Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 10, 2011
Westside Pavilion
10800 West Pico Boulevard
Meeting Room B

Call to order: 7:10 by Terri Tippit

Attendance:
Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Ty Vahedi (Seat 17) , Steve Spector (Seat 3), Dick Harmetz (Seat 10), Lisa Morocco (Seat 2), Terri Tippit (Seat 8), Francesca Beale-Rosano (Seat 13), Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12), Stacy Antler (Seat 16), Charles Horwitz (Seat 15), Jerry Asher (Seat 6), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Drew DeAscentis (Seat 9), Shannon Burns (Seat 14), Michael McIntyre (Seat 1)
(Ty Vahedi arrived 7:45PM, Dick Harmetz arrived 8:50PM)

Approval of January 13, 2011 Minutes: Jerry Asher moved to approve the minutes. Drew DeAscentis seconded the motion. The motion passed – 14 – 0 – 1 (Seat 13b)

Public Forum:

- LAPD Officer Eddy Limon, on behalf of the WLAPD and the children the Cadet Program assists thanked everyone and the WNC Board for their contribution.

- LAFD Jared Cooper, Captain Harvey and LAFD representatives personally addressed the WNC Board and attending stakeholders to thank everyone for the previously authorized funds of $3,656.25. They stated the money is providing a new set of tools which are much needed at Station 92.
  Barbara suggested that links be established on the WNC web site.

- Barbara Briode provided an update on the VA Master Land Use Plan and the Planning Commission update on Sober Living Homes.

- Lisa gave an update of the Pico Beautification project stating that it is in consideration for the grant award –MTA 2011 call for projects and thanked everyone

New Business

A.) Officer Eddy Limon, LAPD - email: eddylimon@yahoo.com

Funding for Training Equipment from the money allocated in the WNC Budget

Terri Tippit introduced Officer Limon who spoke about the LAPD Cadet Program. Officer Limon detailed that through the program - youth in the community -9th grade or age 15, who have at least a C average, can qualify physically and are of good moral character - are mentored through a 16 week course and graduate from the Cadet Academy.

Where they might be at risk otherwise, he explained the children who go through the program generally have no other way to get this positive experience. Also he said that some of the children have come back in later years and entered the police academy. Officer Limon stated that the funds he is requesting on behalf of the LAPD will be used for equipment for the youth in the Cadet Program.

Terri explained that these funds have already been approved for the LAPD in the WNC Budget and that Officer Limon is giving notice for the LAPD use of funds.

Motion by Jerry A.: "That the WNC approve funds in the amount of $3,656.25 for the LADP to use for youth equipment for the WLAPD Cadet Program."
Second by Lisa:
Motion Passed 13 – 0 – 0

B.) Evan Gillespie Sierra Club 213 387 6528 Ext 215
Presentation on – LA Beyond Coal

Evan gave an overview presentation and discussed aspects and impacts of the program. He stated that 2020 is an agreed upon date by numerous research experts and scientists with expertise in their fields relating to climate and environment. Steve acknowledged that this is a very important issue and there was a discussion of the members including Barbara, Shannon, Jerry, Francesca and Colleen.

Motion By: Shannon Burns "The WNC moves to support The Sierra Club's campaign to eliminate coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 as well as providing 40% of our power from clean, renewable energy. "

Second by: Stacy
Motion Passed Unanimous 13 – 0 - 0

C.) Roy Stone Friends of Palms Library
Librarians' Guild email: librariansguild@hotmail.com
Maggie Johnson Palms Rancho Library email: mjohnson@lapl.org

Maggie Johnson spoke about the positive impact and community benefit of the libraries. Maggie spoke about measure L and stated that it is vital to the future of the city's libraries; she stated the1st measure in 1899 saved recs and parks in the city. Roy Stone and Ben Fuller also talked about the Measure and they all emphasized that Measure L is not authorizing new taxes in any way – it is allocating how the funds are

distributed in the city budget to support the libraries. They added that the libraries are 2% of the $6.7 Billion in the city budget. They urged everyone to support Measure L. Maggie acknowledged and thanked everyone at the WNC for their continued and very important support. She also acknowledged Dick Harmetz and all he continues to do for the library. Ty inquired about recognition for Dick and all agreed that would be appropriate and appreciated.

D.) Charles Horwitz
Funding for Overland School art supplies from money allocated in the budget

Charles reported on and gave details updating on the status of the funds for the two public schools within the WNC borders, Overland and Westwood Charter. He reviewed that $7,312.50 had been approved for the two schools at $3,656.25 per school equal to 50% each.

Motion By Charles: " That the WNC authorize the disbursement of $3,656.25 for the purchase of art supplies for Overland School."
Motion Seconded by Stacy
Motion Passed Unanimous 14 - 0 - 0

E.) Charles Horwitz
Resolution to ask Multiple Listing Service (MLS) for Westside area and Beverly Hills Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors (BHGLAAR) to adjust Rancho Park Boundaries to be consistent with signage within the WNC area

Motion By Charles:
"That the WNC moves to request that Multiple Listing Service (MLS) for Westside area and Beverly Hills Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors (BHGLAAR) and CLAW change their present Area 8 boundaries as follows:
Incorporate East of the 405 Freeway to Westwood Blvd.
North of National Blvd. to Pico Blvd
To the Area 8 boundaries.
Area 7 boundaries to start
West of the 405 Freeway"

(The reason is because the homes in this area: share the same school district, Overland, share the same services –
Parks – Rancho Park Golf Course, Cheviot Hills Park and Palms Park
Post Office – Rancho Park Branch with two satellite branches West of the 405 Freeway
Services – Palms Library, Overland Blvd., Westwood Blvd.
Shopping – Westside Pavilion and all the merchants on Pico and Westwood Blvd.)

Second By: Mary
Motion Passed Unanimous 14 – 0 - 0

6.) Committee Reports

Terri Tippit
Chair Report

AEG proposed NFL Stadium

Background on the project was reviewed by Terri and the WNC board members including Ty, Jerry, Colleen, Steve discussed details of the project.

Stacy presented the following motion: " That the WNC moves that the proposed Football Stadium located adjacent to the Convention Center shall not be funded by taxpayer or city funds and that no tax breaks or concessions are given. Further that the project should meet all current CEQA requirements."

After further discussion of the members, Steve and Ty proposed friendly amendments to the motion which were accepted by Stacy. Stacy revised and made the following motion:

"That the WNC supports the concept of building a football stadium in Los Angeles but opposes the expenditure of any city funds, tax forgiveness or special concessions of any kind; or sale of any public building or land in furtherance of the construction of the stadium. We further request that the project be required to meet all current CEQA requirements."
Second By: Ty
Motion Passed: 12 – 0 – 2 Abstain (Seat #4 and Seat # 11)
(Terri will mail letters on behalf of the WNC to include city representatives including the Mayor and State representatives.

Palms NC extending boundaries to include an "orphan" area

Terri reviewed in her discussion the subject area as illustrated in the attached map and noted that an Expo II station is designated for this area.

Motion By Jerry: " That the WNC moves to support the Palms Neighborhood Council request to annex the specific "orphan" area as designated and referenced on the attached map."
Second By: Stacy
Motion Passed Unanimous 15 – 0 – 0

LADOT Parking Survey:

Colleen gave a detailed report and update on the work of the Mobility Committee as detailed in the attached letter. She distributed the survey forms and encouraged everyone to fill out and submit their comments.

Motion By Colleen: "The WNC moves to accept the list of parking concerns detailed in the letter attached, which was arrived at by consensus of the WNC Mobility Committee and others between Monday January 31, 2011 and February 3, 2011, to be submitted to the ongoing Westside Mobility Parking Study, and to the City Council of Los Angeles by February 15, 2011, for inclusion in the study, along with our enhanced traffic survey map and our completed parking surveys."
Second By: Stacy
Motion Passed Unanimous: 15 – 0 - 0

Lisa Morocco
Treasurer Report

Lisa stated that the way we fund projects through the WNC and DONE is a long and complicated process. She outlined that some purchases can be made on the WNC credit card, most of the funding is completed through the Demand Warrant. She announced that many changes have occurred at DONE and their staffing has been drastically cut.
She distributed the Demand Warrant Form and Demand Warrant Checklist needed for the process. Lisa noted that the end of the WNC fiscal year is June 30th with a "freeze" on new Demand Warrant submitted after May 15th.

Shelia Kouhkan
CD5 Update

Shelia announced that CD5 is holding a Town Hall Meeting on February 24, 2011 at John Dye School, time 7:00 – 8:00PM.

The additional committee reports and announcements were covered earlier in the meeting during public forum and relating to discussion of Agenda Items.

Shannon moved to adjourn @ 9:35 pm
Mary seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Recording Secretary
With attachments