



**Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 8, 2012
Westside Pavilion
10800 West Pico Boulevard
Meeting Room A
6:00PM**

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1. Selection Election, Jay Handal and Joanne Dorfman

The Selection Election for the Westside Neighborhood Council commenced at 6:00PM. With Terrence Gnomes overseeing the WNC Selection Election, the individual candidates signing in on the roster, the official roll was called to confirm attendance, identify each individual and their respective qualification for each of the Seats 1 through 13 and Seat 17, with acknowledgement votes as follows:

SEAT	VOTE
Seat 1 John Padden	1
Seat 2 Lisa Morocco	1
Seat 3 Michael McIntyre	1
Seat 4 Steve Spector	3
Seat 5 Phillip St. Pierre	1
Seat 6 Sarah Shaw	2
Seat 7 Barbara Broide	5
Seat 8 Terri Tippit	2
Seat 9 Drew DeAscentis	3
Seat 10 Richard (Dick) Harmetz	1
Seat 11 Mary Kusnic	1
Seat 12 Colleen Mason Heller	1
Seat 13 Bob Guerin	1
Seat 17 Aaron Rosenfield	4
(At Large Seat)	

2. Board Swearing-In Seats 1 – 13 and 17, Councilmember Paul Koretz

Councilmember Paul Koretz briefly addressed the group and stakeholders and conducted the 'swearing – in of the WNC Members. He noted upholding the Brown Act, Ethics and working with integrity on behalf of the community.

3. Call to Order

Call to order: 7:07 PM / By Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

4. Selection of Seats 14, 15, 16

Terri thanked departing WNC member Jerry Asher for his commitment, dedication and work on the WNC during the past years. The WNC members and stakeholders acknowledged Jerry. Terri and the WNC Members welcomed Sarah Shaw and Aaron Rosenfield.

Seat 14 Religious Representative

Shannon Burns spoke of her years of work in the community and on the WNC, including Land Use and Mobility and serving as Co-secretary and she presented letters of support from Westwood Congregational and St. Timothy's Catholic Church.

Lisa nominated Shannon Burns for WNC Seat 14, Religious Representative and Mary acknowledged.

Vote: 14 – 0 – 0

Seat 15 School Representative

Eric Shabsis spoke of his background, including work with the schools, and interest in Seat 15; and confirmed it was with the support of the two WNC area school principles.

Brandon Behrstock spoke of his background and interest in Seat 15 and his prior service as an alternate for Seat 17 on the WNC and confirmed his support from Temple Isaiah educators.

Vote:

The WNC Members voted as follows:

Eric Shabsis – 6 votes

Brandon Behrstock – 8 votes

Seat 16 Non Profit Representative

Melissa Kenady spoke of her years of service in the community and with the WNC in various capacities including past Treasurer and Co- secretary. She spoke of her work with the WNC area non profits including as a dedicated animal advocate, Friends of Animals, Lange Foundation, WLA Animal Shelter and the WNC 'Take Me Home Events'.

Lisa nominated Melissa Kenady for WNC Seat 16 Non Profit Representative and Mary acknowledged.

Vote: 16 – 0 - 0

5. Swearing In of Seats 14, 15, 16

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WNC Attendance:

John Padden (Seat 1), Lisa Morocco (Seat 2),
Michael McIntyre Seat 3), Steve Spector (Seat 4),
Phillip St. Pierre (Seat 5), Sarah Shaw (Seat 6),
Barbara Broide (Seat 7), Terri Tippit (Seat 8),
Drew DeAscentis (Seat 9), Richard (Dick) Harmetz (Seat 10),
Mary Kusnic (Seat 11), Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12),
Bob Guerin (Seat 13), Shannon Burns (Seat 14),
Brandon Behrstock (Seat 15), Melissa Kenady (Seat 16),
Aaron Rosenfield (Seat 17)

Also Present:

CD5, Wesly Hernandez/ Macerich, Ryan Hursh, Vito Bello /LAPD, Officers Rashad, Mario Gonzales and Brian Espen / Senator Price, Lauren Pizer mains

6. Approval of October 11, 2012 minutes

**Motion by Melissa
Second by Phillip**

Motion Passed: 12 – 0 – 4 (Seats 6, 13, 16, 17)

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

8. Agenda Items:

New Business:

A) Lisa Morocco:

- **Letters of Support for Pico Beautification**

Lisa updated on Pico Beautification and the MTA Call For Projects Grant. She asked for everyone to support this effort in the hope of being awarded a grant from the City.

Lisa announced that the WNC would be applying again for the MTA Call For Projects Funding for Pico Beautification. She discussed the importance of everyone, individuals and the area groups, including HOA's, businesses, etc., in addition to the WNC, writing letters of support. Lisa said the WNC had come very close in the last MTA Call and that CD5 is supporting the WNC in this effort.

