

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 8, 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), Renato Romano* (3),
Barbara Briode (7), Terri Tippit (8),
Gerry Del Sol (9), Dick Harmetz* (10),
Mary Kusnic (11), Colleen Mason Heller (12alt.),
Bob Guerin (13), William Grayson (13alt.),
Jay Furman (14), Charles Horowitz (15),
Melissa Kenady (16), David Ty Vahedi (17),
Shannon Burns(17alt.), Annette Mercer* (15alt.)**

Also attending:

**Jay Greenstein (CD5)
and Annette Mercer**

*** R. Harmetz left at 7:45PM
R. Renato left at 8:05 PM
A. Mercer sitting in for C. Horwitz left at 8:10PM
S. Burns sitting in for Ty Vahedi**

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

**2. April 10, 2007 minutes distributed,
reviewed and approved.**

**Motion By: Bob Guerin
Second By: Dick Harmetz**

All In Favor: Passed 9 Opposed 0 Abstain 4

3. PUBLIC FORUM:

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

(ITEMS MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

5.) AGENDA ITEMS

- a.) Winifred Yancy, DWP Manager Public Affairs
Jeff Peltola, LADWP
Changes to DWP Rates**

Winifred and Jeff presented an outline of the DWP Rate Restructuring, explaining that this action was referred to the Board of WATER AND Power Commissioners on December 5, 2007 to develop a power rate restructuring formula that charges ratepayers throughout the City on an equitable basis.

They discussed that this is not an increase and the restructuring applies to the four months of June, July, August and September.

The restructuring is based on a scientific study by UCLA by the Department of Atmospheric Sciences. The restructuring modifies rates in tiers and are designed to be revenue neutral, encourage efficient stewardship and usage and alternative energy choices. Commercial rates are based on voltage level, revised billing seasons, and time of use pricing. Details are available on the DWP website.

There was a discussion with Shannon and Barbara and attendees regarding the program and with respect to rates and baseline allocations.

Information was given with respect to “Lifeline” programs for the elderly and disabled and households with incomes under \$29,600. Also, DWP’s programs with respect to replacing refrigerators over 10 years old with energy efficient models were discussed.

Renato inquired about Solar rebates and Annette talked about the Green Power Program.

Additional information is available by calling 1 800 DIAL DWP.

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**b.) Melissa Kenady
WNC 2008 – 2009 Preliminary Budget**

Melissa presented and discussed the 2008 -2009 Budget review.

Melissa moved to approve the Preliminary Budget with the annual allocation of \$50,000.

Second By: Gerry

Passed In Favor: 7 Opposed 2 Abstain 2

6. REPORTS:

LAPD - West Los Angeles

Terri introduced Officer Matt Kirk, our temporary SLO, LAPD, West Los Angeles and the new Senior Lead Officer Rashad Sharif , LAPD, West Los Angeles. Also introduced was Officer Maria Grey, LAPD, West Los Angeles.

The officers discussed their background, area update and their plans for WLA.

Terri also discussed information from Sg. Podesta regarding the West Los Angeles LAPD's upcoming the Blood Drive with the Red Cross.

**Overland Gateway
Karina Wisenthal**

Overview of the report included discussion on the Westside Pavillion entrances, NB Overland Lane Markings, Overland /Ashby /Exposition, and National /Overland. Details available in the report.

**Outreach
Terri Tippit**

Terri and Bob Guerin introduced Bob's alternate, William Graysen (13alt.), and welcomed him to the WNC

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Announcements included the May 19th Palms NC And WNC Event, Planning for the Path Event and the Pico/Olympic update.

Terri introduced the following new community businesses:

Massage Place

2516 Overland Avenue

Howard and Julie Maryland, Sr., Owners talked about their operation which provides professional massages at affordable prices. and they extended an invitation for everyone to come by.

The Guitar Center

Pico Blvd. and Westwood

Glen Peizer, Regional VP, Chuck Cammark, District Manager, and Dave Howells, Store Manager discussed their operation which is part of a national 214 store chain. They also said they are looking forward to being part of the community and extended an invitation for all to stop in and visit.

Expo Light Rail

Annette Mercer

Annette updated and stated routes are being defined for the EIR with more information available later in May.

Land Use

Shannon Burns

Shannon updated on the April meeting in which the SunCal Companies presented on their proposed project located on 10000 Santa Monica Blvd, at the corner of Moreno Drive & Santa Monica. Details available in the report.

Traffic Study

Annette Mercer

Annette announced that the MTA has an upcoming meeting on May 12th at 6PM at Plummer Park and that comments on the Metro Westside Extension can be submitted online on their website at www.metro.net/westside

Chair's Report

Terri Tippit

Terri spoke about support for LA Neighborhood Congress SB1818 Motion

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Motion: To support revising the City’s SB 1818 enabling Ordinance # 179681 to, Among other things, bring it more into conformity with the incentives allowed By SB1818; to provide notice to the public by requesting the filing of an application in all cases even if “by right”; to allow appeals by others in addition to the immediate neighbors, owners, or applicants; and to determine that even those developments with out incentives, other than parking, not be considered ministerial. Further, to support the amending of SB1818, California Government Code 65915, At the state level to exempt from its provisions all charter cities with a population of in excess of 3 million if such cities enact comparable local legislation to incentivize the construction of affordable housing units.

Moved By: Barbara Briode

Second By: Mary Kusnic

Passed In Favor 11 Opposed 0 Abstain 1

CD 5 Update

Jay Greenstein

Jay Greenstein reported on the Mansionization Ordinance and stated that Councilman Weiss had to leave before the vote was taken; however, he was supportive.

He also commented on the Supergraphic Signs at Pico and Olympic and National had been removed.

He announced the Budget hearing was set for Friday, May 16th at 10:00AM;

He stated that the sign ordinance was postponed to PLUM.

He also said that on June 5th, the Westside Cities COG, (LA, SM, WH) is holding a sustainability conference.

DONE

There was not a report given at the May meeting.

Shannon Moves to Adjourn, Jay Seconds.

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary