

Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico
Meeting Room A

AGENDA (Items Appear As Called)

1. **Call to order** at 7:05 p.m. by Terri Tippit, WNC Chair
Admonishments to board and audience on silencing/turning off cell phones

Present:

Brandon Behrstock, seat 3
Juan Camacho, (alt) seat 6
Barbara Broide seat 7
Terri Tippit, seat 8
Sean McMillan, seat 9
Mary Kusnic, seat 11
Colleen Mason Heller, seat 12
Francesca Beale-Rosano, (alt) seat 13
Shannon Burns seat 14
Eric Shabsis, seat 15
Melissa Kenady, seat 16
Aaron Rosenfield, seat 17

We have a quorum

2. **Approval of September 11, 2014 Minutes**

No changes noted or requested.

Melissa Kenady made motion to approve. Colleen Mason Heller seconds; Approved: 10-0-2 (Seats 6, 14).

3. **Approval of October 9, 2014 Minutes**

Barbara Broide requested minor changes.

Colleen Mason Heller made motion to approve. Melissa Kenady seconds; Approved: 10-0-2 (Seats 6, 14).

Colleen Mason Heller commended Aaron Rosenfield (Seat 17) for stepping in and preparing the October Minutes.

3. Public Forum:

Neal Sheade, a stakeholder who lives in the 1900 block of Parnell Avenue raised concerns regarding filming in the neighborhood on days and at times when there is street cleaning, since it displaces all of the residential parking on the one side of the street that permits parking.

Shannon Burns (Seat 14) added that recently signs directing filming trucks that are supposed to be directed down major thoroughfares are instead being (again) directed down Little Overland north of Pico. Trucks need to be directed along permissible routes to the filming area.

Brandon Behrstock said we need to help the City of Los Angeles bring filming to the community. Eric Shabsis said filming helps the area as well.

Collen Mason Heller, as Mobility Chair, agrees to assist the stakeholder by reaching out to Arturo Pina, the area's Community Outreach Liaison for filming in the area. pina@filmla.com

4. Election Selection.

Bennett Cohon has chaired the Election Selection this year and discussed the process leading up to the Election Selection this evening: The last day to submit an application for a seat was October 14, 2014. Bennett discussed the substantial outreach to the community over the last year by the WNC, the current representatives, and the community at large. He received 14 applications from 14 stakeholders. There was only one applicant/candidate per seat. The Election commenced:

- Seat 1: Jae Wu. One vote. Jae Wu elected to Seat 1.
- Seat 2: Lisa Morocco. One vote. Lisa Morocco elected to Seat 2.
- Seat 3: Brandon Behrstock. One vote. Brandon Behrstock elected to Seat 3.
- Seat 4: Steve Spector. One vote. Steve Spector elected to Seat 4.
- Seat 5: David Burke. One vote. David Burke elected to Seat 5.
- Seat 6: Sarah Shaw. One vote. Sarah Shaw elected to Seat 6.
- Seat 7: Barbara Broide. One vote. Barbara Broide elected to Seat 7.
- Seat 8: Terri Tippit. Two votes. Terri Tippit elected to Seat 8.
- Seat 9: Sean McMillan. One vote. Sean McMillan elected to Seat 9.
- Seat 10: Stacy Antler. One vote. Stacy Antler elected to Seat 10.
- Seat 11: Mary Kusnic. One vote. Mary Kusnic elected to Seat 11.
- Seat 12: Colleen Mason Heller. One vote. Colleen Mason Heller elected to Seat 12.
- Seat 13: Francesca Beale-Rosano. Two votes. Francesca Beale-Rosano elected to Seat

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Seat 17: Aaron Rosenfield. Ten votes. Aaron Rosenfield elected to Seat 17.

Bennett Cohon noted that although the seats were uncontested, it constituted 25% new

members. Bennett wished the new board “good luck” and the newly elected members of the Board took their seats.

5. Selection of Board Members Seats 14 - 16

Terri Tippit noted that following selection of the elected board, the Board now must select and move to appoint three board members for seats 14 (Religious Communities), 15 (Schools); and 16 (Non-Profits).

