



**WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
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**Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2011**  
**Westside Pavilion**  
**10800 West Pico Boulevard**  
**Meeting Room B**

**Call to order:** 7:06 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), Bob Guerin ( Seat 13), Mike McIntrye (Seat 12), Charles Horowitz (Seat 15), Arturo Martinez (Seat 14), Jerry Asher (Seat 6), Melissa Kenady (Seat 16), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Drew DeAscentis (Seat 9), Phillip St Pierre (Seat 5)

**Approval of April 14, 2011 Minutes:**

Lisa Morocco moves to approve the minutes.  
Melissa Kenady seconded the motion.

The motion passed 11 – 0 – 4 (Seats 3, 12, 15, 16)

**Public Forum:**

Ryan Hursh, Property Manager of Westside Pavillion, announced June 1<sup>st</sup> launch of upgraded parking at the Pavillion. Red/green overhead parking space lighting will denote open and filled parking spaces. First 3 hours of parking will be free.  
Valet parking upgrades will be available on both sides.

**LAPD:**

Commander Martin Baeza, new WLA Captain was introduced and recapped crime reports.  
Most common crime continues to be vehicle break ins.  
Daytime residential burglaries continue – simple precautions such as closed windows and locked doors should be observed.

Barbara Broide mentioned upcoming LAPD carnival/fundraising fair for youth programs.  
A larger event will also be held at Century City on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business:**

Daryl Arbuthnott, Assistant Chief LAFD reported:

City budget funding cuts to LAFD have resulted in loss of LAFD resources. 18 companies have been closed, 318 positions eliminated. This loss of resources will severely impact LAFD services and response time. It is LAFD opinion that cutting of resources to LAFD + EMS will result in irretrievable losses; whether it is a home, office building or lives.

Asst Chief Arbuthnott stressed that LAFD (fire fighters and emergency medical technicians) represents 2/3 of public safety resources but is being funded as half so loss of resources is more severe than represented by budget numbers.

Terri Tippit confirmed that Expo Light Rail was not factored into response time studies of emergency services.

Pat Osker, representative of United Firefighters spoke in support of retaining LAFD manpower:

Key point was that LAFD modeling using ADAM software was done without input from fire fighters and does not capture real picture.

LAFD will attend LA City Council meeting on Tuesday to speak in opposition of permanent reduction of resources.

He requested public comment be sent to City Council, Mayor's office and Eric Garcetti.

Dr. Mark Morocco – Professor of Emergency Medicine UCLA:

Spoke in support of LAFD/EMS and the high standard of excellence offered at Level 1 Trauma Centers. Without funding of LAFD/EMS, our emergency rooms and trauma centers will not be able to maintain the existing high standard of care which creates a chain reaction of downgrading our services to our citizens, communities and city.

Stacy Antler, WNC alternate, spoke against lack of support for LAFD by council members and the mayor's office.

LAFD Motion:

The WNC strongly believes that cutting back on first responders is neither fiscally sound nor in the best interests of public safety. The WNC opposes removal of any equipment or personnel from FS 92 and making any removal of said resources permanent.

Arturo Martinez moved.

Ty Vahedi seconded.

Motion passed unanimously 15 – 0 - 0

Councilmember Paul Koretz awarded a Certificate of Excellence to Lisa Morocco in recognition of work on Pico Beautification Project.

The council member also reported the following:

L.A.City Budget will be cut across boards including LAFD + LAPD.

City Attorney's office budget was restored \$3.0 million , street repair of alleys was restored \$5.0 million city wide. Breakdown of budget can be found on website.

The cutbacks eliminated the need to borrow \$40.0 million.

Councilmember Koretz is also working on following projects:

- Partnering with City Attorney's Office on code enforcement and assessment of penalty fees.
- Ban on sale of animals raised in puppy and kitten mills
- Big Sunday – project to fill pot holes around Los Angeles

Jerry Asher asked how to protect resources of LAFD. Councilmember Koretz replied best way to raise revenue for LAFD is via ballot measure.

Bob Guerin voiced concern re waste, fraud and misappropriation of monies and stressed importance of finding some solution to curbing waste. Councilmember Koretz acknowledged huge waste through inefficiencies and suggested an Inspector General be hired.

Eileen Decker, Deputy Mayor of Homeland Security and Public Safety, representing the Mayor's office spoke, stressing that budget decisions made were not political and the reallocation of resources reflected changed needs.

Veronica Becerra from Rabuild Commercial and Lisa Korbatov Beverly Hills Board of Education President both spoke against the route of Century City Subway tunneling under Beverly Hills High School.

Presentation hand out was distributed and alternate route of Santa Monica alignment was presented.

Complete presentation can be found @ [www.CenturyCitySubway.org](http://www.CenturyCitySubway.org)

Lisa Morocco submitted following WNC quarterlies:

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal 2009 \$436.96

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Fiscal 2010 \$1,458.93

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Fiscal 2010 \$789.30

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal 2010 \$5,496.90

Melissa Kenady moved that the WNC approve the Quarterlies as submitted by Lisa Morocco. Jerry Asher seconded.

Motion passed 14 – 0 – 1

Motion carried over from April meeting was made by Drew DeAscentis as follows:

The WNC supports the concept of the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP), an emergency support program organized through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). Under the NTP, community members who have taken the CERT training will volunteer as NTP Team Leaders, organizing and providing direction to other neighborhood residents in preparing for and responding to emergencies such as earthquake or major fire.

Barbara Broide seconded.

Motion passed 9 – 0 – 2 (Jerry Asher and Arturo Martinez abstaining)

Steve Spector submitted bylaw changes as proposed by DONE.

Complete copy to be found on WNC website.

Melissa Kenady moved that the WNC approve the proposed bylaws as attached as an official action of the Board per the Neighborhood Council's existing bylaw amendment provision, subject to formatting and minor substantive changes.

Bob Guerin seconded.

Motion passed 14 – 0 – 1

Motion made by Melissa Kenady regarding WRAC LAX Operations is as follows:

LAX enhances tourism and economic growth in entire region. Any revised LAX Master Plan Elements should:

1. Retain the existing LAX footprint and forego runway modifications which increase runway protection zone impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, or result in wholesale removal of local businesses/tax base. Improve placement of taxiways to handle the new larger aircraft, and incorporate safety enhancements that do not require movement of runways.
2. Reduce freeway traffic and discourage traffic flow into local neighborhoods while avoiding a new Lincoln Blvd. connection tunnels. Improve Central Terminal area accessibility, including signage, physical roadway, multi modal passenger drop off and pick up, a consolidated Rental Car Facility and rail connection.
3. Hold LAX capacity to its current theoretical threshold of 78.9 Million Annual Passengers and preclude easily added passenger gates or cargo facilities after the 2020 prohibition ends. Encourage development and maintenance of capacity at other regional airports, such as Palmdale and Ontario, which can act as a back up to LAX and which both have available capacity.

In conclusion, WRAC supports the improvement of safety, security and convenience at LAX but has concerns which should be addressed by the LAX Master Plan update process, including appropriate EIR scrutiny.

It was decided to carry this item over as several board members felt we should review the matter further.

Motion to adjourn

Motion passed 11 - 0 - 0