

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 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), Lisa Morocco (2 alt.), Renato Romano (3),
Steve Spector (4), Letty Bugarin (5), Jerry Asher (6),
Katherine Greenebaum (7alt.), Terri Tippit (8), Dick Harmetz (10),
Mary Kusnic (11), Stacy Antler (12), Bob Guerin (13),
Ron Stone (14), Charles Horwitz (15),
Ty Vahedi (17).**

Also attending:

**Deanna Stevenson (DONE) and Jay Greenstein (CD5)
And Annette Mercer (15 alt.).**

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

**2. March 13, 2007 minutes distributed,
reviewed and approved.**

Motion By: Stacy Antler

Second By: Steve Spector

All In Favor: Passed 13 Opposed 0 Abstain 2

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

(ITEMS MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Cert Training

Susan Silver, Volunteer liason for NEAR (Neighborhood Emergency Awareness & Response, announced that **free CERT** training will be held on 6 Wednesday evenings – April 30 to June 4 – at Temple Isaiah, 10345 W. Pico Blvd. The classes are from 6:30 – 9:30 PM.

Ron Galperin, introduced himself as a candidate for CD5.

5. REPORTS

Refer to Individual Committee Reports

6.) AGENDA ITEMS

a.)Terri introduced Sg. Dave Podesta, LAPD, West Los Angeles and SLO Mario Gonzales, LAPD, West Los Angeles.

Sg. Podesta outlined the camera equipment functionality and the related applications for the equipment purchased for the West Los Angeles LAPD by the WNC.

Sg. Podesta also demonstrated the patrol car Smart Car license plate reader equipment and its valuable use for all attending.

Additionally, Sg. Podesta announced that on April 17th 5 – 10 at Gladstone's Restaurant, WLAPD will be acting as servers for the 2nd Annual Tip A Cop, with proceeds raised for the Special Olympics.

b.) Chi Ming Dong, Department of Public Works, invited by Stacy, presented an overview of the **City's 50/50 Sidewalk Program.**

He stated that there are approximately 4400 miles of damaged sidewalks in the City and that this program, which accounts for 40% of repairs, may be phased into another City program. Ty stated that the City budget has funding for 59 miles and there was a discussion whether any of WNC's funds are able to be used. Linda commented on the lack of handicap ramps. This will be revisited when there is more information on the new plan.

c.) Expo Community Meetings

Colleen and Terri commented and gave an overview of the proposed routes and the challenges with discussion following.

d.) Judy Branfman,

LA Public Funding Project, spoke about organizing workshops in West Los Angeles covering ethics and guidelines. She would like to work with WNC to facilitate. Ty commented and there was favorable discussion to explore the most efficient way to go about this. Terri suggested also contacting Jay Handel.

e.) Jerome Buckmelter,

**Jerome Buckmelter Associates, Inc.
Planning & Zoning Consultants**

Support for 1834 Benecia Project

Terri updated that the group has met with the neighbors surrounding the subject property. Mike Eveloff has also written a letter of support on behalf of the Tract No. 7260 Association. They are requesting that the project be approved and supported by WNC.

Motion: To support the project at 1834 Benecia provided that the lot size is as reported in ZIMAS at 5031.8 sq. ft. and that the developer agrees to abide by the conditions set forth in the Tract 7260 letter of support.

Further, to support the developer's efforts to seek an easement from the City for the 5 foot widening of Benecia as opposed to requiring a dedication.

Moved By: Stacy Antler

Second By: Mary Kusnic

All In Favor: Passed 13 Opposed 0 Abstaining 0

f.) Shannon Burns, Land Use Committee Chair

SB 1818

Terri, referring to Gail Goldberg's letter, briefly discussed SB1818.

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Motion: To support the attached Mar Vista Community Council letter to Gail Goldberg regarding SB 1818 and the City’s implementation of 05 – 1345 Ordinance also known as “Bonus Density”.

Moved By: Dick Harnetz

Second By: Stacy Antler

All In Favor: Passed 11 Opposed 2 Abstain 0

**g.) Lisa Morocco, Pico Beautification Project
(Co-chairs, Lisa Morroco and Melissa Kenady)
PICO BOULEVARD STREETScape MASTER PLAN,
405 Freeway to Patricia Avenue**

Lisa gave a brief update and acknowledged Jay Greenstein, Fortuna Ippoliti, and Denise Sample for their assistance on the project. She introduced landscape architect, Kathryn Cerra, (KCA) who presented the following overview of the plan and the scope of work.

Program / Scope of Work:

Kathryn Cerra Associates (KCA) shall

- Assist the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) and the Pico Boulevard Stakeholders to identify the goals and priorities for streetscape improvements;
- Prepare a master plan showing proposed streetscape improvements;
- Create guidelines for implementation and maintenance;
- Submit a final document suitable for WNC use in seeking project funding and suitable to guide the design and preparation of future construction documents (this proposal does not include a construction documents and implementation phase).