Seat 14: Shannon Burns. Aaron Rosenfield moves to appoint; Mary Kusnic seconds.
Motion passes: 14-0-0

Seat 15: Eric Shabsis. Shannon Burns moves to appoint; Melissa Kenady seconds.
Motion passes: 14-0-0

Seat 16: It is noted that Melissa Kenady is moving to San Francisco and, therefore, will not be running again. Stakeholder Lisa Tabor is willing to run. Lisa Tabor briefly spoke of her qualifications. She manages the Discovery Shop @ 2460 Overland, a non-profit, and the newest discovery shop and 40th in CA. Lisa comes with 25 years of non-profit experience.

Melissa Kenady moves to appoint; Mary Kusnic seconds.
Motion passes: 14-0-0

The Board commends Melissa for her many years of service to the WNC that began with the inception of the WNC over 10 years ago. The non-profit baton is now passed to Lisa Tabor, who takes her seat.

6. LAPD Report.

Rashad Sharif reported. He first thanked Melissa for her many years of service to the community and says she will be missed.

Crime: No residential burglaries in his area. Notes the one burglary on Cushman in Mario Gonzalez’s area. There was a burglary in the mall -- stolen sunglasses. Rashad’s area were all car break ins. Rashad reminded the Board and stakeholders of the potential crime uprise as we enter into the holiday season. Pickpockets; open purses; deliveries – be home or send to work or pick up at UPS. Discussed several ongoing scams (mostly telephone calls), such as the scam calls purportedly from the IRS; Green Dot (DWP scam). Rashad explained that the pre-loaded debit card can be compromised from the beginning.

Food Drive – It ends on November 23rd. Bring food to WLA Police Station. Thanked the Board and stakeholders for the cans and food items brought to the WNC meeting this evening.

WLA night: fundraiser for youth program. 150 showed up. Band. Sharon Stone and Jimmy Smits was there. Appreciate support.

7. **LAFD:**

Captain Cooper provided the report. He noted that he was on the NC for Porter Ranch for 7 years and knows what the WNC does, and thanks the WNC. At Station 92: New captains: Craig Neilson; Phil Dominguez. LAFD is currently stressing fire alarms: add new ones; change batteries. In December the Department will stress Xmas tree safety. Keep trees away from ignition and fire sources. They have new firefighters fresh out of the academy who will be covering the area during this time. Need to properly display and water.

New program called Firestack LA. Please visit the LAFD website; See education link; performance on sub-link. Can see fire station 92 performance. Measure turn out time. Average travel time. Incident count. Trend up in EMS. Non-EMS also up.

Toy Bins: Week of Thanksgiving will have toy bins at fire station. Ends December 31st. Full launch right after Thanksgiving.

New LAFD Model: At first of year, going into an alignment with Police Dept. LAPD has 4 bureaus. LAFD will also have 4 bureaus – same battalions. Administrative changes. 92 will be South. Now has one deputy chief. Will have 4 with 2 assistant chiefs. More representation.

Call him: 310-840-2192 with questions, but in response to one question, Fire Station 92 goes as far south as the 10 freeway.

8. **Report from Assembly District 54 (Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas)**

Patrick MacFarlane, Assembly District 54 on behalf of assemblymember Ridley-Thomas reported. His email address is: patrick.macfarlane@asm.ca.gov

Patrick thanked the stakeholders for supporting the assembly member for another term. He discussed Prop 1 and Prop 2 that passed. Funds from Prop 1 (water bond) will be used for ground water clean up.

They joined with Karen Bass last month to host an infectious disease forum. The legislative session starts December 1st. Any bills, send to them to consider. WLA VA event – Thanksgiving. Volunteer event for veterans and others with no where to go.

9. **Presentation:**

Marisa West on Car2Go. Eric Shabsis noted that he represents another car company and wanted to disclose that if there's going to be action taken. Terri Tippit said no action tonight.

Marisa West explained the concept. It is a point to point car service currently in the South Bay. All Smart Cars. Cover gas, parking, maintenance and insurance. Car sharing. \$35 to register. 41 cents a minute if a car is used; otherwise never get charged. Take to where you want to go. Don't have to watch the meter. Purpose is for relatively short hops. One way. Others have start at one point (like zip car) and must return to the same space. This is a floating model with a permit to park. This is just a personal car to get to one point from another.

