

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 11, 2007 7:00pm
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico Blvd.
Meeting Room A (3rd Floor behind Food Court)

1. Call to Order 7:01pm by Letty Bugarin, Vice Chair

Attendance David Ty Vahedi (Seat 17), Dick Harmetz (Seat 10), Steve Spector (Seat 4), Joanne Dorfman (Alternate Seat 8), Bob Guerin (Seat 13), Stacy Antler (Seat 12), Ron Stone (Seat 14), Charles Horwitz (Seat 15), Karina Wiesenthal (Alternate Seat 9), Bess Hochman (Alternate Seat 6), Douglas Butler (Seat 1), Letty Bugarin (Seat 5), Lisa Morocco (Alternate Seat 2), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)

Absent Renato Romano (3), Barbara Broide (7), Melissa Kenady (16)

Letty Bugarin, Vice-Chair states there is a quorum

2. Approval of August 9, 2007 minutes
Steve Spector motions to approve, **Stacy Antler** seconds
Vote in Favor 11 Opposed 0 Abstaining 3

3. Review of Agenda (ITEMS BELOW MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

4. Public Forum

Jim Digrado with the West LA Fire Department thanked the WNC for providing the best exercise equipment for 36 Firemen who are very grateful. They presented a plaque to the WNC Board and posed for photos with the Board members.

- Estee Sepulveda, Westside Field Representative for Assemblywoman Karen Bass, 47th District, invited stakeholders to an Iraq War Town Hall meeting with Major General Paul Eaton on Sunday, October 14. Estee also announced a Greening Project creating the largest urban park on the Westside.

5. Reports:

- Policies and Procedures, Jan Gabrielson requested the election procedures and changes as requested by DONE be put on November's agenda for approval.

- Funding Committee, Ron Stone

Asked for any questions on his committee's Report. Need for specific funding can be requested later.

- Land Use Committee, Ty Vahedi

Yesterday, Bellwood Condo Project spoke at Land Use Committee with 57 people attending. Bellwood will re-present to the Land Use Committee before coming before the full board. They need to have answers for the questions that were brought up. For example, the developers do not seem to know how many people will be living in their proposed project. They expect to be breaking ground in year and half, so they are not even close to a hearing date and have not submitted the project to the city yet. Any information beforehand will be put on WNC website so all can see,

Letty will recommend to Terri to not agendize until more information available.

- Mobility Committee, Letty Bugarin
Addressed in 6. d) below

- Safety Committee, Stacy Antler
LAPD Sgt. Podesta announced two license plate readers purchased with WNC community money. City Council is looking at alternatives of one-way proposals.

- Outreach Committee, Lisa Morocco
Beautification of area. Working with businesses to plan a branding concept design for walk able area to beautify and highlight Pico Blvd., as a destination for movies and dining. Plan is to bring in business to discuss logo and branding ideas to the December meeting. The design will be included on banners, flags, flyers, etc. We can create an events calendar for 2008. Need input for next outreach meeting. Email events to Lisa.

- CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein
Reported that the Governor vetoed a Transportation Bill that included plans for a subway on the Westside corridor. Other options are now being considered. The Council office is looking at alternatives on Pico Blvd. and suggests there is a need for a committee to involve merchants, Chamber of Commerce and WNC. Lisa Morocco will compile suggestions for the website and would like to write about it. Jay will come back with an update of potential options. Councilman's Task Force has had two meetings with a lot of good questions and comments, however, Jack Weiss thinks the matter has not been adequately addressed and so is not ready to support it until there is a report. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has hired a consultant who's study has expanded into 6 other issues.

Stacy commented that the City came through Cheviot and cut a lot of the trees and nailed orange cones to the stumps that were left. Asked how it could have happened?

- Officers' Report, Terri Tippit None
- Treasurer Report, Melissa Kenady None
- DONE Report, Deanna Stevenson None

6. Agenda Items
New Business

- a) Michelle Sorkin, LA Planning Department
- WLA Community Plan Update

Introduction to West LA Community Plan that covers the Neighborhood Councils area from Santa Monica Blvd/Wilshire Blvd to the North, National to the South, Robertson to the East and Bundy to the West that is a 36-month long process. This is a 20-year vision plan of land uses today and for the future. Need stakeholders to say what type of development is appropriate. WLA Planning Meeting at Landmark Theatres on Wednesday, November 6, for input from stakeholders.

- b) Karina Wiesenthal

- Support for WNC opposition to proposed DWP Rate increase.

Charles Horwitz motions to support WNC position of not recommending DWP power or water rate increases. **Ty Vahedi seconds. In Favor 13 Opposed 0 Abstain 1**

- c) Peter Elias, Sky Hotel 2352 Westwood Blvd

- Support for a zone variance to serve alcohol on the premises to hotel guests only. Postponed until next meeting. Hearing date later in November so Elias will have time to present at WNC November 8 meeting.

- d) Letty Bugarin

- Review of 912 Committee Recommendations.

There are 73 recommendations but an Executive Summary distills the report. Richard Harmetz moves to hold over to next month in order for the board members to have enough time to read over the entire report and possibly form a committee for more in depth study. Since there seemed to be no stated deadline the Chair agreed to put the matter over to the November meeting.

- Recommendation to hire traffic consultant to interpret traffic survey data

Letty (Mobility Committee) asked Board for approval to hire a professional traffic consultant to interpret, validate and incorporate survey data into larger Traffic Study. It was felt that this was specifically appropriate since WNC spent time distributing its own surveys to stakeholders asking for their concerns and input.

Stacy Antler moves: that Mobility Committee to get estimate for proposal with dollar amount and specific scope of work for next meeting, **Lisa Morocco seconds**

In Favor 14 Opposed 0 Abstain 0 Letty will provide proposal for next meeting.

•Letters to support the return of the Army Reserve Site to the WLA-VA
Stacy Antler moves to approve letter of support to return Army Reserve Site to the WLA-VA, **Ty Vahedi seconds** Vote **In Favor 13 Opposed 0 Abstain 1**

On a closing note and returning to the discussion of the Review of 912 Committee Recommendations, Letty suggested all should take time to review the 73 Recommendations for the Neighborhood Councils that is in tonight's packet so they can be addressed at next meeting. There is a phone number to call with questions. Richard Alarcon asked for stakeholder review and recommendations if they approve it or have any questions.

Stacy Antler moved to adjourn, with **Steve Spector seconding**.
Adjourned meeting at 9:21pm

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Ward, AppleOne, October 18, 2007
Reviewed, Edited and Approved by Recording Secretary Bob Guerin