and November 18, 2006. RSVP to Annette at 310-441-9992 or mercer-wieland@mindspring.com. Medians are under construction on Manning and on Prosser. The next phase of our traffic study will be a meeting with DOT and Caltrans.

**Agenda Item 6.c** Request to remove private information from DONE website

Terri Tippit reported that DONE still has our email addresses and telephone numbers on its website.

Moved and seconded to send DONE a letter asking them again to remove the email addresses and telephone numbers of Board members and alternates from its website and post only the WNC phone and email address. Passed 12-0-0.

**Outreach Committee** Terri Tippit reported on our election. We had our public information meeting at 6:30 pm just before the Board meeting. One person attended who was not already a Board member or alternate, the same attendance for that meeting as for our last election. At the Board meeting, Terri handed out Candidate Declaration forms. She has 800 newsletters on her front porch and she invited anyone to help themselves if they can pass them out anywhere.

Alan Levine strongly objected to the use of the WNC telephone number on a flyer for a meeting sponsored by Neighbors for Smart Rail. After some discussion about what the WNC outgoing message said about the meeting, Mary Kusnic dialed the number on her cell phone and activated the speaker. The message said in substance that anyone calling about the light-rail meeting had reached this number in error and referred those callers to that organization's website. Steve instructed Terri to remove from the outgoing message any reference to Neighbors for Smart Rail. Several Board members echoed Alan's position that the WNC phone number must not be made available for any purpose other than WNC business. A copy of the flyer in question was distributed to some Board members and alternates before the meeting and will be lodged with the records of this meeting.

**Fundraising Committee** Ron Stone reported that the committee had not met and that a meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 2 at 10:30 at the Palms Library.

**Chair's Report** Steve Spector reported that the Mayor's NC representative
John Brady called a meeting of a leadership cabinet of west LA NC leaders. The meeting conflicted with our Board meeting and we did not send a representative.

**Council District 5 Report** Jay Greenstein (pronounced Greenstine) our new rep introduced himself.

**D.O.N.E Report** Deanna Stevenson reported on Mayor's Budget Day. The Mayor wants us to appoint two reps to go to a regional meeting and asks Board members to go to [www.lacityneighborhoods.com](http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com) and fill out the budget survey.

Moved and seconded to appoint Renato Romano as one of our reps. Passed by an approximate vote of 10-0-0.

Bob Guerin was also more or less appointed by acclamation in absentia to serve as the other rep if he wants to.

**More Public Forum** Stacy Antler reported that the Cheviot Hills HOA's annual meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm at Vista Del Mar.

**Next meeting**

November 9, 2006, 7:00 pm, same place.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Gabrielson, Acting Secretary

Approved at Meeting of:

Without correction

As corrected
### CUMULATIVE GLOSSARY OF
### ESOTERIC ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND BUZZ WORDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BID</td>
<td>Business Improvement District</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brown Act</td>
<td>The Ralph M. Brown Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CD5</td>
<td>City Council District 5 (Jack Weiss)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CEQA</td>
<td>California Environmental Quality Act</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CERT</td>
<td>Community Emergency Response Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CPAB</td>
<td>Community Policing Advisory Board</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRA</td>
<td>Community Redevelopment Agency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CUP</td>
<td>Conditional Use Permit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DONE</td>
<td>City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOT</td>
<td>Department of Transportation (LA, California, or federal)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EIR</td>
<td>Environmental Impact Report</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOA</td>
<td>Homeowners Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MND</td>
<td>Mitigated Negative Declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOD</td>
<td>Neighborhood Oriented District</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NTM</td>
<td>Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PACT</td>
<td>Police and Community Together</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLUM</td>
<td>Planning and Use Management Committee, LA City Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SLO</td>
<td>Senior Lead Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUD</td>
<td>Supplemental Use District</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMP</td>
<td>Traffic Improvement Mitigation Plan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WNC</td>
<td>Westside Neighborhood Council</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>