



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

1. Call to Order

Call to order: 7:07 PM

By Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

Attendance:

John Padden (Seat 1), Lisa Morocco (Seat 2),
Steve Spector (Seat 4), Jerry Asher (Seat 6),
Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Terri Tippit (Seat 8),
Richard S. Harmetz (Seat 10), Mary Kusnic (Seat 11),
Arturo Martinez (Seat 12b), Bob Guerin (Seat 13),
Jake Lebovic (Seat 14b), Craig Silvers (Seat 15b),
Melissa Kenady (16),
Brandon Behrstock (Seat 17b)

Also Present:

Rebecca Bernal, Jae Wu,
Sarah Shaw, Jerry Tsai, Francesca Beale-Rosano

2. Approval of June 14, 2012 Minutes

Motion to approve the WNC June 14, 2012 Minutes as amended.

Motion By: Mary

Second By: Melissa

Motion Passed: 8 - 1 (Seat 10) - 4 (Seats 2, 7, 12, 14)

3. Review of Agenda (ITEMS BELOW MAY NOT BE HEARD IN THE ORDER LISTED)

4. Agenda Items: New Business

4. Agenda Items:

A) Terri Tippit, Chair

- **Appointment of Selection Committee Chair**

Terri stated that the WNC will be holding a Selection and outlined the process. She announced the appointment of Joann Dorfmann as the Selection Committee Chair.

B) State Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. 26th District

- **Update on State Issues and Listening Session**

Terri and Rebecca Bernal jointly introduced State Senator Price. They gave a summary of his background and said that after serving one full term in the California State Assembly (2006-2008), Curren Price won a special election in May 2009 to represent the 26th District in the State Senate and that the district includes the cities of Culver City and Los Angeles, including the communities of Beverlywood, Century City, West Los Angeles, Mid-Wilshire, Hollywood, Larchmont, Hancock Park, South Los Angeles, Baldwin Hills, Koreatown, Silver Lake and Los Feliz. Terri said he was re-elected by an overwhelming majority in November 2010 and after redistricting, all of the WNC area is now in his district.

They added that Senator Price is Chair of the following committees - Business, Professions and Economic Development, Joint Committee on the Arts, Select Committee on Procurement and California Legislative Black Caucus and Member of the Standing Committees, Appropriations, Education, Insurance and Public Safety as well as serving on a number of Select Committees.

Senator Price opened by acknowledging and thanking the WNC on its' efforts and contributions over the past ten years on behalf of the community. He also recognized Terri and Lisa as past honorees in his Sheros program as well as Dick Harnetz for his work in the community.

Senator Price stated he is an advocate for education and for working families and fought to protect the rights of California workers. He stated that those that are most often most in need are the individuals most impacted with the state's budget cuts to health services, education and social services.

He spoke in detail about the state budget and the challenges facing Sacramento (California) and said they are many – and the number one agenda item is pension reform.

He said this is a critical issue that must be addressed. He discussed aspects of the budget issues in detail and answered questions from the WNC Board Members and stakeholders.

The following is a summary of the items Senator Price addressed and discussed with the members and stakeholders:

High speed Rail – Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. praised the State Senate's approval of SB 1029, legislation that authorizes the initial financing and construction of California's High Speed Rail system.

The bill passed includes \$5.8 billion for construction in the Central Valley, as well as nearly \$2 billion to improve regional rail systems in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas and to connect them to high-speed rail. He stated that it is an investment in the future, will provide thousands of jobs, create opportunities for small businesses and can be successful.

Healthcare Reform – Citing that 100,000's are being brought into the system in California – very happy the Supreme Court upheld – cited California is on the forefront as it already has exchanges for the delivery of medical services established.

AB32 - Senator Price said it reduces carbon footprint and that he is in support - and although there may be some burden on business it is reasonable and achievable.

Enterprise zones - Although there have been some issues, he said that he is in support of the program – citing 204 companies left California or reduced operations here in 2010 and 84 had left thru May 2011.

Contact Information as follows:

E-mail senator.price@senate.ca.gov Capitol Office, State Capitol, Room 2057, Sacramento, CA 95814 or call my Sacramento Office at (916) 651-4026 or Los Angeles District Office (213) 745-6656

C) Susan Robinson, LA City Planning

- **Update on WLA Mobility Plan and how it impacts Pico Beautification**

Susan Robinson and Patricia Diefenderfer, LA City Planning Department, explained their two year project to June 2014, which focuses on working with the community to identify and develop ideas and suggestions for improvements in the community. They have \$3 million dollars in grant funding to work with the community to identify areas of focus. They will be looking at land uses and zoning, urban design and regulations and support the use of street scape and pedestrian oriented districts.

They are very familiar with the work done on the Pico Beautification and the plan and want to maintain its' standards

D) Aaron Rosenfield:

- **2010 Bicycle Plan Five-Year Implementation Strategy**

Aaron gave an update on the bicycle plan and summarized the Departments of City Planning (DCP) and Transportation (DOT) first Five-Year Implementation Strategy of the 2010 Bicycle Plan.

He said the Five-Year Strategy is a program of the Plan that instructs the City to implement at least 200 miles of bikeways every five years.

Bikeways were selected for the Five-Year Strategy using the Plan's program Bicycle Funding Priority Grading System. Implementation of the bikeways identified in this first Five-Year Strategy will be coordinated through the Bicycle Plan Implementation Team (BPIT), a group consisting of City staff and other agencies as well as members of the bicycling community.

The bikeways selected for the Five-Year Strategy include streets within the WNC area, with 40 miles of bicycle lanes the first year. Aaron stated there are going to be changes made in order to do this and that this is being studied now with an EIR needed and in preparation.

One item cited was the proposed change being looked at was to take a lane away on each side of Avenue of the Stars to accommodate bicycle lanes; and, discussion concluded this was not that this was not practical given traffic volumes, designated turning lanes, commercial/business accessibility and additional development in process. It was noted that the Century City Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to LA City Planning requesting that alternative solutions, streets and sharrows be studied as an alternative. Sarah and Jerry discussed the concerns in Century City.

Mary stated that Century Park East was already impacted with heavy traffic and the same potential impacts exist with the commercial buildings.

Motion: The WNC moves to submit a letter to the LA City Planning Department requesting that the WNC area issues including Century City be specifically addressed and studied in connection with the preparation of the EIR for the 2010 Bicycle Plan to incorporating the use of sharrows in Century City and the WNC area.

Motion By: Barbara

Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed: 13 - 0 - 1 (Seat 14b)

(The 2010 Bicycle Plan designates at total of 1,680 miles of bikeway facilities (bicycle lanes, bicycle paths and bicycle friendly streets.)

E) Barbara Broide:

- **Motion to support Community Care Facility Ordinance**

Barbara provided background on the issue, reviewed concerns and stated that this ordinance establishes standards for facilities of 7 or more.

Motion: The WNC moves to support the carefully and specifically crafted Community Care Facility Ordinance as of 07 – 12 – 2012.

Motion By: Barbara

Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed: 13 - 1 (Seat 6) - 0

6. Reports:

Terri Tippit, Chair:

Terri acknowledged and thanked Sarah for performing with her band at the Station 92 fundraiser. She also acknowledged Mike Eveloff for organizing and coordinating the fundraiser.

Terri announced that Sara will be performing again on August 4th with proceeds supporting our “Military Veterans” and details will be emailed.

Lisa Morocco Outreach

Lisa announced the Movie Night at Palms Recreation Center and Park on July 18th and said the movie starts at dusk. She encouraged all to attend and asked for WNC volunteers to help to coordinate including passing out the WNC orange blankets.

She also stated the WNC PSA will be shown with the movie.

Wesly M. Hernandez, Field Deputy Jay Greenstein, Transportation CD 5 Update

Wesly updated that there will be a City Council Hearing on the Medical Marijuana Facilities. On July 24th.

He also briefly updated on cell towers and the community care ordinance, stating there had been pushback due to an untrue claim it goes against the US Fair Housing Act and discriminates. He said it is in the process of undergoing “fine tuning”

Jay spoke on the design and construction issues with Expo Phase II, the Motor Avenue Bridge removal and reconstruction and the noise concern.

He noted that the traffic officers, which had been assisting with the traffic at the Wilshire Ramps construction project at the 405 Freeway, were not going to be on site after this week. He asked if we hear of any issues to be sure to notify him at CD5.

Mayor’s Office

Joseph, on behalf of Mayor Villaraigosa congratulated Lisa, Terri and the WNC and all the volunteers for their work on Pick Pico.

He also said that the neighborhood council budgets were cut back to \$37,000. due to the City’s budget constraints. He also said will be a working group of representatives from the various neighborhood councils which he is in the process of organizing now. The group meeting will focus on best practices and he would like the WNC’s participation.

**LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Rashad
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzales**

Officer Gonzales provided an update on crime in the WNC area. He said that burglaries have increased and discussed that many are distraction burglaries. Officer Gonzales discussed that assault in the Rancho Park Area and the robbery which occurred at National and Robertson.

He urged everyone to be vigilant and to watch out for your neighbor.

Officer Gonzales announced that the WestFest fundraiser benefitting the Police Youth Program is scheduled to take place in Century City on September 15th. He said additional details will follow soon.

6. Public Forum

Barbara announced National Night Out at Stoner Park on August 7th, 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Also she announced two Expo tours will be held on July 18th at 10 AM and on July 22nd at 10:30 AM at the Robertson Station.

Motion to Adjourn At 9:26 PM.

Motion By: Jerry

Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed: Unanimous Submitted By Recording Secretary

