

**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 8, 2010 7:00pm
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico Blvd.
Meeting Room A (3rd Floor behind the Food Court)**

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

In Attendance:

**Lisa Morocco (2), Steve Spector (4),
Jerry Asher (6), Barbara Broide (7),
Terri Tippit (8), Drew DeAscentis (9),
Dick Harmetz (10), Mary Kusnic (11),
Stacy Antler (12), Robert E. Guerin (13),
David Ty Vahedi (17)***

Also attending:

**LAPD – Officer Rashid and Officer Gonzalez
Francois Nion
Jay Greenstein**

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

**2.) Minutes of the March, 2010 meeting will be approved at the
May 13, 2010 WNC Meeting, announced Terri Tippit, Chair.**

3.) PUBLIC FORUM:

General announcements were made including:

- 1.) Terri referenced Senator Curren Price's current programs,
referencing the "Shero's" nominations and announced that Lisa
Morocco was nominated.**

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2.) Ty introduced Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Democratic Candidate for State Assembly. Reggie Jones-Sawyer presented a brief overview of his background and noted the upcoming election will be held on June 8th.

4.) REVIEW OF AGENDA:

(ITEMS MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

5.) AGENDA ITEMS

New Business

**A.) Elizabeth Peterson, Wally's 2115 Westwood Blvd.
Presentation on Sommelier Wally's**

Elizabeth Peterson presented a synopsis and clarified, along with Steve Wallace, Wally's Owner/ Operator of the project. She stated that they had made a number of 'Applicant Volunteered Conditions' regarding their project and application. She clarified the space is 960 square feet. Steve Wallace, noted Wally's commitment to the community – donating over \$1 Million to local charities in their 40 years of operation. He again cited that since opening in 1968 they have always been in compliance with all governing agencies – no ABC or operating violations in their history. Restating, Elizabeth said that 'The Sommelier Room' project will host wine tastings and private events that conform to code. Residents addressed their concern regarding noise and the view was that this would not be an issue. Also, they noted that with 40 spaces, there was more than adequate parking. A resident, Deboah Paleque, stated she was opposed to the project. Barbara commented and questioned stating she believed the parking was not sufficient. After discussion, Mr. Wallace assured that there was adequate parking.

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He further said, although he was understanding of residents concerns, which they have more than done their part to address, much of the dialog was negative and not supportive toward business, especially given the economy. He said that Wally's has always been a good neighbor and never has had any violations .

'Applicant Volunteered Conditions' include hours of store operation 11am – 11pm Sunday – Wednesday, and 11am – 12pm midnight, Thursday – Saturday; a security guard and security cameras and requirement that any future operator or owner for the site must file a new plan approval application.

(Per the LA Municipal Code, Section 12:24 W1, Wally's is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a Type 42 license with a Type 20 license.)

Motion by: Lisa

“That the WNC support the Wally's Sommelier business application with the 11 applicant volunteered conditions as outlined and presented.”

Second by: Stacy

Motion Passed

In Favor: 9 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 2

B.) Barbara Briode, Ban Billboard Blight Committte

Re: Budget Finance Committee consideration of CF 10-0529

Motion by: Barbara

“The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to support CF 10-0529—(Koretz-Zine) to transfer funds from a billboard settlement to support the continued billboard and supergraphic sign enforcement efforts of the City Attorney's office.”

Second by: Lisa

Motion Passed - Unanimous

WNC Correspondence confirming will be sent to Budget/Finance and PLUM Committees and full Council when under consideration there.

**Additional Item:
End Development Subsidies**

There was discussion of Councilman Paul Koretz introduction of CF 0969-S1 on February 24, 2010 – ‘to immediately phase-in and charge for all the development overhead.’ This estimated \$1.7 million dollars can be used toward balancing the City’s budget, possibly saving jobs and public services. Although discussion included consideration of the WNC adding a motion to support Councilman Koretz’s motion under emergency provisions, it was determined that this item would be added to the WNC May Meeting Agenda. Steve cited the Brown Act and Dick made reference to a point of order.

6.) Committee Reports

1.) WNC Elections, Lisa Morocco

Lisa announced that there are posters at the Westside Pavilion, libraries and information is also on the WNC website. She thanked Ashley Walker and Steve. Also, stating that most seats were uncontested and as funds were an issue, a minimal amount should be spent, \$100. She presented the following information on the election:

Each voter must affirm and be a stakeholder age 16 +

Refer to the WNC Map to see who you can vote for

Vote for One Business or One Residential Seat and One At Large Vote

The Election is Sunday, April 11th, 10am – 4pm, Westside Pavilion Community Room A

2.) Pico Beautification Meeting, Lisa Morocco

Lisa announced that the next meeting will take place at the Westside Pavilion, Meeting Room A, on April 12th at 7 – 9 PM. She encouraged everyone to come and hear the latest details of the project at this 6th meeting and share their thoughts. Chyalis will be cleaning Pico Blvd. N and S, between Patricia and the 405 on Sunday, April 11th from 10am – 4 pm to launch this project. She stated that volunteers wearing WNC T shirts will be passing out meeting flyers.

3.) Chair's Report, Terri Tippit

Terri announced the next community meetings on the Westside Subway Extension which will provide an update on Metro's progress on the project. She stated Metro has further refined station details and continued to analyze the performance of the alternatives as part of the ongoing work on the Draft EIS/EIR for the subway. She urged all to attend.

Meeting Schedule and Details

Agenda

6 :00– 6:15PM: Open House

6:15 – 7:15PM: Presentation

7:15 – 8:00PM: Public Comment

Monday, April 12

LACMA West – Terrace Room, 5th Floor

5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Validated vehicle parking is available in the Museum's 6th Street underground garage..

Thursday, April 15

Plummer Park - Great Hall

7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046

Free vehicle and bike parking is available.

Monday, April 19

Beverly Hills Public Library – Auditorium

444 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Free 2-hour parking is available in the adjacent structure.

Tuesday, April 20

Santa Monica Public Library – Multi-Purpose Room

601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Validated vehicle and free bike parking is available.

Wednesday, April 21

Westwood Hills Christian Church

10808 Le Conte Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Free parking at the Church and metered street parking

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4.) LAPD, Officer Rasid and Officer Gonzales

Officer Rashid commented on recent occurrences and the 2200 Block of Beverly Glen Blvd. Officer Gonzales commented on the incident at the 2600 block of Overland and discussed the current scam using the 'Census' to obtain ID information. Both Officers discussed hate crimes and spoke to continuing auto break-ins and urged everyone to be aware and also look out for their neighbors.

CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein

Jay discussed the impact of the City financial cutbacks with respect to services and gave a brief update on the Councilman Koretz's legislative agenda in the area of Planning and Land-Use. He stated the Councilman holds office-hours in the district offices typically on Thursday afternoons to meet with constituents. Jay also commented on CF 10-0529, the motion regarding billboard enforcement.

**Motion to Adjourn: Lisa
Second By: Stacy
Unanimous
Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM**

Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary