



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2011
Westside Pavilion
10800 West Pico Boulevard
Meeting Room A 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:08PM by Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

Attendance:

Lisa Morocco (Seat 2), Mike McIntyre (Seat 3), Steve Spector (Seat 4), Phillip St Pierre (Seat 5), Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Terri Tippit (Seat 8), Marilyn Culbertson (Seat 9), Mike Eveloff (Seat 10b), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12), Francesca Beale-Rosano (Seat 13), Shannon Burns (Seat 14), Charles Horwitz (Seat 15), Melissa Kenady (16), David T. Vahedi* (Seat 17) (Ty Vahedi arrived @ 7:30 pm)

Absent:

Jerry Asher (Seat 6)

Approval of October 13, 2011 Minutes:

Lisa moved to approve the revised minutes.

Mike McIntyre seconded the motion.

The motion passed 11 – 0 – 3 (Seats 7, 9, 12 abstained)

3. Public Forum:

A) Lucy Bava informed the WNC of signage on Motor Avenue advertising a business in a R1 zone.

B) Ken Wengrod, resident of Tennessee Avenue and advocate of speed humps on that street, thanked the WNC for providing an arena for discussion and possible solutions to traffic problems on Tennessee. He also expressed frustration with lack of support by WSSM HOA.

Barbara Broide responded that she was disappointed regarding inaccurate information being distributed. She stated that traffic issues started to be addressed with the Mobility Committee June 3, 2009.

September 22, 2009 WSSM received a written request for use of Trammel Crow funds for traffic calming. As WSSM financial information is confidential, Barbara has consulted with their attorney. Barbara is negotiating with CD 5 (Joan Pellico) and Lisa Morocco for a presentation to the Department of Transportation.

Barbara stated that if there was no mechanism to install the speed humps, the concern is that WSSM would be liable for any problems the speed humps might cause.

Terri Tippit asked Barbara if there was no liability, would WSSM contribute to funding the speed humps. Barbara stated she did not know.

Mike Eveloff shared that there may be resources that can be used for speed humps other than HOA funding and Ken Wengrod agreed that this would be a viable solution.

C) Jeremy Bollinger, PTSA @ Emerson Middle School spoke.

Although Emerson is out of the area, the WNC schools are feeders into Emerson. Updates include a new principal, Dimone Watson. Tract 7260 has donated materials to the school. Charles Horowitz, as WNC school representative seat, asked Mr. Bollinger to keep us posted as to Emerson activities.

LAPD Report was made by Officer Rashad:

LAPD reported that they also had staffing shortage but crime was down. LAPD outreach now includes Facebook (LAPD-West Los Angeles) and Twitter.

Tract 7260 reported home burglary as well as theft of airbag and headlights from BMW

Agenda Items:

A) Selection of Seat 14 Representative

Ron Stone has retired from Seat 14. Shannon Burns was the only request to represent Seat 14 that was submitted.

Shannon spoke of her long time community involvement beginning in 2004 with involvement in Overland Avenue traffic calming. She had served as Seat 17 alternate for several years and for the past 6 months as the alternate for Seat 14. She is the chair of the Land Use Committee.

Mike Eveloff moved to nominate Shannon Burns as Seat 14 representative

Mary Kusnic seconded

Motion passed 14 – 0 – 1

B) Revised Bylaws as Modified by DONE

Steve Spector reported that DONE has approved the revised by laws and suggested we vote so the revisions can be posted on our website.

Steve Spector moved that the WNC acknowledge and accept these approved bylaws with the modifications suggested by the City/DONE

Ty Vahedi seconded

Motion passed 15 – 0 – 0

C) Terri Tippit, Neighborhood Council Elections

In 2010 it was determined that all NCs would hold their elections every two years. The City Clerk's office took over running the NC elections in 2010 but said because of budget cuts could not hold them again in 2012 but would in 2014. DONE has asked each NC to fill in the questionnaire and send it back to DONE before January. Since we do not have a meeting in January we must do it tonight.

Terri read each multi choice question out loud and each board member voted.

Mary Kusnic moved that we submit the form with the answers the board chose

Steve Spector seconded

Motion passed 15 – 0 – 0

D.1) Mike Eveloff - Station 92 (LAFD) Update re Loss of Services:

Although Rescue 92 has been redeployed but there is no paramedic ambulance at Station 92.

Assistant Chief Patrick Butler reported that resources need to be affordable, adaptable and dependable. A network of fire stations will reflect a shifting of resources to be deployed according to needs.

Mike commented that LAPD is stretched too thin. Equipment loss, no new firefighters trained for two years, is the attrition rate increasing?

Assistant Chief Butler reported that currently three work shifts is a better system for coverage and in 18 months new recruits will arrive; reductions in operating budget caused removal of ambulances. A "staffing account" has been set aside for reserve status.

Colleen inquired how LAFD compares to other major cities with same per capita.

Assistant Chief Butler "our response time is comparable."

Mary commented that Century City has become a critical area due to the density of senior population and the closure of Century City Hospital.

Mike Eveloff moved the WNC request the following:

- that the LAFD explain the recent deployment of RA92 to Hollywood for several evenings at the end of October
- that LAPD not remove this critical resource from the WNC area in the future, especially given the loss of Engine 92 to City budget cuts
- a full detailed report of how often such deployments have occurred in the past and the rationale for the redeployments
- that if such a redeployment occurs in the future, that the WNC be notified in advance
- that the new Hollywood Community Plan EIR include impacts on first-responder services in other areas including the WNC area given the recent deployment

Seconded: Melissa Kenady

Motion passed 13 – 0 – 2 (seats 4, 7 abstaining)

D.2) Repairs Needed for Sidewalks Damaged by Tree Roots:

Mike Eveloff reported that his HOA (Tract 7260) inventoried all trees and sidewalks in their area. A letter was sent to the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works citing MC section 62.104 to show the City does not have an option when it comes to repair at the City's expense.

Mike Eveloff moved:

In light of recent efforts to shift financial and legal responsibility for city-tree- damaged sidewalks to property owners, the WNC moves to request that the Board of Public Works conduct a survey of sidewalks, curbs and aprons in the WNC area which have been damaged by City-owned trees.

The WNC asks CD5 to coordinate this survey.

Charles Horowitz seconded

Motion passed unanimously 15 – 0 - 0

E) Proposed Mix-Use Project on Motor:

Colleen reported on large apartment complex (119 units) plan that is of concern due to; errors in scope, wrong address being listed, no traffic studies performed and no notice given to Westside or Palms NC or the CHHOA. The developer has been non responsive to meetings. A bicycle path was not studied as part of the EIR.

Lucie Bava, representing Motor Ave Traffic Committee, spoke on the impacts this project would have on WNC stakeholders and requested that the WNC support the stakeholder's request that this project require a full EIR.

Colleen made the following motion;

WNC moves to support CHTSA's comments and CHHA's comments covering ENV-2010-3211-MND ENV 2010-3211. Specifically, the WNC requests that the Project should not be granted an MND and should be asked to prepare a full EIR so that impacts can be assessed by all stakeholders. WNC will work in partnership with the Palms NC as the project moves forward.

Mike Eveloff seconded

Motion passed 14 – 0 – 1 (Seat 13 abstained)

Committee Updates:

Lisa Morocco reported;

~ Plant Pico will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2012 9 a.m. – 12 pm

135 flowering pear trees will be planted and 100 volunteers are needed. Tree People will handle all of the heavy lifting but the community needs to be involved.

Outreach to all your HOAs, NPO and service groups.

The event will be the kick off of Pico Beautification Project.

~ Pick Pico street fair will be a Spring event, taking place in April or May.

~ Take Me Home Event was a great success, achieving an increase in adoptions over last event.

~ New WNC poster is displayed in new bus shelter in front of Menorah Senior Housing. Many thanks to JCDcaux for free display and Mike McIntyre for print and design support.

~ Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$38,922.44

All outstanding Demand Warrants were paid by the City except for NPG for Rancho Palm Library which should be resolved by end of year.

Please be prepared at January WNC meeting to submit ideas for budget expenditures as outlined in budget. All Demand Warrants are due by March 13, 2012

Terri Tippit, Chair Report

Colleen, Drew and Shannon appointed to the nominating Committee for WNC officers.

The slate is due before the January 2012 meeting.

Motion to cancel December meeting passed 15 – 0 – 0

PLUM meeting will take place December 6th

Sign districts will be established, sign reduction and community beautification plans to be discussed.

Motion To Adjourn at 9:00PM

Motion By: Mike Eveloff

Second By: Charles Horowitz

Motion passed: 15 – 0 - 0

