

Westside Neighborhood Council Minutes  
December 10, 2009 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

In attendance: Lisa Morocco (2), Alice Romano (alt 3-B), Steve Spector (4), Sander De Wildt (5 A), Barbara Broide (7), Terri Tippit (8), Drew DeAscentis (9), Mike Eveloff (10 alt), Francois Nion (11), Stacy Antler (12), Robert Guerin (13), Ron Stone (14), Annette Mercer (15 A)Melissa Kenady (16), David Vahedi (17)

Terri Tippit , Chair, states there is a quorum – with 15 member seats represented.  
Phyllis Kassel (1 A) arrived at 7:15 pm.

Minutes of October 2009 presented  
Motion to approve by Stacy Antler  
Seconded by Lisa Morocco  
Minutes approved 10 – 0 – 4

Minutes of November 2009 presented with following amendment to motion regarding WWNC:

Steve Spector moved:

Whereas the Los Angeles City Charter calls for a Neighborhood Council for each neighborhood, the Westside NC supports any group working to establish a NC in Westwood in accordance with the LA City Charter, encouraging any such group to assure that the process is inclusionary and transparent as we trust that DONE and BONC will help assure; and noting that the WNC had no Bylaws before us to approve and that the WNC is not endorsing any specific application.

Stacy Antler moves to approve, Lisa Morocco seconded.  
Minutes approved 9 – 0 – 5

Public Forum:

- Bob Gelfand from LA NC Coalition spoke regarding the DWP pay increase. In light of the severe financial situation of the City of Los Angeles, Mr. Gelfand spoke against pay raises and lack of proper procedure to institute proposed pay increases.

The following motion was proposed under Emergency Provisions:  
Westside NC opposes any increase in pay to the Department of Water and Power employees due to the current economic crisis.

Motion made by Barbara Broide

Seconded by Stacy Antler

Motion passed unanimously 15 – 0 – 0

Rebecca Bernal representing Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. updated the WNC with the following 26<sup>th</sup> Senate District news:

- Pre registration to vote drive project
- Holiday Toy Drive on December 17
- E blasts will be instituted by the Senator's office

Steve Spector spoke regarding parking issues at the Westside Pavillion.  
Following will be studied to improve over crowding, especially upon exiting Westside Two:  
Shuttles, parking validation, employee parking areas

Eric Shabis from Bev Mo! Introduced himself and promised to work closely with the WNC on behalf of Bev Mo!

A full presentation regarding their company will be made at next NC meeting.

Officers Rashid and Gonzalez from LAPD reported the following:

- Car break ins continue to be most frequent neighborhood crime
- New program for distribution of neighborhood level public safety news is now available by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)
- Robberies occur ring due to follow homes from ATMs. Seniors are targeted.
- Neighbors should be alerted when holiday trips take residents out of town

New Business:

- a. Kathy Cerra, Landscape Architect for Pico Beautification project, gave progress report via power point presentation, illustrating each type of proposed improvement as well as alternatives.  
This presentation was the result of 4 outreach meetings, 2 scoping meetings, a joint meeting with CD 11 beautification committee, and compilation of over 200 surveys and stakeholder comments.

Timeline is as follows:

Jan/Feb present master plan for final comments

Feb/Mar Final completion

Next steps include:

- Prioritize projects
- Seek funding
- Maintenance through community support
- "Work the plan"

Other concerns noted:

Annette Mercer – will Bike Plan interface with landscaping plans

Jay Greenstein - street paving will take place from Century Park East to Beverly Glen

Barbara Broide – cost breakdown information requested per project

- b. Yvette Neal from Pacific Graffiti Removal Program spoke about staffing cut backs resulting in noted increases of graffiti in the community.

Motion was made by Stacy Antler and seconded by Melissa Kenady to support graffiti removal with \$5,000 funding to Pacific Graffiti Removal.

Motion passed 14 – 0 – 1

- c. David Vahedi discussed telecommunication equipment installed on parkways without proper authorization or notification. Latest parkway located at 2200 block of Prosser.

The following motion was presented by David Vahedi:

It has come to the attention of the WNC that T-mobile and other utilities wish to install communication equipment on the city parkway adjacent to the residence at 2301 Prosser Avenue.

As the parkway, while not large, is still open space and Olympic Blvd already has been used extensively for infrastructure placement, the WNC respectfully requests that T-mobile and any other utilities consider installing the communication equipment on Olympic Blvd. which is approximately 30 ft north of the currently proposed site.

Jay Greenstein from CD 5 also noted that Councilmember Koretz is not supportive of wireless intrusion in neighborhoods.

Motion passed 16 – 0 – 0

## Committee Reports:

### Lisa Morocco – Mobility Committee

Updates include:

- Bicycle plan comment period extended to January 8
- MTA seismic survey for Subway to the Sea
- Digital billboard appeals granted due to Building and Safety erring with issuance of building permits

Shannon Burns - LUC Committee absent due to illness

- Re Assessor Dwelling Units the WNC will write a letter. Mike Eveloff will oversee and letter will be submitted for approval at January 2010 WNC meeting.

### Terri Tippit - Chair's Report

- Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance  
Following motion was proposed by Mike Eveloff and seconded by Melissa Kenady:  
Westside NC requests that the City Council passes an ordinance that is consistent or reconciles with the positions of the City Attorney, District Attorney and Attorney General, that sales of marijuana are illegal.

Motion passed: 16 – 0 – 0

Phyllis Kassel departs at 9:15 pm

- Expo Light Rail Grade Crossing  
After 2500+ petitions and multiple community meetings, the community consensus is that below grade be studied.

The following friendly amendment was moved by Mike Eveloff and seconded by Stacy Antler:

The Westside Neighborhood Council, recognizing expressed community wishes, if ROW is selected, supports the study of an underground light rail alignment and crossings, from the I - 10 Freeway across Overland Avenue, Westwood Blvd, Military Avenue and Sepulveda Blvd, because they provide superior mitigation for the adverse impacts of the Phase 2 Exposition Light Rail Project to pedestrian safety and the learning environment at Overland School; to traffic congestion, driver delay, cut-through traffic and overflow parking; to quality of life in residential communities from noise, vibration, violation of privacy; property takings and the loss of mature street trees; and to the area business community.

Motion passed: 13 – 0 – 2

Barbara Broide moved that studies also be made regarding above grade and at grade for Expo LR Grade Crossing.  
Bob Guerin seconded and spirited discussion ensued.

Votes = 6 – 8 – 1  
Motion did not pass.

Deanna Stevenson - DONE Report:

Election dialogue continues with DONE outreaching to stakeholders who haven't been heard.

Election timeline for candidate filing period is from January 11 – February 10, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.