

Westside Neighborhood Council Minutes
March 11, 2010 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by the chair, Terri Tippitt, at 7:07 pm

Members in attendance are as follows:

Melissa Kenady, Seat 16; Michael McIntyre, Alternate for Seat 3B; Bob Guerin, Seat 13; Mary Kusnic, Seat 11; Steve Spector, Seat 4; Terri Tippitt, Seat 8; Lisa Morocco, Seat 2; Letty Bugarin, Seat 5; Shannon Burns, Seat 17; Drew DeAscentis, Seat 9; Charles Horwitz, Seat 15; Stacy Antler, Seat 12; Ron Stone, Seat 14; Barbara Broide, Seat 7; Jerry Asher, Seat 6B

The meeting began with an introduction to new member, Mike McIntyre, who will be running for Seat 3B.

Public Forum

- A. Sarah Shaw from J+B gave update on proposed condo project at Constellation and Avenue of the Stars. The condo project is currently on hold. A small temporary parking lot has been completed and is open to the public. The lot has room for 65 cars and is managed by Standard Parking. Daily parking fee = \$11.00

Condo project location soils report has been reviewed and no further action is needed. The report is valid through 2018.

- B. Survey L.A. Project needs more input for historical and social resources. This will provide a foundation for analyzing city growth and projecting urban needs.
- C. Mario Gonzalez from West Los Angeles PD reported increase in muggings for cell phones as well as opportunistic car break ins for cell phones, iPods and chargers. Only major crime of import was a narcotics arrest at Exposition and Sawtelle. Seniors and others should also be aware of phone fraud schemes.
- D. Officer Brian Espin announced fundraising event to support West LA Station Baker to Vegas relay race. Fundraiser BBQ will take place at WLA station on March 12th, from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm where donations will be accepted.
- E. Peter Meyers, Director of Century Hills, introduced himself . Century Hills website will be up and running in approximately 2 months.

WNC minutes were approved as follows:

January 2010 Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Stacy Antler and seconded by Bob Guerin.
Minutes were approved 11 – 0 – 4

February 2010 Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Bob Guerin and seconded by Stacy Antler.
Minutes were approved 13 – 0 – 2

New Business

Stacy Antler and Lisa Morocco recapped funding motions and results:

All paperwork required by DONE has been brought up to date and demand warrants have been reconciled.

Stacy Antler noted following approved expenditures in process:

Riddick Center: \$10,000 for new bathroom facility

Palms Park and Recreation Center: \$12,000 allocated to kitchen remodel

Lange Foundation will be opening a retail store on Sepulveda Blvd as a fundraising tool

Lisa Morocco updated Pico Beautification Project. Following has been accomplished and funded.

Landscape architect, Kathy Cerra, completed street landscaping and hardscape plans

Chrysalis conducted Pico Blvd. clean up

Graffiti removal project was completed

Final request from DONE re funds = \$25,950.00, submitted March 5th.

Future funding is being studied by DONE and roll over funds and petty cash will be abolished as part of streamlining NC system.

Bob Guerin requested a WNC balance sheet to be given as monthly report.

As a final note, Deanna Stevenson, WNC liaison from DONE will be retiring.

Committee Reports

WNC Election Update from Lisa Morocco

Candidate statements are due March 12th and the write in candidate deadline is also March 12th, 2010. These should be emailed to cityclerk@lacity.org

Voting by mail will only be allowed to those with mobility issues.

Election day is April 11, 2010 at the Westside Pavillion from 10 am – 4 pm

CD 5 Update from Jay Greenstein

Street resurfacing is planned for Pico Blvd from Westwood to Tennessee. Manning to Westwood is next stage.

Work should begin end March or beginning of April, Jay will keep us updated.

Already completed is Century Park East to Beverly Glen to Patricia to Manning.

Plans for underground utilities are on hold.

Work is being performed on Overland Avenue bridge (east side). Work on west side will commence in May.

Traffic signals at Olympic and Veteran update:

Energy efficient lights are being used and no left hand turn signals are to be installed.

Speed humps on Veteran update

Street services program was eliminated at the beginning of the year and there is no contractor in place. This project will be carried over to Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

DOT traffic management department is no longer in existence. Traffic management is no longer a priority but street safety is still a priority. CD 5 is looking for a contractor so “bundled streets (20 blocks)” can be a future project.

Letty Bugarin asked for update on Subway to the Sea; Jay responded that the Mayor’s office is trying to expedite.

Charles Horowitz asked if CD 5 can help stakeholders obtain permits for street repair since the 50/50 program is scheduled to be eliminated.

Ron Stone announced Public Education Rally taking place at Temple Isaiah.

Motion to adjourn at 10:15pm made by Stacy Antler, seconded by Melissa Kenady
Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: Barbara Broide Reports