Discussion followed of transit options and mind-set based upon generation, especially among the 20-30 year old set.

Also discussed bike share options as well.

10. **Report from Mayor's Office.**

Daniel Tamm. Daniel.tamm@Lacity.org Mr. Tamm reported on past, current, and future action by the Mayor, highlighting the Mayor's community efforts:

- A. Increase street paving initiative. 200 extra miles per year. Will be street smart with paving. Modify asphalt plant to pave more streets with less money. Modernization of the 2 city asphalt plants we have. Recycle. Lots of initiatives. Covers how to do full cost of recovery for damaged streets. New process to be developed so LA fully reimbursed and used for paving streets.
- B. Cracking down on parking lot owners who do not pay correct city tax on parking. Wants the lots to transition to credit card only so city can collect the 10%. Currently cash paid at parking lots and lot owners don't pay city.
- C. Community services (street lights out, etc.) Try using the internet on smartphones at: my311.com. Download the free app.
- D. Homeless: Mayor's strategy is focusing on veterans. Jobs. Ending veteran homelessness by end of 2015. Office of veterans affairs want us to i.d. groups to help. Will send to Terri a memo re: same to form a committee and pursue as a group: id veterans; giving them info about VA. Mr. Tamm will talk with Seat 14 and faith based community about how to get involved. Discussed service resistant veterans who don't want help.
- E. Mayor announced Asia trade mission. Billions of trade happen between LA and 3 countries: Japan, china & S. Korea. Will email Terri specific information re: delegation and where Mayor will be when and what he's doing.
- F. Discussed rain barrels and turf removal. Up from \$3.00 to \$3.75 sf

Terri Tippit, on behalf of the WNC, invited the Mayor to Pick Pico on June 7, 2015

11. Report from CD5

Chuy discussed the following:

- A. Scheduled street resurfacing.
- B. Celebrate Israel May 7th at Cheviot Hills Park.
- C. Urban Forestry/Koretz seeking to hire more workers instead of contracting out. Pushing to hire more crews.
- D. Moritorium on mansionization. Wants expanded throughout CD5.

12. New Business

Mansionizations. Following Chuy's report, Barbara Broide said she went to Plan Check, and there was a discussion on speeding up an ordinance on mansions, and sought NC motions supporting same. Ms. Broide sought the WNC to entertain an emergency motion on the issue.

Eric Shabsis speaks out on emergency motions and complains that suddenly bringing the issue up at 9:15 p.m. is improper.

Colleen Mason-Heller makes motion to consider a emergency motion. Barbara Broide seconds.

Vote called. 10-1 (Seat 15)-3 (Seats 11, 6, 15)

Motion by Colleen Mason-Heller: to support Councilmember Koretz's efforts to seek all-CD5 ICO on mansionization. Stacy Antler seconds.

10-2 (Seats 3 & 15-2 (Seats 6, 11)

13. Treasurer's Report.

- A. Sole bill received is \$40.82 for Verizon bill.
Brandon makes Motion to pass; Mary seconds.
Passes: 10-0-0
- B. Public address system needed for WNC meetings: Brandon makes motion for authorization to purchase in an amount not to exceed \$300.00.
Mary seconds.
Passes: 10-0-0
- C. Eric Shabsis moves to authorize the payment of \$525 month to month for 3

months for web services. Mary seconds.
Passes: 10-0-0

14. Miscellaneous Announcements and WNC Business.

A. TerriTippit announces that Officers will be appointed at the next WNC meeting, and to contact the nomination committee: Colleen, Jae & Sean, if a board member is interested in running for an office.

B. Terri Tippit asks if the December meeting should be canceled. Terri moves to cancel; Brandon seconds.

Discussion: Terri noted that Martin Cadillac wanted to come in December, but they are being heard by WLANC plum committee, since that project is in their area.

Passes: 14-0-0

C. Wendy: United in Harmony that serves homeless children. Having thanksgiving feast at Rancho Park. Sunday at picnic area; 10:30 all day. 11:00-2:00 p.m.

Motion by Shannon Burns to adjourn; Mary seconds. Adjourned: 9:40 p.m.