



Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 14, 2013
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),
Michael McIntyre Seat 3),
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),
Arturo Martinez (Seat 12b),
Bob Guerin (Seat 13),
Craig Silvers (Seat 15b),
Melissa Kenady (Seat 16),
Aaron Rosenfield (Seat 17)**

Also Present:

**CD5, Jay Greenstein
LAPD, Officer Rashad, Officer Mario Gonzales, Officer Peter O'Hada
LAFD, Captain David, Captain Harvey**

2. Approval of January 10, 2013 Minutes

Motion to approve the WNC January 10, 2013 Minutes.

Motion By: Melissa

Second By: Barbara

Motion Passed: 13 - 0 - 0

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

4. Agenda Items: New Business

A) Guest Speakers:

- Assemblymember Holly Mitchell, 54th District

Sydney Kamlager, District Director gave an overview of the district, their areas of focus and Assemblymember Mitchell' background. She said that Assemblymember Holly J. Mitchell was first elected in 2010 to represent the 47th (now 54th) Assembly District in Los Angeles, which includes the Crenshaw District, Culver City, UCLA, Cheviot Hills, Mar Vista, the Fairfax District and parts of South Los Angeles.

She chairs the Assembly's Budget Sub-committee on Health & Human Services as well as California's Legislative Black Caucus. She is also a member of the Committees on Accountability & Administrative Review, Appropriations, Health, Insurance and Public Safety. She chairs the Legislative Black Caucus and also belongs to the Women's Legislative Caucus.

As the chief executive officer of Crystal Stairs for seven years prior to taking public office she championed statewide family-focused policymaking, while assuring access to quality affordable child care for 25,000 children and meeting a monthly payroll for hundreds of employees.

Sydney spoke about their district events including the Tech Workshop on February 23. For more information please refer to their website

<http://www.asmdc.org/members/a54>

- Grayce Lui, DONE

Grayce Lui spoke in detail regarding the efforts of DONE to revamp and streamline the NC's funding program for efficiency and an overall better process

She also discussed the NC election and selection processes; and it was noted that if the WNC wanted to make a change to each four years - that this would take effect after the next election cycle.

B) Bob Guerin:

- Approval of \$1699.75 to Friends of West LA to purchase jackets for West LAPD

Motion:

The WNC moves to approve \$1699.75 to Friends of West LA for the purchase of jackets for WLAPD.

Moved: Bob Guerin

Second: Mike

Vote: Yes 13 No 0 Abstain 1 (Seat 12b Arturo)

- Reallocation of 2012-2013 Budget of 300 Community Benefit to 400 Neighborhood Purposes in the amount of \$6,243.73

Motion:

The WNC moves for a reallocation of line items in the 2012-2013 Budget categories of 300 Community Benefit to 400 Neighborhood Purposes in the amount of \$6,243.73.

Moved: Bob Guerin

Second: Drew

Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 0

- Board Resolution Vote to Approve 2012 1st and 2nd P Card Quarterlies

WNC Board Resolution Vote:

Motion:

That 'We, the board members of the Westside Neighborhood Council, declare that on 2/14/13 at our monthly public meeting we have reviewed and approved the following purchase card quarterlies:

2012 1st Quarter in the amount of \$693.64

2012 2nd Quarter in the amount of \$737.85

We also declare we have sufficient funds from our 2012-13 Budget for these purchases and that a quorum was present on 2/14/13.

Moved: Bob
Second: Melissa

Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 0

Bob presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

• **Treasurer's Report**

Starting Balance	\$29,445.18
100 Operations Starting Balance	1,490.26
Verizon (Monthly Charges Total for YTD) 253.96	
Earthlink (Monthly Charges Total YTD) 219.35	
PO BOX Renewal 1 YR (Oct) 218.00	
Earthlink and Verizon January	58.29
Toshiba Repair for Terri Laptop (October) 24.95	
Cawley Company Name Badge for John Padden (Nov) 26.86	
Cawley Company Name Badges for New Members (December) 44.91	
Total Spent January	58.29
Remaining Balance 100 Operations	1,431.97
200 Outreach Starting Balance	10,322.21
CopyLand Take Me Home Postcards (August) 99.16	
Lisa Morocco Reimbursement for Pick Pico Street Permit (Sept) 414.48	
Lisa Morocco Reimbursement for Plant Pico Flyers (Oct) 49.04	
Kinkos Printed Copies of Pico Beautification Plan(December) 215.11	
Sketch Farm Web Maintenance	3,700.00
Total Spent January	3,700.00
Remaining Balance 200 Outreach	6,622.21
300/400 Community Improvement/Grant Starting Balance	17,632.71
Valley Crest Tree Service/Tree Trim Pico (July) 3,072.29	
Valley Crest Tree Care 2 Trees on Pico (Sept) 300.00	
Westwood Charter Grant for iPads (December) 1,300.00	
Overland School Grant for Mural (December) 1,375.00	
FOWLA for LAFD	1,500.00
Friends of Rancho Park/Palms Library	768.73
Total Spent January	2,268.73

Remaining Balance 300 Community Improvement 15,363.98

Ending Balance January 23,418.16

(Submitted by Bob on behalf of Lisa Morocco, WNC Treasurer)

C) Josh Geller, Association of Los Angeles City Attorneys

- **Presentation on Prop. LA-A (1/2 cent sales tax)**

He was not available to present.

