



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2011
Westside Pavilion
10800 West Pico Boulevard
Meeting Room B

Call to order: 7:12 by Terri Tippit

Attendance:

Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Ty Vahedi (Seat 17), Steve Spector (Seat 3), Dick Harnetz (Seat 10), Lisa Morocco (Seat 2), Terri Tippit (Seat 8), Bob Guerin (Seat 13), Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12), Stacy Antler (Seat 16), Diane Witz (Seat 15), Jerry Asher (Seat 6), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Drew DeAscentis (Seat 9), Ron Stone (Seat 14), Phillip St Pierre (Seat 5), Ty Vahedi (Seat 17)
(Ty Vahedi, Ron Stone and Dick Harnetz left at 10:00PM)

Approval of March 10, 2011 Minutes:

Steve moves to approve the minutes with the edits by Barbara and Drew.
Lisa seconded the motion.

The motion passed – 11 – 0 – 3 (Seats 13, 14, 16)

Public Forum:

- LAPD The LAPD was unable to attend and sent this report to be included in our meeting
- There were 7 daytime burglaries within three or four days:
 - 4/6/11 2300 blk of Parnell Ave
 - 4/6/11 2500 blk of Bentley Ave
 - 4/7/11 2200 blk of Camden Ave
 - 4/8/11 2600 blk of Corinth Ave
 - 4/8/11 2600 blk of Westwood Blvd
 - 4/8/11 2100 blk of Parnell Ave
 - 4/9/11 2000 blk of Kerwood Ave

There's no suspect or vehicle information- yet. The means of entry was by kicking in doors or smashing windows. They urged everyone to be vigilant and alert.

- Susan Silver – NEAR – Neighborhood Emergency Awareness and Response
Susan coordinates CERT training with Fire Department – She spoke on behalf of Battalion 18 coordinator Larry Bogart to introduce the NEAR program. She would like a motion on the WNC agenda in the near future to support the program. Several NC's have done so previously. Stacy noted that storage areas for supplies are an issue that needs to be resolved.

Jerry Tsai – Jerry spoke about the WNC outreach programming. He stated he felt there were areas which could be addressed which would improve outreach. The WNC board members including Terri, Lisa, Barbara and Steve stated he had excellent points – noting that the WNC is a volunteer organization which is actively working on a number of initiatives including Pico Beautification. The WNC invited him to volunteer and assist in this area. Jerry is a Greenfield Avenue resident stakeholder. Terri introduced Aaron Rosenfield, a Kelton Avenue resident stakeholder, who said this was his first WNC meeting.

- Shlomo Fattal - Shlomo spoke about attending the Menorah House open house. He stated that he has spoken with the contractor for the facility located on Pico and Greenfield, regarding the repair issues that need to be resolved. He also noted the damage done in the alley.
- Sarah Fitzsimmons – Sarah also spoke about the Menorah House stating it has created a parking problem for the area residents. Terri and Barbara commented and it was noted that the residents, CD5 and DOT are working on ways to resolve the issue that there are meetings.
- Shlomo Fattel – Shlomo stated he has been working on outreach and way to improve the WNC website in this regard. He also noted a postcard concept with a tear off return mailer concept. Ty noted there are additional ways to increase recognition and noted the PSA program at bus stops and benches. Dick also stated that he felt the WNC does a lot by way of outreach and he noted Tract 7260 incorporates the WNC outreach in a number of ways through their newsletter and emails.
- Barbara Broide – Barbara noted that the Pharmacy in the Rancho Park area on Pico is working in an effort to save the contracted post office station within its' facility and there is a petition available there for those who wish to sign in support.
- Peter Myers – Peter inquired about the WNC Funding Committee and asked questions regarding the process and DONE oversight, criteria and procedures. He is a Century Hill Board member and resident.
- Steve Spector - Steve noted that the WNC is working on proposed bylaw amendment as required by DONE. He stated that - Article VIII of the WNC Bylaws requires that a request be made at public comment - to put a bylaw amendment on the agenda of the next meeting; and, that the proposed amendment be drafted and lodged before the following meeting. He also stated by doing this we could make the changes before the DONE June 6 deadline.
- Lisa Morocco - Lisa gave a brief update on the Pico Beautification project stating that there will be a Pic Pico event with area businesses in the Fall and the Pico businesses are supportive and appreciative of the WNC efforts.
- Lisa Morocco – Lisa also updated that The Wellsbourne at Kelton and Pico, has added valet services and confirmed that the operation is serving food.

She noted its' popularity and shared copies of the menu. Ty addressed a concern over ADA bathrooms and Terri confirmed that there is an ADA bathroom accessible which is located near the bar and kitchen area.

New Business

- A.) Tina Hess, City Attorney Office
Presentation of the City Attorney's Administrative Citation Enforcement Program (ACE)

BUDGET RELATED DRAFT ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM BY AMENDING SECTION 11.00 OF, AND ADDING ARTICLE 1.2 TO, THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 5 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TITLED THE CODE COMPLIANCE FUND

Tina Hess provided the following background on the program:

“The existing code enforcement system in the City of Los Angeles involves a complex and extended multi-step process that can drag out for weeks or months, with little hope for a prompt resolution of the underlying violation or abatement of the potentially harmful conditions. City enforcement officers struggle to keep up with the backlog of cases. Moreover, the few cases that warrant criminal prosecution by this Office are often times criticized by the courts as mere nuisances that unnecessarily clog the dockets. This proposed administrative citation enforcement program is therefore designed to specifically handle, in a cost-effective manner, low-level violations that would otherwise not be prosecuted, as well as relieve already congested and over-burdened courts, and allow them to handle more serious violations and civil actions.

Faced with similar problems, some cities and counties around the country have successfully implemented administrative citation programs that serve as an alternative method of enforcement for less serious, local code violations. These administrative citations provide enforcement officials with greater flexibility in achieving compliance.

Specifically, rather than relying on the criminal court system, code violations can be handled through an administrative citation process that incorporates both fines and abatement procedures.

The adoption of a comprehensive and uniformly applied Administrative Hearing and Enforcement Program (AHEP) would provide the City with an efficient, effective and economical means to enforce the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in cases that do not present an immediate danger to health and safety. An AHEP would provide a viable alternative to traditional misdemeanor prosecution that is inherently lengthy, costly, and often ineffective for many less serious violations.”

She asked for the WNC's support of the program which is planned to start with a six month pilot program.

There was a discussion of Board members and stakeholders which clarified a number of issues including – the program will operate utilizing respective City departments and representatives – private citizens will not facilitate violations/ citations.

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to support Administrative Citation Enforcement Ordinance – CF Nos: 10-0085 and 10-0600 as proposed by the City Attorney.

Moved: Colleen Mason Heller

Seconded: Bob Guerin

Passed:

Yes 13 No 2 - Seats 7,10 Abstain 0

B) Steve Spector:

Proposed Bylaw Changes as requested by DONE

WNC Policy and Procedures Co-chair, Steve explained that the city goal is to make Neighborhood Council bylaws more uniform and that they have made suggestions on how the WNC can re-arrange our bylaws.

Steve explained that he is seeking the WNC Board approval of a motion that indicates the Board supports this effort and intends to follow this city goal as timely as possible.

That the Westside Neighborhood Council moves to approve the bylaws reordering project, suggested by DONE, which bylaws changes WNC will process as a bylaw amendment. (in compliance with DONE's Bylaw Reform Policy.)

Moved: Steve Spector

Seconded: Bob Guerin

Passed:

Yes 12 Unanimous

C.) Funding items include:

- \$2000 to Overland School for library books
- \$2000 to Palms Library for books and DVDs with WNC logo on each item
- \$10,000. . for Spay/Neuter Event-45 animals includes WNC Materials and WNC logo items
- \$4500. to Lange Foundation for Spay/Neuter Event-45 animals includes materials with WNC logo
- \$1000. to United In Harmony for WNC logo duffles
- \$ 6,762.50 to Pico Beautification for 4 trash cans with WNC logo plaque
- \$1350. to Pic Pico Weekend for WNC logo reusable tote bags—fall event to bring community together

Lisa and Stacy explained the complex DONE process and procedures involved for approval in funding. Terri also added the requirements involved and deadline of April 15, 2011 for all requisite information that is necessary to meet DONE's criteria.

Diana commented that she and Charles would like to see funding to assist Westwood School in their needs next year provided there is WNC funding available to do so. Lisa also spoke of the fact that the carry over funds last year were lost – as they City swept the monies back due to budget issues. With the great needs that exist the following motions were made in order to facilitate same and make the funding motions which met all requisite paperwork per DONE.

WNC FUNDING MOTIONS:

The Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) moves to reallocate \$2000. from Line Item Uncommitted to Line Item Schools.

Moved: Diane Witz

Seconded: Stacy Antler

Passed: Unanimous Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$2000. to Overland School for books for their library.

Moved: Diane Witz

Seconded: Jerry Asher

Passed: Unanimous Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 0

Date April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to reallocate \$2000. from Line Item Uncommitted to Line Item Library.

Moved: Dick Harnetz

Seconded: Stacy Antler

Passed: Unanimous Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$2000. to Palms Library for books and DVDs which will have the WNC logo on them.

Moved: Dick Harnetz

Seconded: Stacy Antler

Passed: Unanimous Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to reallocate \$3,250. from Line Item Uncommitted to Line Item Community Events.

Moved: Stacy Antler

Seconded: Mary Kusnic

Passed: Yes 14 No 1 Seat6b Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$10,000. for Spay/Neuter Event that will spay and neuter over 100 animals and includes an information card about WNC and other outreach materials.

Moved: Stacy Antler

Seconded: Mary Kusnic

Passed: Yes 12 No 1 Seat 13 Abstain 2 Seat 6b, 7

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$1000. to United in Harmony for duffel bags with WNC logo.

Moved: Stacy Antler

Seconded: Colleen Mason Heller

Passed: Yes 11 No 0 Abstain 1 Seat 7

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$4,387.50 to Pico Beautification for 4 trash cans with WNC logo plaque from Line Item Pico Beautification.

Moved: Lisa Morocco

Seconded: Stacy Antler

Passed: Yes 11 No 0 Abstain 1 Seat 3

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to reallocate \$5,850. from Line Item Mobility to #300 Community Improvements Pacific Graffiti Solutions.

Moved: Stacy Antler

Seconded: Bob Guerin

Passed: Unanimous Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$5850. to Pacific Graffiti Solution to remove graffiti in the WNC area with a quarterly report and photos.

Moved: Stacy Antler

Seconded: Bob Guerin

Passed: Unanimous Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to reallocate \$3,650. from Line Item Uncommitted to Line Item LAFD.

Moved: Stacy Antler

Seconded: Mary Kusnic

Passed: Yes 10 No 1 Seat 13 Abstain 1 Seat 7

Date: April 14, 2011

The Westside Neighborhood Council moves to give \$1350. to Pic Pico Weekend for WNC logo reusable bags.

Moved: Lisa Morocco

Seconded: Bob Guerin

Passed: Yes 11 No 1 Seat 15b Abstain 0

Date: April 14, 2011

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6.) Committee Reports

Terri Tippit

Chair Report

Terri gave a brief update on Community Care Facility & Boarding House Ordinance

Lisa Morocco – Lisa introduced Salli Sammut of the Lange Foundation, a stakeholder - non profit operation, located on Sepulveda; and, Wendi Goode Dox of United In Harmony, a stakeholder – a non profit operation located on Westwood Blvd. Both discussed the work of their organization and the many community benefits.

Rebecca Bernal

State Senator Price Update

Not present

Shelia Kouhkan

CD5 Update

Shelia gave a brief update on CD5 items and announced that Sustainable Works is holding a series of workshops on environmental education in our area and they are looking for area locations for the workshops.

Steve moved to adjourn @ 10:50 pm

Lisa seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Recording Secretary

