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Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 10, 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: 7:07 PM

By Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. **Board Roll Call**
- b. **Review and Adoption of June 12, 2014 Minutes**

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the June 12, 2014 Minutes as noted.

Motion By: Bob

Second By: Colleen

Motion Approved: 12 – 0 – 3 (Seat 10, 14, 16)

Attendance:

John Padden (Seat 1)
Brandon Behrstock (Seat 3)
Steve Spector (Seat 4)
David Burke (Seat 5)
Sarah Shaw (Seat 6)
Barbara Broide (Seat 7)

Terri Tippit (Seat 8)
Sean McMillan (Seat 9)
Richard Harmetz (Seat 10)
Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)
Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12)
Bob Guerin (Seat 13)
Jake Lebovic (Seat 14alt)
Eric Shabsis (Seat 15)
Stacy Antler (Seat 16alt)
Aaron C Rosenfield (Seat 17)

3. SELECTION FOR SEAT 9 REPRESENTATIVE:

a. Seat 9 has been vacant since February. Announcement was made at our February meeting and has been noted on the February and March agendas. Sean McMillan has asked to be nominated to fill the vacancy of Seat 9. Mr. McMillan will speak before the board and provide documents from Seat 9 stakeholders requesting he be their representative. The board will discuss and take action.

Sean McMillian a lifelong resident of West Los Angeles, residing at 10759 Cushton Avenue, spoke of his community activities and his interest in seeking to fill Seat 9 and serve on the WNC. He stated that he is a Realtor and Mortgage Broker at Heyler Realty. He presented his letters of recommendation.

**Motion By Steve: That the WNC approve Sean McMillian to fill the WNC's Seat 9 vacancy.
Second By: Stacy
Motion Approved 15 – 0 – 0**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Terri acknowledged Dick Harmetz; and, on behalf of the WNC welcomed him back to the board.

Colleen spoke and updated on the Big Blue Bus issues and changes to how it services UCLA, Westwood, Pico and Expo.

Colleen also noted the changes on Overland Avenue and the difficulties including safety and negative impacts on the deteriorating traffic situation.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Eli Lipman, Board of Neighborhood Commissioner.

Presentation on the new posting policy and get feedback on the potential "Bad Behavior" training policy. he will also have the board share their experiences on board.

Eli did not attend the meeting.

6. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Rashad Sharif / Car 8A35
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Officer Rashad outlined the COMMUNITY CRIME UPDATE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, West Los Angeles Division.

There was a discussion of several of the area burglaries including Greenfield. It was noted that there were 14 auto break-ins in 14 days. Officer Rashad again urged that personal belongings are not to be left in cars.

Colleen noted that Cheviot HOA Board is seeking approval for a gate to be installed at Palms Park for safety concerns,

Officer Rashad announced the National Night Out on Thursday, August 7 which will Take place from 5pm – 9pm at Stoner Park.

Derrick, Pro/ Instructor at Rancho Park Golf Course, offered to assist the WLAPD And will cover the cost of the Bounce House for children at the event.

Officer Mario Gonzalez discussed auto break-ins - again noting that items should not be let in cars. There was also a discussion of package thefts from Fed Ex and UPS trucks and residences.

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

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

Chuy updated on CD 5's past month's areas of focus – for details refer to the CD 5 Newsletter. He discussed aspects of the homeless issue with the board members. Chuy also announced the Pico repaving will take place in August and will advise of details as soon as they become available.

c. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / DONE
Thomas Soong**

Tom updated on the DONE Neighborhood Councils' checking account system and related procedures – including opening process, procedures and forms required for funding. He also spoke on bank card usage and allowable expenditures.

Tom Soong noted that there are forms the WNC must complete and the Board must vote on in August to forward to DONE. They include:

**Self-Assessment
Strategic Plan
Budget**

Terri discussed and recapped that the Ad Hoc Forms Committee will be chaired by Lisa - with Jae, Melissa and Terri serving on the committee.

Tom also said he attended Pick Pico with his wife and acknowledged Lisa and the WNC for their work and a successful event for the community.

**Mayor's Office
Daniel Tamm**

Daniel updated on Mayor Garcetti's work including the expansion of his team. He discussed areas including outlining the Mayor's areas of focus incorporating economic development to the arts. He noted the Mayor is MTA Chair for one year. Colleen and the members discussed aspects of the Office's work and suggested areas that can be improved – ranging from better communication to delivering results.

d. Community and Stakeholder Organizations

7. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS: Discussion and/or Possible Action

a. Derrick Allen, Rancho Park Golf Course. Presentation on closing of the Pro Shop and the impact it has on the course, instructors, golfers and community. He would like WNC to request that the city restore the Pro Shop.

Derrick stated that he has worked at Rancho Golf Course for over 30 years. He noted that the City had funded \$5M for improvements in the past but due to circumstances and to

delays the much needed improvement projects were not done and the City took back the funds allocated in the amount of \$5M.

He said the improvements are much needed and reviewed related historical details. He added that the City has taken over the operation of the amenities including the Pro Shop in recent years and the closing is detrimental to everyone.

It was agreed at this time that the only action the WNC would take at present is to set up a committee to meet with CD5 and Recs and Parks Department representatives.

Brandon has worked with them closely on improvements to the golf course. Terri asked that he Chair this committee and he accepted. Sarah, Bob and Eric also volunteered and will assist on the committee.

Brandon will check with the committee members to find best day/time to meet with the city reps to see what can be done and explore options available and will arrange a meeting with them.

We anticipate a follow up report with details at the August WNC meeting.

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

a. President

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

i. November Selection Election—Selection Election update, worksheet changes and review and approval Selection Election Timeline

Terri updated that Bennett is resigning as Barbara's alternate to run the WNC's Selection. She and Steve also updated on procedures.

Terri announced that the Westside Pavilion will be the location for the WNC's Selection.

Motion By Mary: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the change to the Westside Pavilion location for the WNC's Selection/Election.

Second By Bob:

Motion Approved: 16 – 0 - 0

ii. WNC Bylaws—Ad Hoc Policy and Procedure Committee to review bylaws and bring to board proposed amendments to bylaws.

Bylaws Review: Terri asked that Bob Guerin, who has been on the WNC since its' inception, Chair the Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee; and, he agreed. Steve, Bennett and Arturo will work with him on this committee.

They will bring the proposed bylaw changes, additions and deletions to the WNC for approval in October AFTER they have first been reviewed by DONE and the City Attorney.

Motion By Barbara: That the Westside Neighborhood Council set the Selection/Election timeline.

Second By Mary:

Motion Approved: 16 – 0 - 0

b. Treasurer

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

The treasurer's report as itemized July 10 2014 was reviewed on behalf of the Treasurer by Stacy – with the opening balance of \$2,531.33 and ending balance of \$28.11. It was noted that any unspent monies would not be carried over.

Motion by Stacy: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the monthly statement on the P card for June 2014 with expenditures totaling \$2,503.22 as presented.**

Second By: Sarah

Approved 13 – 0 – 3 (Seats 9, 14, 16)

Expenditures: **

\$964.16 for candy bars with WNC Logo wrappers to be used for Selection Election outreach. The candy bars will be distributed at Movie in the Park at Palms Park for the Willy Wonka movie on August 6, 2014. (Outreach for WNC election)

\$40.87 Verizon (Internet for Website)

\$171.99 Plastic table covers for Pick Pico

\$285.00 Porta Potties for Pick Pico

\$1,41.20 Staples – ink for Terri and Lisa computers – Office supplies: paper, pens, plastic sign holders, tape and misc. office supplies

c. Committees

i. Budget for 2014-2015 - discussion and approval

The training for the new checking account system will be held in August. Brandon and Lisa will attend.

After they are certified to be treasurer Terri stated that Brandon will begin in September to be co-treasurer and he will also give the monthly reports.

She also said that Lisa will be second signatory.

It was noted that the WNC will vote on approving Brandon as Treasurer in September.

Budget Advocate:

Terri announced that Brandon once again will be our WNC representative. She said we are able to send two individuals and asked if any board members would like to also be involved to contact her.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLUM Notices: Barbara spoke of the PLUM small lot ordinance. She wanted the WNC Board to consider an emergency motion on the Small Lot ordinance being sent from PLUM to city council July 30th.

It was determined that since it was posted on PLUM agenda which occurred prior to the WNC agenda being posted - We could not say it qualified as an emergency because we did not know about it.

While it was correct that WNC (we) were not aware - it was public knowledge.

Terri asked Shannon as the LUC chair to look to a process re the LUC – to review the agendas and that the LUC Committee track the items WNC needs to be aware of.

10. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Bob: Motion to adjourn.

Sarah Second.

Meeting end time approximately 9:45 PM

Submitted by recording secretary.

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