D) Marty Rubin. CRAAP

- **Support for motion to have Los Angeles City represented on Santa Monica Airport Issues**

Marty Rubin provide background on this issue; and Terri and the WNC Board members discussed. It was acknowledged that the flight patterns directly impact WNC residents and stakeholders.

Motion:

Los Angeles Action Regarding Santa Monica Airport

“Whereas Los Angeles City Council District 11 (CD 11) borders Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to the south and to the east, including a portion of the east end of SMO within the City of Los Angeles CD 11; and Whereas the CD 11 neighborhoods of Mar Vista, Venice, and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods, as well as the Council District 5(CD5) neighborhoods of Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods within CD5 are all uniquely impacted by nuisances, and serious safety/public health concerns created by SMO operations; Therefore be it resolved that the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) requests that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles take all necessary steps, including opening a council file directing the City Attorney to research all potential actions that may be taken to protect the public health of Los Angeles residents against extreme environmental, safety, and all other disproportionate impacts from SMO operations.”

Be it further resolved that the WNC recommends, in order to assure that Los Angeles' interests are given fair and appropriate attention, the City of Los Angeles request official Los Angeles CD 11 and CD5 representation at all meetings with the City of Santa Monica that pertain to the future uses of SMO; including SMO staff meetings with the FAA.

Move: Bob

Second: Mary

Pass: Yes 13 No 0 Abstain 1 Seat 12b)

E) Eric Bruins, LA County Bicycle Coalition:

- **Presentation on proposed Bike Lanes on Westwood, Sepulveda and in Century City**

The WNC submitted a letter on this (please refer to it for details.) Terri noted that Aaron is the WNC lead on this issue.

Eric Bruins reported on and on behalf of the LACBC presented to the Westside Neighborhood Council and stakeholders aspects of the proposed Bike Plan including Westwood Boulevard. This was presented for informational purposes and to bring attention to the upcoming hearing on February 19th at 6pm at the LADOT Parking Office at Expo/Sepulveda. As part of outreach for this project and others in CD5, LADOT, City Planning, and LACBC have had various meetings with affected stakeholders near the proposed projects.

CD5 facilitated a meeting on Wednesday (2/6) with participation from the three HOAs in the vicinity of Westwood Boulevard. Additionally, LACBC and CD5 attended WSSM's HOA meeting on Tuesday night (2/5). A community ride is taking place on Saturday 2/9 leaving from the Riddick Center at 11 AM and traveling along the length of the proposed project.

The hearing will be for all 4 proposed projects on the Westside: Avenue of the Stars, Westwood Blvd, Sepulveda Blvd, and Centinela/Bundy.

The proposed project on Westwood has not been finalized, so it would be premature for the WNC to take a position in favor or in opposition at this time.

They are interested in having a dialogue with WNC and to receive feedback that will help shape the project to best fit the community. For each of the bike lane projects, LACBC's role is to work with stakeholders to ensure that a full conversation can take place outside the confines of an official hearing. This allows us to work with LADOT to create a project that takes into account community concerns.

The City will also need to directly hear from stakeholders at the 2/19 hearing.

At the CD5 meeting, LADOT and City Planning presented the proposed project analyzed in the DEIR and explained the process for approval. Discussion included the details of the proposed project and potential impacts analyzed in the DEIR. Concerns included traffic impacts and safety. Parking was discussed, but is not proposed to be removed by this project.

More information can be found at info@bicycleLA.org

Written comments can be submitted to David Summers at the LA Department of Planning.

Terri stated that there are going to be significant impacts to the WNC and the greater area as a result of Expo and this should be evaluated for a workable plan.

Philip said they support bike lanes but are not in favor of giving up necessary traffic lanes for the bike plan.

Stakeholders speaking, submitting letters, statements and speaker cards in support of the bike plan included: Kristen Figueroa, Francie Stefan, Jenny Takakura, Lana Martin, Calla Wiemer, Daniel Rodman, RoseAnn Fleming, Janet Garstang, Michael Brodsky, Dennis Hindman, Austin Sos, Margaret Wynne, Dylan Smith. There were also those supporting bikes but who don't feel safe including Janet Gorsham.

Stakeholders against the bike plan as proposed at this time include John Vacaria, Truman Ta and Cheryl. Ira Newlander left before he had an opportunity to speak.

F) Barbara Broide:

- **Sidewalk Repair Proposal**

Refer to Barbara's outline and detailed report and proposal.

- **Support for WRAC Land Use Committee Community Care Ordinance motion**

The Proposed WRAC Motion, Amending Motion 31B, Council File 11-0262, CCFO

"We, the members of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, oppose Amending Motion 31B, submitted January 30, 2013 to Council File 11-0262, on the following grounds:

- **Lack of sufficient staff support and lack of a funding mechanism**
- **Inability to presently enforce codes**
- **Anticipated 10% across the board budget cuts to all City departments slated for FY 2013-2014**
- **Complete lack of transparent fiscal analysis**

We further strongly oppose the continued gutting of the R1 and other low density residential zones in the City of Los Angeles. The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles protects the residential character of these zones. The City is therefore required by law to prepare a General Plan Amendment and to produce a full Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA to establish any ordinance adding boarding houses as a by right use into low density residential zones."

(please reference Report)

Motion: That the WNC support motion 4F; proposed WRAC Motion, amending Motion 31B, Council File 11-0262, CCFO.

Moved: Barbara

Second: Arturo

Vote :Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 0

G) Terri Tippit:

Terri discussed and reviewed the following items:

- **Link to take Mayor Budget Survey**

The Mayor's Budget Survey- Boardmembers and stakeholders may take on line <http://la.budgetchallenge.org>

- **Support for WRAC Infrastructure motion**

WRAC LUPC Proposed Infrastructure Motion:

“Whereas the maintenance of City infrastructure is critical for the quality of life of all citizens in all neighborhoods with regard to the provision of adequate public services: police; fire; schools; parks/open space; libraries; transportation; sewers; flood control; water and water treatment; power supply and delivery; and

Whereas Los Angeles City officials are required by the City's General Plan to produce an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure (ARGI) as cited in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 2, Growth and Capacity, Growth Monitoring, and

Whereas the most recent report dates from 2000 and is based upon data from 1998, and

Whereas members of WRAC are experiencing 'piece-mealing' of development projects in the Western Los Angeles area without adequate regional infrastructure assessment, growth monitoring or capacity,

Therefore WRAC recommends an immediate proper annual assessment of infrastructure be undertaken based upon accurate and up to date information, to:

- **Determine present and future development carrying capacity of the Westside prior to the issuance of approvals/permits for upcoming projects.**
- **Balance long-term impacts on the environment and geopolitics**
- **Identify and establish funding sources for infrastructure upgrades, including directing payments from local sources to the local area instead of the City's general fund. “**

Motion: That the WNC support the WRAC LUPC Proposed Infrastructure Motion.

Move: Drew

Second: Arturo

Vote: Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 0

H) Melissa Kenady:

- **Pick Pico Update**

Melissa gave an update on the plans in formation for the next Pick Pico Event and promotion.

It was noted the MTA Call For Project recipients will be announced in July not in March.

Barbara requested that at our next meeting, there be an update regarding monies transferred/allocated to Pico Blvd Beautification project.

5. Reports:

**Wesly Hernandez:
CD5 Update**

Jay Greenstein gave the CD 5 report for Wesly Hernandez which highlighted:

- Requested comments are in on the Bike Plan impacts**
- 405 Project expects reduced impact on traffic with Cotner Avenue on ramp which has a two week time frame.**
- The northbound 405 lanes will be experiencing reduced lanes and ramps for weekend of March 1st. Lanes will be restored by 5 am on Monday. Barbara Broide commented that the overnight Sepulveda Blvd closure is north of our area.**
- There is a victory regarding native trees and plants on the Sara Berman greenway. 90% will be protected during the light rail construction.**

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

Officer Rashad reported on recent crime activities in the WNC area and presented his Crime Update. He noted there was a marked decrease in crime in the area. Dick asked about the copper wire & copper theft; Officer Rashad said there is a City Task force addressing this growing problem.

Officer O'Hada discussed with the group the Bakersfield to Vegas run and are asking for WNC support as in the past. Terri noted the LAPD always gives WNC recognition in this regard.

LAFD:

Captain David and members of the LAFD acknowledged and thanked the members of the WNC for their support which he said is always greatly appreciated and is even more significant with respect to the City's budget cuts.

Treasurer Report:

**Bob presented the Treasurer's report as outlined in Item 4 B.
Please see the Financial Report for details.**

6) Public Forum

Peter Brown representing the Coalition to Save the Westside spoke regarding the JMB development project in Century City. Concern re impacts to traffic and density as well as accuracy of trip counts between buildings was cited. He would like to make more comments to the WNC after the EIR has been published.

Terri commented that the WNC can not take a position due to lack of quorum/minimum 9 votes required.

**Bob Guerin requested that the issue of WNC quorum be researched. Arturo provided the following resource from the City;
Darren Martinez@lacity.org
@13-978-8197**

Announcements were made regarding fundraiser for Westwood Elementary School on March 2nd and Overland Elementary School on March 16th @ Beverly Hills Country Club.

Tickets are available on line or at the schools.

Motion to Adjourn At 10:15 PM.

**Motion By: Bob
Second By: Melissa**

**Motion Passed: Unanimous
Submitted By Recording Secretary
Special Note & Thank You:
Minutes of Meeting from 9:30 PM to 10:15 PM taken by Melissa Kenady as
Recording Secretary left at 9:30 PM**

