

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 10, 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 7:06 PM.

In Attendance:

Lisa Morocco (2), Michael McIntyr (3),
Steve Spector (4), Letty Bugarin (5),
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),
Ron Stone (14), Charles Horwitz (15),
Melissa Kenady (16), David Ty Vahedi (17)*

Also attending:

Jay Greenstein

Terri Tippit, Chair states there is a quorum - with
15 * member seats represented.
(L. Bugarin arrived at 7:10PM)

2.) Minutes of the May, 2010 meeting; Motion by Mary, Second by Stacy,
were approved 12 – 0 - 3.

3.) PUBLIC FORUM:

General announcements were made including:

1.) Terri introduced Rebecca Bernard of Senator Curren Price's office
(26th District). Rebecca highlighted Senator Price's current programs. She announced their
2010 Small Business Empowerment Expo which will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010,
9AM – 2PM, at West Los Angeles College, 9000 Overland venue, Culver City, CA 90230. For
more information call 310 693 6535 or email bussvs@quantumcdc.org.
Rebecca presented Lisa Morocco with the SHero award for our area.
She thanked Lisa for all the work she does for the community.

Rob Kadota, Chair Pacific Community Police Advisory Board, discussed
www.211lacounty.org which is a three digit dialing code, 211, that enables a caller to access
over 28,000 health and human service programs throughout Los Angeles County, 24 hours a
day, 7 days a week.

He also discussed www.healthycity.org which is an information + action resource that unites
community voices, resources and technologies to assist in effecting social and positive
change in communities.

4.) REVIEW OF AGENDA:

(ITEMS MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

5.) AGENDA ITEMS

New Business

A.) Allan Bell, Senior City Planner,
Office of Zoning Administration
Planning Department
Update on City Code

Allan Bell summarized the current status of the City's Planning Department, citing that the last code revision was in June, 1946; and, with staff cuts and early retirement, the department has 240 vs. 400 staff, a 40% reduction. With the intent to work more effectively and meet the challenges of their department, he reported on six proposed amendments to the zoning code, which would be on a phased time schedule, that are in the early stages of research and development. He stated the amendments are intended to update and streamline procedures used for review and to process applications for discretionary land use approvals. Mr. Bell clarified the intent is not to make development easier and the process is transparent and neutral. He outlined the six code streamlining ordinances currently under review as follows:

- 1.) Single And Multiple Approvals – Create consistent expiration periods for all discretionary land use approvals and synchronize the procedures for review of projects requiring multiple approvals;
- 2.) Zoning Code Findings – Update the Code's findings to provide a better framework for analyzing the merit of proposed development projects and eliminate redundancy in case processing;
- 3.) Planned Unit Developments – Provide opportunities for innovative, high quality planned unit development projects;
- 4.) Administrative Exceptions – Provide an abbreviated review process for minor deviations from the zoning code;
- 5.) Plan Approvals – Create clear, consistent and consolidated procedures for reviewing proposed modifications to existing projects; and
- 6.) Specific Plan / Supplemental Use District Streamlining – Create 'administrative clearance' as an enabling tool for use within specific plans and supplemental use districts.

In conclusion, Mr. Bell stated that effective case processing will free up resources for advance planning activities and more consistent case processing will make Los Angeles an attractive location for jobs and private sector investment. Complete details are available in the Los Angeles Department of City Planning Directors Report dated June 10, 2010.

B.) Jonathan Rollo, Greenleaf Chop Shop, Century City

Application for an Alcohol License with hours of operation 11AM to 4PM

Jonathan Rollo gave a presentation on his Greenleaf Chop Shop Restaurant and responded to questions regarding his operation. He stated that he currently has a Greenleaf Restaurant located at 9671 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. It is located across from Saks Fifth

Avenue. The operation features fresh and healthy luncheon fare in a sleek and modern environment.

Jonathan is requesting the WNC's support for a beer and wine license for his new restaurant located in Century City.

Motion: "The WNC supports Jonathan Rollo's application for a beer and wine license for the Greenleaf Chop Shop Restaurant in Century City."

Motion By: Ty

Second By: Jerry

Motion Passed 15 – 0 – 1

C.) Tom Erb
Resources, DWP

Director of Water

Tom Erb discussed water supply planning for new projects. He also referenced the substantial savings that Los Angeles has accomplished through the City's mandatory restrictions on the use of water. He cited that this water is not the water that is referenced when considering development projects. Mr. Erb can be contacted for additional information at 213 367 0873 or Thomas.Erb@LADWP.com.

D.) Barbara Broide

Motion to support Councilmember Koretz Council File 09 – 0969 S1

Terri stated that Chris Koontz of CD5 had also requested the WNC consider this issue at this evenings meeting.

There was background 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 would provide an estimated \$1.7 million dollars, which would be used toward balancing the City's budget, possibly saving jobs and public services.

Steve summarized that the concept is to help the City to pay for cut back or severely impacted services in light of the budget crisis. Ty stated that a percentage of the zoning budget already comes from existing development fees, etc. and this adds additional costs. Dick also commented and Steve also made reference to a point of order.

Letty commented that developers also have supplemental fee agreements in place with respect to their projects.

Motion: "The WNC supports Councilmember Koretz Council
S1."

File 09 – 0969

Motion By: Barbara

Second By: Dick

Motion Passed 6 – 4 – 6

6. Committee Updates and Reports:

1.) Chair's Report, Terri Tippit

Terri announced that Wendy Greuel, Controller will be the guest speaker at the next WNC meeting on July 8, 2010.
She also stated the Westwood Neighborhood Council Elections will take place on June 26th.
Terri also announced that the Westside Tavern will be hosting a winemakers dinner with Bonnie Doon Vineyards and to contact the restaurant for more details on the event.

2.) Treasurer Report, Lisa Morocco

Lisa presented the WNC Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011.
She reviewed each category and allocation and stated the City had swept back \$43,000. in prior rollover funds, leaving an approximate balance of \$25,900. There was a general discussion on elements of the budget. The budget will be posted on the WNC website.

Motion: "That the WNC approve the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Budget as presented."

Motion By: Steve

Second By: Ty

Motion Passed 15 - 0 – 0

3.) Funding Committee, Stacy Antler

Stacy reviewed the funding approval process and stated the committee would be scheduling to meet to consider funding requests.

She also focused on the animal rescue needs in our community and the importance of creating awareness and support for programs including pet adoptions and spay and neuter programs. Stacy noted the dedicated work of the Lange Foundation, Friends of Animals, German Shepherd Rescue and other rescue groups and shelters in our WNC area. She urged all to help and support these efforts.

CD5 Update, Jay Greenstein

Jay gave an update on CD5 activities. He announced that Councilmember Paul Koretz is hosting the 1st Westside Leadership Summit focusing on how neighborhoods can achieve maximum service given the impact of the City's financial cutbacks. The event will take place on Thursday, June 21st, 7 – 9PM at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 7850 Melrose Avenue. There is free parking. Also, Jay announced the last day to submit comments on the Wilshire Peak Hour Bus Lane is July 16th. He stated the Councilman holds office-hours in the district offices typically on Thursday afternoons to meet with constituents and that the CD5 website is a great resource for information .

Motion to Adjourn: Stacy

Second By: Melissa

Meeting Adjourned 9:55 PM

Reviewed and Approved By Recording Secretary