Westside Neighborhood Council
Minutes for March 10, 2011 Meeting

In attendance:
Michael McIntyre (3), Steve Spector (4), Phillipe St. Pierre (alt 5), Jerry Asher (6), Barbara Broide (7), Terri Tippit (8), Drew DeAscentis (9), Mike Eveloff (alt 10), Mary Kusnic (11), Colleen Mason Heller (12), Frances Beale-Rosano (alt 13), Shannon Burns (14), Diane Witz (alt 15), Melissa Kenady (16), Brandon Behrstock (17)

Meeting was called to order by Terri Tippit at 7:05 pm.

Shannon Burns moved for minutes to be approved, Jerry Asher seconded. Motion passed 10-0-3.

(Diane Witz and Mike Eveloff arrived @ 7:05 pm. Steve Spector arrived @ 7:10 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENT


PUBLIC FORUM

Doug Fitzsimmons for SORO NC spoke regarding unrepresented area adjoining both Westside NC and SORO NC. In order for these stakeholders to be represented by a Neighborhood Council, the following motion was made by Barbara Broide;
Move to support SORO’s action to annex the unincorporated areas not now included in WNC or SORO Neighborhood Councils consistent with the WNC by-laws and the boundaries of California Co. Club and Cheviot Hills HOAs.

Motion seconded by Mike Eveloff

Motion passed 14 – 0 – 1 (Seat 14 abstained)

Mario Gonzalez presented WLA Police Department report; noting car break ins still continuing; four residential daytime burglaries occurred and the return of “distraction burglaries” in the Cheviot area. Armed robbery by Mansfield Crips most serious crime activity.

Laurey Bennett-Levy representing Overland Avenue Elementary School thanked the Westside NC for donation of $1700 for art supplies and continued support. This donation was noted by Principal Anna Born in the Overland Avenue School March 1st bulletin.
Peter Brown presented Bundy Village update. Opposition to the proposed project is based on size of project and concerns about traffic congestion. The developer has filed Chapter 11 and the developer is looking for outside funding. HOAs have submitted letters supporting neighborhood concerns. PLUM meeting is delayed until August 2011 and the Westside NC will be kept updated by stakeholders.

Rebecca Bernal from the Office of Senator Price noted the following:

- Town Hall meeting on California High Speed Rail Project and Small Business Contracting Opportunities will take place March 18, 2011
- Nominations for 2011 “SHeroes” are open until March 25, 2011

Terri Tippit questioned progress re redistricting. Current status is that census figures are being reviewed and public comment will be the next step by beginning of 2012.

Shannon Burns requested that the Senator’s website list legislative calendar. Rebecca Bernal will provide Terri Tippit with fact sheets.

NEW BUSINESS

Kasey Shuda from MTA handed out info sheet re I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project:

- Wilshire on and off ramps will be affected
- Fly over ramps are being built
- Monetary incentives are in place to shorten closure times
- Signage will be posted 30 days ahead of closure
- Work hours are Monday – Friday 9 am – 3:30 pm, occasionally on Saturdays 9 am – 6 pm

Air quality concerns caused by construction and traffic back up were noted.

Christopher Koontz from CD 5 presented briefing on Modified Parking Requirement (MPR) Supplemental Use District and handed out Notice of Public Hearing.

HOAs and Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to express opinions and concerns by petitioning their Council Member.

Barbara Broide commented that funding stream to initiate monitoring that could be paid from ABC licensing.

Drew DeAscentis noted that T mobile cell tower was erected without neighborhood outreach. Christopher Koontz will explore; if this was an existing tower, no permit was needed.

Mobile billboard trailers are not permitted – call CD 5 to report.

CD 5 organized an Overland/Gateway meeting. Concerns voiced included moving of merge land, left hand turn onto Clarkson cancelled and safety being the key point of stakeholder concerns.
Westwood Charter Motion was made by Jerry Asher as follows:

WNC moves to grant $3,682 to Westwood Charter School for purchase of two Smart Boards and the supporting peripheral equipment that goes along with this technology.

Steve Spector seconded.

Motion passed unanimously, 15-0-0

Steve Spector reported that the re-organization of WNC by laws should be on the April agenda to modify in the manner advised by DONE.
Terri Tippit has obtained an extension until May 1st in order to comply.

Jerry Asher moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Melissa Kenady.
Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9 pm.