

Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2007
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico
Meeting Room A

Call to order: 7:06 by Terri Tippit

Attendance: Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Renato Romano (Seat 3), Mike Eveloff (Alternate Seat 10), Lisa Morocco (Alternate, Seat 2), Steve Spector (Seat 4), Terri Tippit (Seat 8), Letty Bugarin (Seat 5) Bob Guerin (Seat 13), Stacy Antler (Seat 12), Sarah Fitzsimmons (Alternate, Seat 16), Ron Stone (Seat 14), Charles Horwitz (Seat 15) , Gerry Del Sol (Seat 9), Jerry Asher (Seat 6), Douglas Butler (Seat 1)

Absent: David Ty Vahedi (Seat 17)

Non Voting Members Present: Jay Greenstein (CD5), Deanna Stevenson (DONE)

Approval of March 8, 2007 Minutes: Terri Tippit motioned to approve the minutes after the Board reviewed and made corrections. Jerry Asher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 16-0.

Public Forum

- Representative from Westfield explained the various Earth day activities that will take place at the Westfield Century City. Activities include tree adoptions, kid's crafts, and face painting.
- **George Minter** representing The Wine Merchant addressed the Council to answer neighborhood concerns over the company's new renovations. The Wine Merchant will be selling wine from its storage facility but not for consumption. There will not be drinking of alcohol on the premises.

Reports

- **Policy and procedure report by Jan Gabrielson.**
 - The need for an appointment of a Sergeant at Arms for meetings. Also working on clarification for grounds for removal or procedure for removal.
 - Voting age. What should the voting age be and what procedures should be set up. Board and public discussion talked of the merits of making the voting age 16 or 18. Issues included parental influence, maturity level, and desire for participation.

Agenda Items

New Business

- a) **Officer Lyle Knight** explained e-policing. The LAPD website is set up so residents of the City of Los Angeles can receive email alerts and bulletins from the area officer. The website also has a crime map where a resident can see crimes committed within a 2-5 mile area. Officer Knight was not able to connect to the internet and could not show the site. But stated would come back at another time to show how to use the site.

b) Reports

- **Ron Stone** reported the Board approved allocations for funding schools, library, LAPD, and LAFD fire safety. Applications were sent to each group. Representatives were invited to the meeting. Westwood Charter would use the funding to replace old boards. The Riddick Center needs fences. The library needs adult books on CD. LAPD wants to install infrared devices and purchase cycles for squad exercise equipment. Funds to be approved Westwood Charter \$9,000, Overland Elementary School \$9,000, Marshal P. Riddick Youth Center \$8,000, Palms-Rancho Park Library \$9,000, LAPD West LA Division \$16,500 and LAFD Station 92 \$11,769.68. Jerry Asher made a motion to approve the budget by the funding committee for the projects. Seconded by Gerry Del Sol. Motion passed 16-0
- **Barbara Broide** reported that the city does not have the money to maintain the changes made to Santa Monica Blvd. There will be no one to pick up garbage, sweep the sidewalks or maintain the landscape. The estimated cost for maintenance would be \$0.21 per foot.
- **Terri Tippit** stated the Outreach Committee would like the board's approval to increase the newsletter from 20,000 to 30,000 and that Sketch Farm Inc. would do the graphic design, layout and print preparation. If 20,000 are printed only residents will receive copies. If 30,000 are printed then the newsletter could be distributed to Century City. Stacy Antler made a motion to approve the newsletter be increased to 30,000 and Sketch Farm, Inc. work not exceed \$2500. Jerry Ash seconded the motion. Motion passed 16-0. Business cards were received but due to a misprint will not be handed out.

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- c) **Karina** reported that to improve public safety they are planning on increasing crossing guards on Overland. A date is going to be set for the first meeting of the Overland Gateway ad hoc committee. In the traffic study she could not find Overland information. The traffic committee stated they will pull it out for her.

Reports

- **Terri Tippit** said Bel Aire Beverly Crest neighborhood council on April 29 is planning Big Sunday. Activities include planting trees on Sepulveda, cleaning graffiti, working with kids. More info at www.bigsunday.org.
- **Terri Tippit** emailed copy of treasurer's report. No questions.
- **Jay Greenstein:**
 - Reported that the high winds caused power outages and tree limbs to come down in the neighborhoods. The DOT changed the parking signs causing problems for parents picking up their children from the school at Temple Isaiah. Dot made the changes to be consistent. Need to work to make sure if changes are made to parking people & businesses are made aware.

- Need to continue task force after Zev Yaroslavsky released Olympic/Pico One-Way Paired Traffic Study. Need to continue task force to give input on the one-way street proposal.
- Councilman Wise and Assemblyman Levine and staff want to get letters of support from homeowner and business groups to get support for the extension of the Metro Red Line into the Westside Corridor. Would like to put a letter for support on the agenda for next meeting.
- **Deanna Stevenson** asks if there is an interactive discussion meeting with new GM Carol Baker and AGM BongHwan Kim next Monday night.

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- b) **Mike Eveloff** reported a committee to study of the three routes proposed for light rail service into the Westside neighborhood. The object of the study is to gather and report back the analysis of the three routes to the Westside Community Council to make a recommendation. The committee needs \$5,000 to start the project. Bob Guerin made a motion that \$5,000 be funded to the committee upon approval of the treasurer. Mary Kusnic seconded the motion. Motion passed 12-3 with 1 abstention.
- e) **Barbara Broide** reported on the traffic committee report. The report was handed out to the council. The report had 2 major tasks. 1st to collect input from residents, businesses, and commuters in the WNC. 2nd to collect information from various city, county and state departments. Based on what the committee found out, they have a list of actions and follow up to come up with recommendations. The next step of the committee is to get the rest of the information needed and to set up what enforcements and quick fixes can be accomplished.
- f) **Jerry Asher** made a motion that the Westside Neighborhood Council approves MC/LADWP five year MOU renewal document. Jerry Del Sol seconds. Motion passed 16-0.

Lisa Morocco made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jerry Asher.

Meeting Adjourned 10:06

Minutes prepared by David Tellez, AppleOne, April 22, 2007
Reviewed, Edited and Approved by Recording Secretary Bob Guerin