

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 12, 2008 7:00pm
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico Blvd.
Meeting Room A (3rd Floor behind Food Court)

1. Meeting is called to order at 7:05 PM.

In Attendance:

**Douglas Butler (1), Don Parker (2),
Tara Bieber (3alt), Letty Bugarin(4),
Jerry Asher (6), Barbara Briode (7),
Joanne Dorfman (8alt), Karina Wiesenthal (9alt),
Dick Harnetz (10), Mary Kusnic (11),
Stacy Antler (12), Bob Guerin (13),
Ron Stone (14), Annette Mercer (15 alt),
Shannon Burns (17 alt)**

David Ty Vahedi arrived at 8:15PM

Also attending:

**Jay Greenstein (CD5)
Shlomo Fatal (Sketchfarm), Webmaster
Captain Eaton
Officer Rashad Sharif, Senior Lead Officer, WLAPD
and Deanna Stevenson (DONE)**

Letty Bugarin, Vice Chair states there is a quorum - with
12member seats represented.

2. May 8, 2007 Minutes
Reviewed and approved.

Motion By:
Second By:

All In Favor: Passed 10 Opposed 0 Abstain 2

3. PUBLIC FORUM:

a.) Mike Eveloff:

Mike Eveloff presented in public forum the following for consideration:

- **“Motion to amend Bylaws to eliminate Article VI, Section 3D which states "No Chair or Vice-Chair shall serve more than two consecutive one-year terms in that office.”**

Per the following WNC Bylaw provision, the above item will be placed on the WNC July 10, 2008 Agenda per discussion and for subsequent vote.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDING BYLAWS

“Any Board Member or any Stakeholder may propose amendments, changes, additions or deletions to these Bylaws during the public comment period of a regular meeting of the WNC. A proposal to amend these bylaws, however, must then be formalized in writing and then lodged with the Recording Secretary or person responsible for preparing the agenda for the next regular meeting. The proposed amendment will be placed on the agenda for public discussion at a subsequent regular meeting of the WNC.

A recommendation for amendment or adjustment of these Bylaws must be made by a 2/3rds vote of the entire number of the Board Members. Thereafter, and within 14 days after a vote recommending adjustment or amendment to the Bylaws, a Notice of Proposed Adjustment of Bylaws shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment along with a copy of the existing Bylaws for review and approval by the Department all in accordance with Article V (3) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.”

**b.) Karina Wiesenthal:
MTA Expo Maintenance**

Karina spoke in detail with respect to the MTA’s use of chemicals in the maintenance of their property. She cited many examples of the use of chemicals and stated that there was not notice to community members by MTA. She also spoke of the increasing noise considerations and the dangers of prolonged exposure.

Noting the danger to children, seniors and all stakeholders, she was passionate in citing the many health considerations and dangers.

Shlomo suggested that council members should unit to have a stronger voice to request any action by the MTA; Jerry asked for additional clarification on the matter and Barbara suggested a timely meeting as examples of steps that can be taken. It was suggested that Karina request to have the matter place on the WNC July 10, 2008 agenda for further discussion and action. Bob asked that Karina email all WNC council members details on this matter.

Letty Bugarin announced that “Rock Sugar” Pan-Asian Restaurant is opening in the Westfield Century City Shopping Center on June 19th.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

(ITEMS MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

5.) AGENDA ITEMS

a.) Captain Eaton:

Support for Crime Prevention “Lock It Or Lose It” Program

Captain Eaton informed all that the West Bureau is leading the City in crime reduction. However, he stated the importance of knowing your neighbors and the value of the Neighborhood Watch programs. He outlined the new campaign for protecting vehicles and urged that the importance of not leaving property in your car. He showed samples of bumper stickers and meter toppers. Captain Eaton is working with DOT to coordinate aspects of the campaign. Mary suggested working with corporate sponsorship to offset costs and potential introductions and referrals where the WNC may be able to assist. He noted that he is also working on notices that mimic parking citations. Officers will leave these on vehicles containing exposed personal property where they notice same.

Shannon commented on the recent home invasions on the Westside. As they are under investigation, Captain Eaton said he could not give details but he did confirm there were 3 incidents which occurred late at night and that the elderly were targeted.

Officer Sharif stated the need for additional Block Captains in order to implement more Neighborhood Watch Programs. Jerry commented on the potential increase in crime due to the economic times. Shannon commented on a statute in the sexual predator law regarding distance of 2000 feet applying to rehab houses for individuals on probation or parole. Captain Eaton was not familiar with details and said he would check into the matter.

b.) Barbara Briode

WNC Billboard Sign Issues Position

Barbara spoke of the City's offsite advertising ban on building signs and private property structures. Citing the City's case with MetroLights; should MetroLights prevail, the City may have to regulate signage in new ways. (Refer to the Los Angeles Municipal Code 91.6201 regarding the definition of an 'Off-Site Sign'.)

Letty noted the City's Community Plan, which is in process, stating that it may be addressing signage. It was noted that Ed Reyes has introduced a motion for new Billboard ordinance in his area due to the revenues they generate and Annette commented on the issue of the supergraphic signs.

c.) Melissa Kenady, Treasurer

Approval for WNC proposed Budget 2008 – 2009

This item is moved to the July 10, 2008 Agenda as Melissa was unable to attend today's meeting.

6. REPORTS

- **Land Use, Shannon Burns**
Shannon overviewed projects including Pelham and LaGrange, the upcoming June 23 hearing on 2 mixed use projects, across from Wally's and Ross & Chevron on Westwood Blvd.

Annette discussed the Casden project, uniqueness of the location and noted the need for parking. She also commented on the benefit and value of involving policy makers; and, the establishment of guidelines in situations when and where a property can have a higher civic use.

- **CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein**

Jay commented that Lisa Trifiletti is working with Eric Garcetti in addressing the need and ways in which to clarify and refine ordinances per the City Council motion.

Jay stated that PLUM is addressing the Supergraphics issue and that they must also consider civil penalties, etc. Also, he said that Building & Safety is also involved and studying the issue.

With respect to the street furniture issue, Jay stated that there have not been any final approvals or decisions in the WNC area given potential consideration of EIR's final and addressing specific plan guidelines as may be applicable.

- **DONE Report, Deanna Stevenson**
There was not a formal DONE Report.

Dick Moves to Adjourn, Jerry Seconds.
All in favor.
Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM

Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary