



**Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2012
Westside Pavilion
10800 West Pico Boulevard
Meeting Room A
7:00PM**

1. Call to Order

Call to order: 7:05PM by Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

Attendance:

Lisa Morocco (Seat 2), Mike McIntyre (Seat 3b), Steve Spector (Seat 4), Phillip St Pierre (Seat 5b), Sarah Shaw (Seat 6), Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Terri Tippit (Seat 8), Drew DeAscentis (Seat 9), Dick S. Harmetz (Seat 10), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Arturo Martinez (Seat 12) *arrived 8:15PM, Bob Guerin (Seat 13), Shannon Burns (Seat 14), Charles Horowitz (Seat 15), Melissa Kenady (16), Brandon Behrstock (Seat 17b)

2. Approval of November 10, 2011 minutes

Minutes Approved as Noted

Motion By Mike

Second By Charles

Passed: 10 - 0 - 5 (Seats 6, 9, 10, 13, 17)

3. Public Forum

Adee Drory, Israeli Leadership Council

Adee presented an overview of their organization and announced they are having an event on April 29, 2012. The event will take place at Cheviot Hills Park from 10AM to 6PM. She stated with her associates that the LAPD is on board and that they would very much appreciate the WNC's support for outreach to get the word out. She will follow up with additional details.

Barbara announced that CERT classes are scheduled to begin on February 22, 2012

4. Review of Agenda and
5. Agenda Items:

New Business:

A) Shannon Burns, Nomination Committee Chair – Election of Officers

Shannon on behalf of the Nominating Committee reviewed the slate of individuals nominated to the WNC officer positions. She noted there were not inquiries from any other individuals. Terri noted that Letty had submitted her resignation. Melissa Kenady announced she would not be able to continue on as Recording Secretary due to her business, work schedule and extensive travel for work. She acknowledged and suggested Shannon for the position of Recording Secretary along with Mary Kusnic. There were not any other individuals who had expressed an interest and Shannon accepted.

Election of Officers: Shannon presented the following slate of individuals:

**Terri Tippit - Chair,
Steve Spector - Vice - Chair,
Drew DeAscentis - Corresponding Secretary,
Shannon Burns & Mary Kusnic - Recording Secretary
Lisa Morocco – Treasurer**

Motion By Brandon: ‘To approve the Westside Neighborhood Council Slate of Officers as presented by Shannon.’

Second By Mike.

Motion Passed: 15 – 0 – 0

**B) Monica Dunahee, Jewish Family Services
Presentation on Services Offered for Seniors**

Monica gave a brief history of the organization, stating they are the oldest non-profit in Los Angeles and discussed the importance of the services which they provide to seniors. She said part of her focus is outreach as people in the community are not aware of their work and therefore their usage is low. Monica stated that many seniors do not have access to or use the internet; and, that other forms of outreach are vital to create awareness of what’s available through their programs. She mentioned the Oasis program which meets at the Westside Pavilion. Terri, Steve and Shannon noted the importance and need for their services in the community. Monica said JFS services include:

Door to Door Transportation for Seniors over 65 years old – (Contact 310 231 0369)

Meals for Homebound Adults – For Information on Programs Contact 323 937 5852)

Social Services – She explained that these programs include care-management, in-home assistance, counseling, support groups, information and referral services. For more information contact 310 231 9228.

Monica also said that JFS is partially funded through the City of Los Angeles Departments of Aging and Transportation; and, that serving the West Los Angeles Area, JFS operates out of Felicia Mahood, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

**C) Kasey Shuda, Metro
Update on 405 Wilshire Ramp Construction to begin February 2012**

Kasey Shuda gave a brief overview on the Ramp Closures which are part of the I – 405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project. She announced that the first of the ramps are on Wilshire at the I – 405.

Kasey announced the first two Wilshire Ramp Closures are:

Northbound 405 off-ramp to Westbound Wilshire, and

Westbound Wilshire on-ramp to Northbound 405.

She stated these closures are anticipated to begin in March 2012. The closures will be for an extended time period estimated to be up to 90 days.

Kasey said as there are an estimated 600 cars an hour (average) on these ramps there will be an outreach program in order to assist in planning alternative routes for those individuals who regularly travel and use these ramps. She also said that detours are currently being investigated in the Traffic Management Plan. Steve commented that this is going to directly impact our area and stakeholders. Kasey said they are also planning Community Meeting (TBD) 30 days prior to closure and for more information contact 213 922 3665 or on the I405@metro.net.

6. Committee Updates:

Terri Tippit: Chair Report

Terri announced that Letty has submitted her resignation. She noted that there is notice on the agenda that we have highlighted in bold that the seat is open.

Terri again stressed the importance of Neighborhood Watch programs and that we all should be diligent as well as watching out for our neighbors.

Terri also acknowledged the wonderful work of Jewish Family Services and encouraged everyone to get the word out regarding their organization.

Lisa Morocco: Approval for Budget Line Items:

Palms/Rancho Park: Library books \$3,948.75

Lisa explained that the Neighborhood purposes grant got thru – last year's dollars. She said we are getting a greater value on the books per the discounted pricing.

Dick acknowledged that he will work with Maggie on the selection of books.

Motion By Lisa for the approval for Palms/Rancho Park: Library books \$3,948.75

Second By Melissa

Motion Passed 16 – 0 – 0

Palms Park: Portable Outdoor Movie Screen \$5,265.00

Lisa and Laura Camfield discussed the program. They shared how this is being done and well received in other parks; and, also noted the outreach benefit as the WNC will be recognized as a sponsor at the movie events.

**Motion By Lisa for the approval for Palms Park: Portable Outdoor Movie Screen \$5,265.00
Second By Arturo
Motion Passed 16 – 0 – 0**

LAFD: Station Equipment \$3,445.20

Lisa and Craig Nelson, LAFD discussed that Station 92 needed equipment items which were not possible given the City's budget constraints. Lisa stated the invoices were also in and they totaled \$3,445. Bob also asked about support for Station 43. Terri explained that this was outside of WNC's area – but part of the homeowners are in WNC's area.

**Motion By Lisa for the approval for the LAFD Station 92 Equipment \$3,445.20
Second By Mike
Motion Passed 13 – 1 (Seat 13) - 0**

LAPD: Uniforms \$3,136.06

Lisa reviewed with the LAPD Officers and explained the cost will fund the uniforms for the LAPD event/race. She also noted the uniforms will have the WNC logo on them.

**Motion By Lisa for approval of the LAPD: Uniforms \$3,136.06
Second By Melissa
Motion Passed 15 – 0 – 0**

Lisa Morocco: Mobility Committee & Update on Tennessee Speed Humps

Lisa presented a brief overview and an update on the status of the Tennessee Speed Humps. She said there was a delay but we anticipate having this item on next month's WNC Agenda. Lisa acknowledged the work of WSSM, the City, CD5 and the WNC and again thanked everyone. She also acknowledged Joan, CD5 for all her hard work in this process - in getting a workable solution finalized for the speed humps.

Lisa also gave an update on Plant Pico which she announced will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 in the morning 9AM to 12 Noon. She acknowledged the Sarah Shaw and the contribution of JMB and the Million Tree Program which made this possible. Lisa is asking for 100 volunteers to plant and participate.

Barbara also discussed the City's position in light of the budget constraints, etc. with respect to the City's sidewalk ordinance dealing with potential transfer of the burden of maintaining the sidewalks to the homeowner. There was discussion of the potential liability and other related aspects involved.

**Motion By Barbara 'That the WNC moves to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) opposing the proposed sidewalk ordinance.'
Second By Arturo
Motion Passed 16 – 0 – 0**

Officer Rashad: LAPD

Officer Rashad and members of the LAPD gave an extensive update on crime and burglary in the area including the Kelton incident.

The Officers again urged everyone to be vigilant and watch out for your neighbors. A number of stakeholders in attendance were concerned over the recent homicide in the area - at Sawtelle and Pearl. Officer Rashad spoke to this and stated that it was a gang related incident

Dimitri DeSilva: CD5 Update

Dimitri discussed the status of LA City redistricting and will work thru CD5 to follow up and advise regarding upcoming meetings. This is a current map link, as well as some links to proposed maps.

<http://redistricting2011.lacity.org/LACITY/default.html>

Motion to Adjourn at 9:32PM

Motion By Arturo

Second By Lisa

Motion Passed: 16 – 0 – 0

Submitted By Recording Secretary