

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 10, 2008 7:00pm
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico Blvd.
Meeting Room A (3rd Floor behind Food Court)

1. Meeting is called to order at 7:07 PM.

In Attendance: Douglas Butler (1), Don Parker (2), Alice Campbell (3 alt.), Tara Bieber (4 alt.), Letty Bugarin (5), Jerry Adler (6), Katherine Greenebaum (7 alt.), Terri Tippit (8), Richard Harmetz (10), Mary Kusnic (11), Stacy Antler (12), Bob Guerin (13), Jay Fuhrman (alt 14), Charles Horwitz (15), Melissa Kenady (16), Ty Vahedi (17).

Also attending: Deanna Stevenson (DONE) and Jay Greenstein (CD5).

Terri Tippit, Chair states there is a quorum - with 16 member seats represented.

2. Approval of December 13, 2007 minutes, as corrected.

Melissa Kenady motions to approve, **Stacy Antler** seconds.

All in Favor: Favor 13 Opposed 0 Abstaining 3

3. Review of Agenda:

(ITEMS MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

4. Public Forum:

Terri Tippit introduced Captain Bill Eaton, LAPD, the Area Commanding Officer, West Los Angeles.

Captain Eaton gave an update and discussed issues and the current strain on resources at LAPD. He reviewed crime statistics on the Westside, Distraction Burglaries and discussed the officer involved shooting. Captain Eaton also referenced the 12% crime reduction over the past 2 years, he spoke of eight minutes as the average response time in our area and the value of Neighborhood Watch Programs. He stated that he is committed to his officers and the provision of safety for all stakeholders.

Charles Horwitz, school seat representative, announced to the Board that Overland Ave School would be holding their Auction in early March and invited every one to attend. It is the school's largest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds go to improving the educational environment of the students.

Shannon Burns, At-Large alternate, alerted the board to the possibility of changes in free parking for hybrid decals.

5. REPORTS:

Pico/Olympic Sub-committee, Terri Tippit

Terri reported all the businesses on Pico, and most of the businesses on Westwood, Overland and Sepulveda in our area have been contacted and encouraged to attend the Town Hall Meeting on January 14th. Many thanks were extended to all the board members and alternates who helped walk the streets to get out the word about the meeting and the WNC.

• DONE Report, Deanna Stevenson

There was not a formal DONE report for the month of January. **Deanna** made the suggestion to refer to the By Laws with respect to policies and procedures determining holding elections in December.

• CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein

Jay briefly reported that the Notre Dame Academy will have a new parking restriction effective February, 2008.

In recent weeks Jay stated that CD5 has worked with LADOT and schools administrators to make changes to parking along the Overland frontage of the campus to more safely expedite the ingress and egress of drivers during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. The changes should help reduce the lines of parents waiting to access the campus contributing to the back-up of traffic on southbound Overland. Officer Johnson, WLAPD Traffic, will monitor the situation at both the elementary and the high school.

He also commented on the complexity of the Sign Ordinance and the controversy that exists regarding industrial zoning and housing projects, citing downtown Los Angeles as an example.

Additional information about events in the district can be found in the December, 2007 Weiss Wire.

6. AGENDA ITEMS:

New Business

a) **Melissa Kenady**, WNC Officer Nomination Committee

Melissa reviews the and nominates the following
WNC offices for this year:

Terri Tippit – Chair

Letty Bugarin – Vice Chair

Melissa Kenady – Treasurer

Mary Kusnic – Recording Secretary

Steve Spector – Corresponding Secretary

Bob Guerin moves that the slate be approved as presented.

Jerry Asher seconds the motion.

In Favor: 16 Opposed 0 Abstaining 0

b.) **Bradley Neighbors**, Principal Inspector LACITY, Department of Building & Safety

Brad Neighbors presented an update on the proposed sign ordinance which be more detailed. He also stated that the on January 15, 2008 the Building & Safety Commission will hear the application for the sign on the building located on the Southeast corner of Overland and Pico.

c.) **Ty Vahedi**

Ty discussed the WNC letter to Planning Dept about the General Plan, as the Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure has not been done since 1998. Lettie stated that the city is currently in the process of working on and updating the plan. With this consideration, **Ty motioned** to send the letter to Gail Goldberg which will include confirmation that her staff will be at our next WNC meeting to update us on the process and its' current status. **Dick Harmetz** seconds.

Vote In Favor 16 Opposed 0 Abstaining 0

d.) Terri Tippit

WNC Town Hall Meeting on Olympic West/Pico East Proposal

Terri outlined the details of the Town Hall Meeting which will be held at Temple Isaiah, on January 14, 2008. She reviewed that the Board members should get there at 6:30 PM to assist with meeting registration and organizational details.

Questions will be collected from those attending and presented to John Fisher, Assistant General Manager, DOT. Those attending are requested to confirm and coordinate with Lisa Morocco, waltzworld@verizon.net.

Recommendation on how to allocate remaining Trammell Crow money

There was a general discussion of the mitigation settlement and the allocation of the Trammell Crow money in the amount of \$120,000.

Dick Harmetz moved that the money be allocated as follows: \$25,000. Overland School, \$25,000. Westwood School, \$10,000. Cheviot Park, \$10,000. Palms Park, \$10,000. Palms Library, \$10,000. Station 92 LAFD and \$30,000. LAPD.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was suggested that the Funding Committee will review the specifics of the Trammell Crow Mitigation Agreement and recommend to the WNC Board how the remaining \$120,000. should be funded.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

The Chairs are as follows:

LUC - Shannon Burns, Chair
Gerry Del Sol, Vice Chair

Funding – Ron Stone, Chair

Policies & Procedures – Steve Spector, Chair

Outreach – Lisa Morocco, Chair

Pico Beautification – Lisa Morocco, Chair

Mobility - Letty Bugarin, Chair

Sub committees

Expo – Mike Eveloff, Chair

Overland Gateway – Karina Wiesenthal, Chair

Traffic Study – Barbara Broide / Annette Mercer Co-Chair

Terri requested that all WNC Board Members advise her which committee(s) they will be serving on.

Responsibilities of a WNC Board Member

Terri stated that the Officers will create a plan with specific objectives and goals of the WNC. Expectations and responsibilities will be outlined. She also discussed that each board member will bring a signed statement of how they plan to reach their stakeholders. This includes but is not limited to distribution of WNC materials to the community. The alternates will also sign and acknowledge. Additionally, Terri requested individual written monthly statements (signed) be furnished outlining the months outreach activities to the stakeholders.

Bob moves to adjourn, Melissa seconds.

Adjourned 10:20PM

Reviewed and Approved by Recording Secretary