

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 13, 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), Seat (2) Vacant,
Lisa Morocco (2alt.),
Paul Resnik (3), Steve Spector (4),
Letty Bugarin (5), Jerry Asher (6),
Barbara Broide (7), Terri Tippit (8),
Gerry Del Sol (9), Dick Harnetz (10),
Mary Kusnic (11), Stacy Antler (12),
Robert Guerin (13), Ron Stone (14),
Charles Horwitz (15), Sarah Fitzsimmons (16 alt.),
David Ty Vahedi (17)**

Also attending:

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

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

2. Minutes of the following WNC Meetings were presented, reviewed and approved:

August 14, 2008 Minutes

September 11, 2008 Minutes

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3. PUBLIC FORUM:

Terri, Chair, introduced Officer Rashid, Officer Gonzalez and Sergeant Podesta, WLAPD. Sergeant Podesta demonstrated the T3 Mobile unit which was purchased By the Trammel Crowe funds.

Officer Rashid updated on crime on the Westside, citing that incidents of burglary from vehicles has risen. Officer Gonzalez discussed the Queensbury home invasion robbery.

Terri announced that Wendy Gruell will be speaking at the December 11, 2008 WNC meeting .

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

(ITEMS AY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

5.) AGENDA ITEMS

New Business

**a.) Shannon Burns / Lisa Morocco,
Presented and Discussed Guidelines to proposing WNC Motions**

There was extensive open discussion of the members regarding the importance and efficiency of presenting motions per an agreed upon format. It was clarified that this Does not include community impact statements. These guidelines are foundational not limitational. Shannon presented the following motion:

Motion to add “Standing Rule (SR) # 19”:

**“1. All proposed motions by any board member must be submitted in writing at least
72 hours in advance of any Westside Neighborhood Council meeting for review by board members and their alternates to provide the opportunity for members to be prepared to vote on the motion; and**

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2. It is suggested that motions not be greater than 100 words to allow for flexibility; and

3.) That all motions be posted on the WNC website.”

Motion By: Shannon Second By: Stacy

Motion Passed In Favor: 10 Opposed: 5 Abstain: 2

b.) Election for Business Seat 2

Terri, Chair stated that the WNC Board is to elect a new representative For Seat 2. Terri noted the significant contributions and interest by Lisa Morocco (Seat 2 alternate) to fill the seat. It was noted that the Seat is open to all qualifying stakeholders; however, there has not been any other interest to date.

Lisa spoke about her background and as a resident of Overland Avenue for 19 years, stated her philosophy rooted in serving and connecting to the community.

Motion:

“That Lisa Morocco fill the vacancy and be the WNC representative for Seat 2.”

Motion By: Ty Vahedi Second By: Stacy

Motion Passed Unanimously.

**c.) Renato Romano
MTA Termination of Lease**

Paul Resnik, presented an overview of the current status regarding the MTA and Mediolanum. In 1994, Mr. Renato Romano and Mediolanum LLC made an agreement with the Metropolitan Transit Authority to lease a parcel of land at 2490 S. Sepulveda Boulevard. MTA is using the land for the parking and storage of an increasing number of vehicles. There are other viable options nearby for MTA’s needs.

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Paul respectfully requested the assistance of the Westside Neighborhood Council to protect Mr. Romano's business so that it is not turned into an unsightly parking lot for large construction trucks and Cal-Trans machinery on Sepulveda Boulevard as they expand the CA-405 freeway.

It was the consensus of the WNC members that this is a County Supervisor Issue and that Terri would follow up and write a letter/contact the Supervisor's office to arrange for a meeting.

d.) Barbara Broide

Barbara presented the following motion:

“The Westside Neighborhood Council moves/approves sending letters to our elected officials, Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressman Waxman to request that the Federal government perform an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the government's announced plan to convert the existing Federal Building, which houses numerous government offices, into a Southern California Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).”

Motion By: Barbara Second By: Steve

Motion Passed Unanimously In Favor: 17

**Barbara Broide:
Digital /Electronic Signs**

Barbara presented the following motion:

“That the WNC support the proposed City Council motion for a moratorium on digital/electronic signs and send a letter in this regard.”

Motion By: Barbara Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed Unanimously In Favor: 17

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6.) Reports:

Overland / Gateway

Annette discussed ways to seek funding and support for motorist signage on Overland.

Outreach, Lisa Morocco

Lisa talked about the progress made on the Pico Beautification Project, the Path event, partnering with Lange Foundation for an upcoming event; and, stated that the next Outreach Committee meeting will be scheduled in January 2009.

Mobility, Letty Bugarin

Letty discussed that the unbiased traffic study, the Allan Rifkin Transportation report should be made public in the near future.

Chair's Report, Terri Tippit

Terri discussed and named the nominating committee for January, 2009, consisting of Stacy, Steve and Melissa.

Land Use

It was announced that a joint meeting of the WNC, West Los Angeles NC and Mar Vista Community Council will be held on November 12, 2008 at 7:00PM in Community Room B – Westside Pavilion.

DONE Report, Deanna Stevenson

Deanna reminded everyone of the Mayors Budget Survey. There were several DONE announcements.

CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein

There was a brief report highlighting community news, and an update on Overland Avenue widening of bridge and the Palms bridge, and CalTrans updates.

Move to Adjourn: Stacy Second By: Jerry

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 PM

Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary