



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 12, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Westside Pavilion
10800 W. Pico
Meeting Room A
(3rd Floor behind food court)

AGENDA

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. **Call to Order**

Call to order: 7:12 PM

By Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. **Board Roll Call**
- b. **Review and Adoption of May 8, 2014 Minutes**

Attendance:

John Padden (Seat 1)
Lisa Morocco (Seat 2)
Brandon Behrstock (Seat 3)
Steve Spector (Seat 4)
David Burke (Seat 5)
Sarah Shaw (Seat 6)
Barbara Broide (Seat 7) *
Terri Tippit (Seat 8)
Fidel Quiralte (Seat 10alt)
Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)
Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12)
Bob Guerin (Seat 13)
Shannon Burns (Seat 14)
Eric Shabsis (Seat 15)
Melissa Kenady (Seat 16)
Aaron C Rosenfield (Seat 17)

Approval of May 8, 2014 Minutes

Motion by Shannon: “That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the May 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes.”

Second by: Melissa

Motion approved 10 – 0 – 6 (Seats 1, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

**Derrick Allen
Rancho Park Golf Course**

Derrick stated that he has worked at Rancho Golf Course for over 30 years. He stated that the City had funded \$5M for improvements over 15 years ago. However he said that due to delays the needed improvement projects were not done and the City took back the \$5M. He said the improvements including bathrooms are much needed and wanted to bring this to the WNC’s attention. He added that the City has taken over the operation of the amenities including the Pro Shop in recent years.

**George McKenna Candidate
School Board, District 1**

George McKenna spoke about his background as a teacher, principal and career educator. He said this is about and for the students – noting that he is running to bring about the change we need at LAUSD and to make a difference for the children. He cited he had over 44% of the vote and was nearly 20 points above the second-place finisher. He is running opposite Alex Johnson in the August 12th runoff election.

Terri acknowledged Eileen Cohen, who lives on Parnell, for winning the WNC T shirt and Shopping bag at the meeting.

Agenda Items:

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

**a. Melissa Maynes, California Mentor Family Home Agency.
5855 Green Valley Circle Drive Culver City CA 90230 310 670 0041
melissa.maynes@thementornetwork.com**

Residential Family Home Agency is a service model for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that provides housing and support for individuals with developmental disabilities within a qualified family home structure

Melissa explained that the Mentor Network is called a “network” for a reason - It’s not one organization, but a family of local, community-based providers united by the shared mission of building relationships and enhancing lives. She said that together, they are able to provide comprehensive services to children at risk and their families, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and people living with brain or spinal cord injury and other neurological injuries and illnesses.

With our local partners, we have formed a unique organization that combines the benefits of entrepreneurial spirit and relationships of local partners with the shared values and resources of a national organization. We deliver state-of-the-art health and human services solutions to enhance the lives of those we support and respond to the growing demand for access to quality home- and community-based services.

Melissa said they have 13 programs in CA. She added there is screening, training programs and courses and monthly compensation for the qualifying families/individuals that participate. She asked anyone interested to contact her for more details.

b. Jacqueline Hamilton,
Congresswoman Karen Bass Deputy 37th Congressional District
4929 Wilshire Blvd #650, Los Angeles, CA 90010 (323) 965-1422

Jacqueline gave an overview and discussed the Westside Community Forum with Congresswoman Karen Bass scheduled for Sunday June 29th at 11350 Palms Blvd., at 2-4pm.

She also talked about Congresswoman Bass’s and their casework program which gives direct help to constituents. She discussed the Congresswoman’s work and recent legislative activities including her service on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs where she is Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations and a member of the House Judiciary Committee. Barbara requested their office contact the USPS regarding the need for secure /slotted mailboxes to help prevent additional vandalism.

V. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Rashad Sharif / Car 8A35
27162@LAPD.LACITY.ORG 310-444-0738

Officer Rashad outlined the COMMUNITY CRIME UPDATE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, West Los Angeles Division as follows:

Burglaries:

1900 Blk. Westholme Ave. RD 0836

MO: On 06/09/14 at 1715 hrs, unknown suspect(s) entered residence through unlocked side door and confronted victim. Suspect(s) stated to victim "where's the money" victim stated that they didn't have any. Suspect(s) ransacked drawers and removed jewelry.

2600 Blk. Greenfield Ave. RD 0893

MO: On 06/09/14 between 1730 and 1815 hrs, unknown suspect(s) entered residence by smashing rear sliding glass door but unsure if any property was taken.

BFMV's (car break-ins)

1800 Blk. Greenfield Ave. RD 0835

MO: On 05/29/14-05/30/14 between 2330 and 0910 hrs, unknown suspect(s) smashed passenger side window of victim's vehicle and removed a garage door opener, cell phone car charger and wireless speaker all of which were in plain view in the center console.

10400 Louisiana Ave. RD 0836

MO: On 06/01/14-06/02/14 between 1730 and 0830 hrs, unknown suspect(s) smashed passenger side window of victim's vehicle and removed a shoulder bag which contained a wallet, pen, sunglasses, gift cards, check book and work files. The shoulder bag was located in plain view in the front passenger seat.

10300 Blk. Ilona Ave. RD 0847

MO: On 06/03/14 between 1400 and 1715 hrs, unknown suspect(s) removed the side mirrors off of victim's vehicle.

10300 Blk. Ilona Ave. RD 0847

MO: On 06/03/14-06/04/14 between 2145 and 0855 hrs, unknown suspect(s) gained entry to victim's vehicle by possible slim jim and removed driver side airbag.

2200 Blk. Midvale Ave. RD 0884

MO: On 06/03/14-06/04/14 between 2200 and 2015 hrs, unknown suspect(s) used possible electronic device to unlock victim's vehicle and removed driver side airbag.

2000 Blk. Glendon Ave. RD 0835

MO: On 06/04/14-06/05/14 between 2045 and 0845 hrs, unknown suspect(s) used unknown tool to gain entry into victim's vehicle and removed U.S. Currency and vehicle registration which were located in the glove box.

2300 Blk. Prosser Ave. RD 0847

MO: On 06/05/14-06/06/14 between 2000 and 0700 hrs, unknown suspect(s) used an unknown screwdriver tool to remove victim's headlights and front grille from vehicle.

2100 Pelham Ave. RD 0836

MO: On 06/07/14-06/08/14 between 2230 and 0800 hrs, unknown suspect(s) pried off the side vents off of victim's vehicle.

1600 Blk. Pontius Ave. RD 0854

MO: On 06/06/14-06/09/14 between 1630 and 0815 hrs, unknown suspect(s) entered victim's vehicle via unknown means and removed tools from company vehicle.

2000 Blk. Greenfield Ave. RD 0835

MO: On 06/09/14-06/10/14 between 2330 and 0700 hrs, unknown suspect(s) removed all four wheels and tires from the victim's vehicle.

1800 Blk. S. Bentley Ave. RD 0835

MO: On 06/10/14-06/11/14 between 2210 and 1230 hrs, unknown suspect(s) opened victim's locked vehicle through unknown method and removed U.S. Currency, sunglasses, all of which were located in the backseat of the vehicle.

He also apologized for not having the motorcycle at the Pico event –Terri, Lisa and the WNC Board Members thanked the Officers and LAPD for their support and for attending. Officer Rashad closed by stating that burglaries are down - As always, he urged everyone to be vigilant, to always lock your vehicle and do not leave items visible, look out for your neighbors and to be aware.

**b. LA City Council 5th District
District Representative Chuy Orozco**

Representative Orozco (Chuy) congratulated the WNC for the successful Pico Event.

He cited Council Member Koretz's work on the City budget – noting \$22M for the Fire Department and \$75K for the Felicia Maywood Center. He also noted that they are working to help address the homeless issues in the community near the 405 and noted that there are no bike lanes on Westwood Blvd.

c. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

**Senator Ted W. Lieu - Senate District 28
District Representative Janet Turner**

Janet highlighted Senator Lieu's areas of focus and Committee Membership including:

Standing Committees

- Agriculture
- Business, Professions and Economic Development (Chair)
- Governmental Organization
- Insurance
- Veterans Affairs

Select Committees

- Air Quality (Chair)
- Asian Pacific Islander Affairs
- Emerging Technology: Biotechnology and Green Energy Jobs
- Excellence, Innovation and Accountability in State Government
- Green Jobs, Solar, Wind and Clean Technologies
- Restoring California's Middle Class
- Small Business and the Underground Economy

Her contact information is 310 319 3996 and Janet.Turner@sen.ca

d. Community and Stakeholder Organizations

VI. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

1. Discussion and/or Possible Action –Ariel Gutierrez request for Over in Height Fence, Plaster and Gate located at - 10468 W. Tennessee (ZA2014-329-F).

Did not attend the meeting.

2. Discussion and/or Possible Action—

Whether or not to support proposed cell tower at 1936 Manning 90025.
John Pappas, representing AT&T will present the project to the board.

**John Pappas has met with the impacted HOA, WSSM.
A report of that meeting is available at wncla.org**

Jerry Ambrose, AT&T, 3905 State Street Santa Barbara CA., 805 637 7407

On behalf of AT&T information was presented and outlined on the the proposed wireless telecommunications facility to be located at 1936 Manning Avenue, LA 90025 on 15 foot rooftop extensions that would be constructed onto the rooftop of an existing 3 1/2 story apartment building.

The project described includes the following equipment configuration:

A rooftop installation of an unmanned wireless facility consisting of 11 antennas behind 3 RF-friendly screen boxes, 24 remote radio units, 1 surge suppressor, 24 RRHs, 1 MW dish, 1 GPS antenna. Equipment on roof would be on a 10- foot x 15-foot steel platform lease area.

It was noted that area residents had received information and that AT&T and Eukon had met with the WSSM Board. It was noted that there were a large number of concerns directly relating to the proposed location and he did not have information regarding the selection process and how/why this residential location was selected over other locationson nearby Santa Monica Blvd. He noted the engineers preferred the Manning location for coverage because it would ‘optimize the ability to “off-load capacity for other areas” and would also better answer coverage gaps as noted in the RSRP coverage maps’.

Also noted was the Conditional Use Application to the city states that the installation will “provide new coverage as well as new technology (LTE4G) in the surrounding area.”

A resident attending the meeting referenced the AT & T website and discussed the map of coverage it showed for the area. The map showed excellent coverage – this issue was of great concern to a number of the residents – the difference between the engineering and marketing departments at AT&T could not be explained by Mr. Pappas to the residents. Also at the meeting, Pe-Ming D Chan, a resident who had technical background, cited the importance of having someone from the company attend the meeting who was knowledgeable and who would have the technical expertise to answer the questions regarding the AT&T service, etc.

Residents expressing concerns and comments included Neal Sheade, Eileen Cohen, Damon Furberg, Marilyn Cohen, David Oliver, Patricia Maynard and Randy Garrou.

It was also noted by Terri, that the FCC has barred the challenging the locating of cell installations regarding raising health concerns as a part of their challenge.

Mr. Ambrose was unable to state whether another location for of the installation would work effectively and if it was possible to be on Santa Monica Blvd. It was noted that three locations had been explored and that AT&T given the community and neighborhood opposition and concerns should consider other possible locations.

Motion by Eric: The Westside Neighborhood Council opposes the application for a CUP and variance at 1936 Mannng Avenue for the installation of the cell tower.

Second by: Shannon

Motion Approved 16 – 0 - 0

3. Discussion and/or Possible Action –

Jonathan Weiss proposal to name the intersection of Westwood and LaGrange “Raymond Fouquet Square”.

Jonathan Weiss and Jay Slater spoke about the background and contributions of Mr. Fouquet. They noted that Mr. Fouquet owned and operated the La Grange Restaurant formerly located at the corner of Westwood and LaGrange.

He discussed that he also began the Velo Club LaGrange- a group of cyclists who have met there regularly for 40 years to begin their bike ride on Sunday mornings.

Jonathan and Jay presented an outline of Ceremonial signs in Los Angeles, noting the first in Los Angeles, Pershing Square, and including over 94 additional City designated squares. Marilyn Cohen spoke of the importance of establishing criteria for sign designations – not on record to support or oppose; and, Calla Weimer spoke in support of the sign designation.

There was a detailed hour long discussion on the matter. It was generally acknowledged that Mr. Fouquet made positive contributions to the WLA area. Jonathan he said no group was supporting this – that it was he and Jay making the request. Items discussed included:

- The WNC Board Members wanted to know what other alternatives were available— Mr. Weiss did not appear to be interested in finding out about other possible options.**
- When asked if there was an urgency to vote on request before exploring other options - the answer was no.**
- However, when asked to come back in one month after the WNC would meet with the Council Office to explore the other options, the applicant was insistent that the WNC vote at this meeting.**
- Note, after the vote there was some confusion as to whether an abstention counted as a no vote.**
- The Chair asked CD5 deputy Chuy Orozco to advise Councilmember Korez that 6 of the 16 WNC Board Members supported this. Also noting that the WNC would like the Council Office to look at other options available and advise WNC in that regard.**

Motion by Bob: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support the designation of Raymond Fouquet Square with a honorary sign to be located at the intersection of Westwood Blvd. and LaGrange Avenue.

Second by Sarah.

For: 6 (Seats 1, 2, 6, 11, 13, 15) Opposed: 4 (Seats 3, 8, 13, 14) – Abstain: 6 (Seats 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 17)

VII. BOARD REPORTS (including discussion and possible action items):

a. President

Terri reviewed the following with respect to the WNC Board Seats:

Seat 1 is vacant. To qualify to represent this seat you need to own, operate or be employed at a business south of Pico between Sepulveda to Beverly Glen.

Seat 9 is vacant. To qualify to represent this seat you need to own residential property or live Pico to National, Overland (west side of street) to Midvale.

Anyone interested or for more information on how to fill these vacancies – wncla.org or phone 310.474.2326.

b. Treasurer

Monthly Treasurer's report on WNC's Funding Program account, including review and approval of Purchase Card's monthly statement.

Lisa reviewed the treasurer's report as itemized June 12 2014 – with the opening balance Of \$9,229.96 and ending balance of \$2,531.33.

Motion by Melissa: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the monthly statement with expenditures as presented.

Second by: Coleen

Approved 14 – 0 – 0

Up to \$750 for candy bar wrappers to be used for Selection Election outreach. The wrappers will have printed on it WNC Selection Election is being held and also include a handout that tells more detailed information on the process. The candy bars will be distributed at Movie in the Park at Palms Park for the Willy Wonka movie on August 6, 2014.

Motion by Lisa: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the purchase of 300 Chocolate Bars at \$964.16 for outreach at the Palms Park for the Willy Wonka movie on August 6, 2014.

Second by: Bob

Approved 15 – 0 – 0

Remaining funds to be spent for office supplies; ink, paper

Motion by Melissa: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the purchase of office supplies in the amount of \$1,026.87

Second by: Bob

Approved: 15 – 0 – 0

b. Committees

Pick Pico – Final report on event

Lisa gave a brief report in respect to the late time stating the Pic Pico event costs were \$15,948.10. There were over 2,500 constituents attending. All the vendors, businesses, restaurants, artists, exhibitors gave positive feedback. She acknowledged all the Board Members and gave special thanks to the LAFD, LAPD, Heyler, Macerich, Westfield, JMB, Fox, Chase, Bank of America – the vendors, businesses, artists, exhibitors, musicians, CD5, Councilmember Koretz and staff, Congresswoman Bass and staff, and Bobby Shriver and staff and everyone who helped to make the event a success – Tremendous outreach for the community...

Terri also thanked everyone and noted that Congresswoman Bass took the time to attend Pick Pico and spent time with her constituents.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Bob: Motion to adjourn.

Meeting end time approximately 9:55 PM

Submitted by recording secretary.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. **Public forum is limited to 2 minutes per speaker**, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. The chair may take items out of order. Agenda is posted for public review at: Palms and Cheviot Hills Park, Palms Library, Westside Pavilion, Westfield Century City and www.wncla.org