Tasks include:

1. Meetings with the WNC, their stakeholders, and 5th Council District staff;
2. Research and prepare background materials required for the master plan process, including existing City street maps, utility maps, planning documents, local history;

3. Create a background drawing to scale for use in meetings and to create streetscape documents;
4. Prepare and conduct a Community Meeting with Stakeholders and appropriate City staff members to present general streetscape images and ideas, to obtain input about streetscape improvements from City staff, including representatives from the Bureaus of Street Services, Street Lighting, and Department of Transportation, and to obtain input from community concerning their goals;
5. Prepare and conduct a Design Workshop with Stakeholders to encourage incorporation of the Pico Boulevard business and property owners to make input to the master plan process (2.5 to 3 hour duration, probably on a week night so as to have business input);
6. Create Conceptual Master plan and rough order of magnitude cost estimate;
7. Meet with City Bureaus and Departments, as needed, in order to obtain preliminary “buy-in” for proposed streetscape elements;
8. Present Conceptual Master plan to Stakeholders at a meeting to obtain their feedback;
9. Incorporating all Stakeholder comments, revise Master Plan and present it at a final community meeting;
10. Create final document in booklet and pdf formats that will include the Master Plan, details of proposed improvements, conceptual cost estimate, documentation of all meetings, community participation, and Stakeholders’ approval.

Fees:

Basic Services shall be provided for \$18,800.00 and shall be payable in installments. Printing and delivery expenses shall be reimbursed at actual cost to Kathryn Cerra Associates, and shall be payable upon submittal and approval of invoices. (WNC shall allow a printing budget of up to approximately \$2,000.)

Extra Services may be provided if requested and shall be based upon hourly rates, including Landscape architect, project manager, Assistant landscape architect, drafting technician, etc.

Motion: Moved that the Westside Neighborhood Council approve \$13,800.00 from the \$50,000.00 Pico Beautification Fund for a Master Plan for Pico Blvd. to be designed by Kathryn Cerra.

Moved By: Stacy Antler

Second By: Jerry

All In Favor: Passed Unanimous Oppose 0 Abstain 0

**h.) Steve Spector
Policies and Procedures Chair**

Steve reviewed and presented the amendments to facilitate the WNC Board Elections being administered by the City Clerk beginning in 2010. Steve presented the following Motion:

Motion: I Move that the WNC amend Article II, Section 3C, and Article III, Section 3 of its Bylaws by deleting the Original Language quoted below and replacing with the Amended Language set forth below so that the 2008 WNC board election will be postponed until 2010 and then and thereafter administered every two years by the LA City Clerk :

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE:

(Article II, Section 3C) –

A “Stakeholder” shall mean any individual who lives, works or owns property in the Westside Neighborhood. In addition, Stakeholder status may be identified by participation in, among other things, educational institutions, religious institutions, community organizations or other non-profit organizations, block clubs, neighborhood associations, homeowners associations, apartment associations, condominium associations, resident associations, school/parent groups, faith based groups and organizations, senior groups and organizations, youth groups and organizations, chambers of commerce, business improvement districts, service organizations, park advisory boards, boys and girls clubs, cultural groups, environmental groups, code watch, neighborhood watch, police advisory board groups, and/or redevelopment action boards.

(Article III, Section 3) –

TERM. Each Board Member shall serve for a term of two years beginning on January 1 of the first year and ending on December 31 of the second year. . No person may serve more than eight consecutive years as a Board Member. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the initial term of all initial Board Member may be shorter than two (2) years to the extent the initial election of Board Members is effective on a date other than a January 1 of any year. (In addition, the initial term of Board Members whose terms are to expire in the year immediately following WNC inception as provided in Section 4 below may be shorter than one (1) year to the extent the initial election of Board Members is effective on a date other than a January 1 of any year.)

AMENDED LANGUAGE:

Amend Article II, Section 3C and Article III, Section 3 to read as follows:
(Proposed new language is in italics and underlined):

(New Article II, Section 3C) –

“Stakeholders” mean those who live, work or own property in the Westside Neighborhood and also those who declare a stake in the Westside Neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it.

(New Article III, Section 3) –

TERM. Each Board Member shall serve for a term of two years beginning on January 1 of the first year and ending on December 31 of the second year.
Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term of Board Members serving under these Bylaws during 2008, 2009 or 2010 shall serve for a term ending on December 31, 2010.

Moved by: Steve Spector

Second by: Bob Guerin

Passed: In Favor 15 Opposed 0 Abstain 0

Highlights of Committee Reports:

Outreach

Outreach will be holding a training session with one of our web designers on Saturday April 26th from 12-3pm at Shlomo’s office. The website is first and foremost on our mind, we have made contact with Ralph Plumb from PATH. This is a great organization in our area that helps get people literally off the street. Outreach is exploring ways to help them with their needs. A Neighborhood Council BBQ is on the books for May 18th. Outreach was thrilled to hear from Stacy Antler who had a great idea to work with the animal shelters in our area and Charles Horowitz has been talking about a school fundraiser

Stacy gave an update on Kidsafe and announced their May 17th Miracle Walk.

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Land Use -

Current Projects included :

**Westfield Expansion - The New Century Plan 10250 Santa Monica,
1801 Avenue of the Stars, 1930 Century Park West
10343 Ilona Avenue
1834 Benecia**

Traffic Study Report –

Annette commented that they are working on compiling recommendations from the WNC on the Traffic Study for arterials/regional action.

Chair's Report –

Terri commented the Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's Church.

CD5

**Jay Greenstein reported on the status of the placement of Street Furniture, City Budget Meetings and the 405 HOV project.
He also commented on the Supergraphic Sign issue and the new Weiss wire Format.**

DONE

Deanna briefly commented on the NC's regional conference.

Stacy Moves to Adjourn, Lisa Seconds.

Meeting Adjourned 10:10 PM

Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary