

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 14, 2008 7:00pm**  
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico Blvd.  
Meeting Room A (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor behind Food Court)

**1. Meeting is called to order at 7:08 PM.**

**In Attendance:**

**Douglas Butler ( 1 ),  
Lisa Morocco ( 2alt.), Steve Spector (4),  
Letty Bugarin (5), Jerry Asher (6 ),  
Barbara Broide (7), Terri Tippit (8),  
Karina Wiesenthal (9 alt.),  
Dick Harnetz (10), Mary Kusnic (11),  
Stacy Antler (12), William Graysen (13 alt.),  
Charles Horwitz (15), Melissa Kenady (16),  
David Ty Vahedi (17)  
(Renato Romano absent due to surgery)**

**Also attending:**

**Annette Mercer (15 alt.)  
Shlomo Fattal (Sketchfarm), Webmaster  
Sg. Podesta, Lt. Lombardo, SLO Rashed, LAPD  
Deanna Stevenson, DONE  
Jay Greenstein, CD5**

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

**2. Minutes were distributed and approved as noted.**

**June 12, 2008, approved with 5 abstaining.**

**July 10, 2008 Minutes, approved with 1 abstaining.**

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Drew Deascentis, President of Westwood Gardens Civic Association, was recognized and introduced by the Chair.**

**Edwin Lew, discussed R-1 Zone issues and overviewed the issues; and he asked for thoughts on what effectively can be done to mitigate it's impact.**

**4. REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

**( ITEMS AY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)**

**5.) AGENDA ITEMS**

**New Business**

**a.) Lt. Lombardo, (presenting for Captain Eaton), updated on the public information concerning the recent murder which occurred in the parking facility on Century Park East in Century City; and he discussed the Westside Home Invasion Break-ins, encouraging all to be alert, aware and proactive in implementing routine safety practices.**

**He also reviewed the LAPD's, "Leave It. Loose It Campaign ", educating and encouraging all individuals not to leave any items in unattended vechicles. On behalf of the LAPD, Lt. Lombardo asked for the WNC's consideration of financial support for the campaign. Shlomo was recognized for creating the artwork.**

**"Motion that the WNC donate \$500.00 to assist in defraying the cost of the LAPD's "Leave It, Loose It" Campaign.**

**Motion Made By: Jerry    Second By: Stacy**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**b.) Nicki Carlson, Weston Binshoot  
John McDounagh, Mark Larson, Owners  
David Jacobson, Ron Hirsh, Nadel Architects**

**Santa Monica Pavilion Project , 10700 Santa Monica Blvd.  
(Overland and Santa Monica Blvd.)**

The group presented seeking the WNC's approval of the commercial project, including support for the two variances they are seeking - removal of CUP4, 5 foot set back and a height adjustment from 45 feet to 53 feet. There was extensive discussion by the parties and the WNC members, including statements by a neighboring resident, Jennifer Liato. The various project aspects and potential impacts were discussed. Ty made suggestions regarding changes which the group said were explored but were not be feasible. Barbara noted traffic impact and safety issues. Stacy noted that Land Use Committee has heard this project twice. Ty abstained due to the upcoming CD5 election.

**“Motion that the WNC write a letter to the Hearing Officer to support the project with Strict Adherence to the following conditions:**

**No left turn from Southbound Overland into alley**

**No left turn from Westbound Alley onto Southbound Overland**

**No Right Turn from Eastbound Alley onto Southbound Pelham Avenue**

**Use of alley for circulation**

**Determination of Haul Route**

**Removal of Billboard**

**No Visible Cell Tower. “**

**Motion Made By: Steve Second By: Stacy**

**Motion Failed In Favor: 5 Opposed: 7 Abstain: 1**

**c.) Terri Tippit**

**Support for Assembly Resolution AJR37 – Ban large jets at Santa Monica Airport. The WNC to write a letter of support as many of the WNC constituents would be are affected.**

**d.) Letty Bugarin, presented the following motion:**

**“Motion to submit letter of endorsement for a regulator station as a much needed Improvement in Century City to CD5, the Department of Water and Power and the Mayor's Office”.**

**Motion By: Ty Second By: Jerry A**

**Motion Passed In Favor: 12 Oppose: 0 Abstain 1**

e.) Colleen Heller (For Mike Eveloff, Chair Expo Light Rail Committee)  
Colleen presented detailed background and relevant information on Expo. Extensive discussion by the WNC members regarding the WNC's position followed; resulting in the following motion as presented:

**“Resolved, the WNC opposes any implementation of the Expo Phase 2 Light Rail line that does not require and guarantee grade separation at Overland, Westwood, Military and Sepulveda. We also oppose any implementation of the Expo Phase 2 Light Rail line that does not require and guarantee thorough mitigations for sound, vibration, privacy and security for residents and businesses close to the line, its stations and related facilities.”**

**Motion By: Stacy Second By: Ty**

**Motion Passed In Favor: 13 Oppose: 1 Abstain: 1**

**Melissa presented the following motion:**

**“To approve the 2008 preliminary budget as presented with the provision that it can be amended as deemed prudent to do so and if it is required. Also, noting that any “rollover funds” for the Pico Beautification Project have been “encumbered” from past fiscal years.”\*\***

**(Item moved from the June 2008 Agenda)**

**\*\*Discussion noted that the Budget falls within DONE's guidelines.**

**Motion By Melissa; Second By Lisa**

**Motion Unanimously Passed In Favor: 13 Opposed 0**

## **6. REPORTS**

### **Funding, Melissa Kenady**

**Melissa gave a brief update of the budget, again noting that any “rollover funds” for the Pico Beautification Project have been “encumbered” from past fiscal years. Discussion included Ty noting the need of Fire Station 92 for nozzles to the station and computers for WLAPD; stating the priority to allocate \$5000 for these areas. Lisa and Charles added that Emerson school has lost all title money and there is a need to allocate \$1500. to assist.**

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**“Motion to approve the budget to include an allocation of \$5000. for Fire Station 92 for nozzles to the station, and computer equipment for WLAPD. Further, to include a \$1500. allocation for Emerson School and noting that the Funding Committee will follow it’s regular process.”**

**Motion Unanimously Passed In Favor: 12**

**Outreach, Lisa Morocco**

**Lisa discussed the WLANC and WNC Boards event and presented an update on the Pico Beautification Project.**

**Chair’s Report, noted that there will NOT be an October 2008 WNC Meeting.**

- **DONE Report, Deanna Stevenson**  
**There was a brief DONE report – noting that Stacy will be the WNC representative at the October 9, 2008 Council Meeting.**

**CD5 Update, Jay Greenstain**

**There was a report highlighting the status of the Palms Crossing and discussion of the Cal Trans contract.**

**Jerry Moves to Adjourn, Ty Seconds.**

**All in favor.**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:00 PM**

***Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary***