

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Westside Pavilion: 10800 W. Pico Blvd.

Meeting Room A

1. Call to order 7:05pm by Terri Tippit

Speaker cards are on the table. If you are not a board member please fill one out. You need to have a speaker card to speak at neighborhood council meetings.

Attendance Barbara Broide (Seat 7), David Ty Vahedi (Seat 17), Dick Harnetz(Seat 10), , Tara Beiber(Alternate Seat 4), Terri Tippit (Seat 8), Bob Guerin (Seat 13), Stacy Antler (Seat 12), Melissa Kenady (Seat 16), Ron Stone (Seat 14), Charles Horwitz (Seat 15) , Gerry Del Sol (Seat 9), Jerry Asher (Seat 6), Douglas Butler (Seat 1), Letty Bugarin (Seat 5), Lisa Morocco (Alternate Seat 2), Francois Nion (Alternate Seat 11)

Absent: Renato Romano (Seat 3)

Non-Voting Members Present Jay Greenstein (CD5) Deanna Stevenson (DONE)
arrived later

2. Approval of May 12, 2007 minutes

Terri Approve minutes with one change. Ron Stone motions to approve as corrected
Melissa Kenady seconds Passes 15 0

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Laurie Hawkins You all have a little bag with sample brownies from **The Colony Cafe**. I work with owner Lilli Tartikoff and her daughter, Calla and am passing out some photos of our backlit sign that has been approved by the city, have our permits and is going up tomorrow. We will be open until 9pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday and open for breakfast on weekends.

Sgt Joyce Smith who is in charge of the bicycle unit, thanked us for the bicycles and talked about how they use them in patrol. She showed us the bicycles and introduced the other officers in her unit.

Michael Carlin with the **Century City Rotary Club** and publisher of the Century City News. We are hosting a **Free Electronic Waste Recycling** event on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center. Will pass out the flyers I brought. Last one very successful collecting 80,000 lbs of computers and electronic equipment, etc.

Randy Thompson Kidsave International brought brochures. Briefly, we get kids growing up in orphanages around the world and get them to foster families who will care for them and provide opportunities for a better adult life. On July 29 we are holding a 5k Miracle Walk fundraiser and would like to have WNC involved with a table at the event. Need host families for kids aged 8-15 on weekends.

Nicole Jasinkas, Marketing Director at **Westfield Century City Shopping Center** with **Eric Klaster**, General Manager a new member of our team. The Westfield organization has been in the area a long time and we are here to support WNC and want to join the Outreach Committee. .

Colleen Heller, Neighbors for Smart Rail, vice president is researching safety issues on Phase I and II of the Exposition Light Rail (Aqua Line). Extended an invitation to the board to attend **Smart Rail Town Hall Meeting** on Thursday, June 28 at 7pm in the old Waldenbooks store. Agenda will include updates on how Phase I is going and how that will affect traffic congestion in Phase II. Protests before the CPUC encouraging a coalition that is growing beyond the Westside to include the whole line. Please attend and bring your questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Annette Mercer, Traffic Committee Co-Chair attended the June 11 community meeting on the CalTrans Sepulveda Pass project to widen 405 HOV lane to standardize width, or alternatively add lanes northbound and southbound requiring redesign of interchange at Wilshire, Montana off ramp closing and widening bridge over Exposition, Pico, and Olympic. The project would standardize lane widths and add an HOV lane NB, with an alternative to also standardize the SB lane widths. The more extensive project would take 3 plus homes and the Village Church in Brentwood Glen. Next public hearing in August so Google CalTrans district 7 to get to website. Traffic Study Phase 1A needs input from WNC.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Lisa Morocco reported in the interest of all stakeholders, **WNC surveys on One Way Streets** were distributed to residents and business owners from Pico to Santa Monica, to determine what they want. Jay Greenstein of the council office asked us to take action because this will be decided within 6 months and WNC needs to take a position. Entire survey can be downloaded from the website. Also, the responses will help us grow the WNC database (for WNC purposes only) to notify stakeholders on issues of their concern.

Donation for tables at Lange Foundation Fund Raiser and at Kidsave International Fund Raiser

In support of community outreach to the WNC stakeholders I propose to purchase a table at **The Lange Foundation** annual fundraiser that attracts 1,000 people with a mailing list of 80,000. This organization rescues dogs and cats making them adoptable and thousands of our stakeholders' households have pets. Lisa motioned, Stacy seconded, passed 16 to 0 to purchase a table for \$600 with bottled water not to exceed \$30.

Kidsave International finds permanent homes for older children for weekends or vacations. This fundraiser is a 5k run where we will distribute bottled water and newsletters. Lisa motioned, Bob seconded, motion passed 16 - 0 to fund WNC table at Kidsave 5k run for \$500 with bottled water not to exceed \$30.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

New Business

a) **Jan Gabrielson, Policies and Procedures**

Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Repeal of Standing Rule 4

Reported to approve the Bylaw amendments and repeal Standing Rule 4, all as set out in the Board Materials distributed to the Board before the meeting and attached to these

minutes. Stacy Antler moved. Lisa Morocco seconded, approved 15-1 to agreed to in the Amendment report.

Partial minutes submitted to DONE within 14 days

6. b) Jackie Friedman, VA Land Coalition

Request to use remaining money allocated by WNC for FBI Bldg, for VA Land Engineering Survey

Terri Jackie Friedman not here but was going to ask for allotted funds. Melissa Kenady noted that Jackie had asked for a clarification that will be added to Treasurer's Report that no overflow funds from other projects. Need to return with different project and proposal, ideally with quote then if approved by board, goes to DONE and City Attorney.

6. c) Terri Tippit, Chair

Proposal to terminate Traffic Committee and form the Mobility Committee

Terri proposed creating a Mobility Committee with subcommittees addressing individual traffic issues of one-way streets, traffic study, gateway and aquifer would attract more stakeholders and be more efficient. Letty Bugarin will facilitate all traffic issues with chairs communicating actions to her. Letty will report to the board. Barbara and Annette will be co chairs of traffic study. Terri asked for a motion creating a Mobility Committee. Jerry Asher tabled the motion until next meeting as to what needs to be accomplished, Dick Harmetz seconds. 5 in favor 8 opposed 2 abstained. Motion to table does not pass.

Terri motions to restructure Traffic Committee to now be called the Mobility Committee made up of several sub-committees as needed to address traffic issues in WNC. Gerry Del Sol moved and it was seconded. 12 - 3 with 1 abstaining. Motion passes.

6. d) Jonathan Weiss, Light Rail for Cheviot

Green Corridor proposal presentation

He indicated that his proposal was not about light rail. It is what to do if City decides not to do anything on this open land. He felt the land would be better served as parkland. The presentation included a description of the Green Corridor proposal...to partially daylight the storm drains and create a green space extending from Palms Park to Exposition and Military (at least). The wider area between Overland and Westwood would be below grade in a terraced manner. This can happen with or without LRT. The water quality benefits to Santa Monica Bay would be good. Concerns were raised regarding stagnant water. Jonathan replied that he felt the engineering exists to avoid that (inverted siphon). The presentation included a description of the Green Corridor proposal...to partially daylight the storm drains and create a green space extending from Palms Park to Exposition and Military (at least).

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Stacy Antler moved, Barbara Broide seconded a motion to write a letter to Jack Weiss to support study of the **Expo Green Corridor**. Approved 16 - 0

6. e) Lisa Triffiletti, Planning Deputy for CD5

1. Presentation on proposed Century City urban design concept plan by Rios Clementi Hale Studios and the Planning Department

Bob Hale reported plans to change **Century City** to pedestrian friendly. Initial step Jack Weiss sought out property owners to create a vision through series of community meetings and workshops. Gail Goldberg, new Director of Planning set this up six months ago. Five principles of underlying values to create urban design standards, include 1) better pedestrian environment; redoing actual streetscapes to introduce new uses with restaurants, coffee shops, pedestrian amenities to have more people on the ground; 2) produce attractive environment with sustainable landscapes, water features and fountains; 3) opportunity for landscaping and bridge over Olympic Blvd can bring art into public space; 4) use density as a 24 hour community that will reduce auto traffic by leveraging transportation; and, 5) a roadway to the Sea, connect transit leading to less traffic on our streets.

Susan Bursk, President, Century City Chamber, promoting importance of Emergency Preparedness Plan for business community using building managers for evacuation plans. With Jack Weiss's office leadership the Chamber commissioned a transportation consultant to do an initial transit patterns study/survey in the fall to combat congestion, determine effects of possible one-way traffic, and van pools. Distributed 10,000 newsletters.

2. Presentation on motion for improving regional transit access to Century City/DASH feasibility study by Department of Transportation

Phil Akers/DOT transit bureau is second largest transit in Los Angeles, best partner Metro has as a feeder distributor. Transit subsidy of \$50/month from the City for riding bike to work and not parking. Century City employers recognize there is a problem for employees getting to work, so are doing a survey on how people actually get to work. Traffic is affecting how people are using vehicles, changing paths, and managing their trips. New buildings required to have parking offsite to encourage small buses for park and ride. Changing the language from carpool to vanpool.

TREASURER REPORT

Melissa Kenady (including motion to approve fiscal 2007/2008 Budget) Need a budget in place end of June 30, 2007. Have to take a vote wanted to be able to reserve time at July meeting to ask questions so we can create a budget that reflects our needs. Yearly allocation from DONE \$50,000 rollover \$100,000 but less because of funding in pipeline for events and funding benefits for outreach, operating expenses, and public improvement. Line items in each category reflected in funding. Very flexible. Captures administrative expenses and public benefits projects. Note we have two schools so 20% and library 10%. If you have questions send me an email and take time to look at the budget. I ask now to approve the preliminary 2007/2008 WNC budget as submitted so we have it in place per DONE's rules. Stacey moved and it was second and passed 16-0. Would like to allocate time at next regular board meeting for budget. Meeting prior to general meeting will allow for some discussion and involve the public.

CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein

Example of how busy council office is Lisa's presentation earlier this evening. WNC has voted on funding from Trammel Crow for four battery operated Jaws of Life for Fire Dept. Delivered to 4 stations. Terri had photo taken at the station. Everyone participating in the one-way street survey. DOT is trying to address questions. Not sure if they will do an EIR. Will have a report on the four cameras for license plate scanners that were put out for bid process.

Adjourned 1040pm