She also asked for the letters of support to be forwarded to her or emailed to wncbusiness@verizon.net. The letters are to be addressed to Jaime de le Vega, DOT, 100 South Main Street, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

B) Funding Requests:

- **Lisa Morocco:**
 - **Palms Park—Popcorn Machine and 3 Movies for Movies In The Park up to \$1300**

Motion:

That the WNC fund up to \$1,300.00 for Palms Park to be used for a Popcorn Machine and 3 Movies for 'Movies In The Park'.

Motion By: Lisa

Second By: Bob G.

Motion Passed 17 – 0 – 0

- **Brandon Behrstock, Lisa:**
 - **Westwood Charter iPads \$399 each**

Motion:

That the WNC fund up to \$1,300.00 for Westwood Charter School for the purchase of iPads.

Motion By: Brandon Behrstock

Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed 17 – 0 – 0

- **Brandon Behrstock, Lisa:**
 - **Overland School \$1375 For Discovery Garden**

Motion:

That the WNC fund \$1,375.00 for Overland School for their Discovery Garden Project contingent upon the WNC receiving a letter from Overland School acknowledging that they have the additional funds necessary for the project.

Motion By: Brandon Behrstock

Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed 15 – 0 – 0

Lisa reviewed the WNC Treasurer's Report dated November 8, 2012 with the opening balance of \$32,906.79 and closing balance of \$32,518.72. Complete details are found in the Treasurer's Report.

- **C) Stacy Yamato, Metro:**
 - **How To Use Metro Tap Card**

Stacy gave an update on Expo noting that the work on removing and relocating utilities (lines) continues for Phase Two Pre-Construction. She reviewed the Safety Education Outreach which is currently in process. She distributed flyers with detailed information and suggested anyone with questions email her at yametos@metro.net. Stacy spoke briefly on the Senior Tap Card and passed out Tap Card applications.

Shannon Burns, Mobility, LUC

1945 Overland Avenue

Shannon stated that the project is requesting a small zoning change to be discussed at the next meeting.

Casden Project

(Dick, John and Michael left early)

Shannon stated that there is a meeting with the City on December 5 2012 regarding the project as described – 5 buildings, including 538 apartments, 13 – 17 stores totaling approximately 784,000 square feet. She also said that CD 5 tried to postpone the hearing and was not able to do so; and that the WNC needs to submit a letter to the hearing officer. Barbara suggested and asked, with respect to the timing, about the WNC being able to generate a letter for the hearing/hearing officer and commented on the process to facilitate in order to do so.

Given the importance of the situation and timing constraints, Steve, Terri, Barbara and the members agree that there is the basis for an emergency motion.

Motion:

The WNC Board directs the Chair to write a letter to the Hearing Officer opposing the Casden Project as presented.

Motion By: Bob

Second By: Colleen

Motion Passed 14 – 0 – 0

Reports:

Terri Tippit, Chair

- **Terri and the Members agreed to cancel the December 2012 WNC Meeting with respect to the Holidays.**

- **LAPD Update
Senior Lead Officer Rashad Sharif
Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzales
Officer Brian Espen**

Officer Rashad reported on recent crime activities in the WNC area and presented the area Crime Update. He urged all to be alert and cautious especially with respect to the Holiday Season. Barbara commented on the P O Box bandits and Officer Rashad acknowledged stating that if a crime is in process LAPD responds and then call the Postal Police.

Officer Brian Espen presented a Plaque to the WNC acknowledging the WNC's support of the Bakersfield Run.

Officer Rashad also announced the WLA Food Drive for the Holidays. He asked for everyone's support and said donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off at the WLA Station. Details can be found at www.wlafooddrive.com.

Wesly Hernandez:

- **CD5 Update**

The details on the CD5 activities can be found in Councilmember Koretz's monthly letter.

- **Colleen Mason Heller
Update Expo**

Colleen gave a brief report on Expo stating that the Supreme Court of CA has accepted Neighbors For Smart Rails' Petition for Review of their Lawsuit challenging the validity of Expo's Phase 2 EIR.

**Lauren Pizermain
Senator Price**

Lauren introduced herself and talked about the SHERO's program and Operation Gobble which provides turkeys to those in need. She asked that anyone interested contact their office.

9. Public Forum

Barbara stated that Ron Galprin is running for City Controller.
She also noted that it is Astronomy Day on Saturday November 10th at UCLA

Motion to Adjourn At 8:50 PM.

**Motion By: Lisa
Second By: Brandon**

**Motion Passed: Unanimous
Submitted By Recording Secretary**

