

Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday September 12, 2013  
7:00 P.M.  
Westside Pavilion 10800 W. Pico  
Meeting Room A

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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:**

John Padden, seat 1 (Arr. 7:15 p.m.)  
Lisa Morocco, seat 2  
Brandon Behrstock, (alt) seat 3  
Steve Spector seat 4  
Susan Bursk, (alt) seat 5  
Juan Camacho, (alt) seat 6  
Barbara Broide seat 7  
Terri Tippit, seat 8  
Drew DeAscentis, seat 9  
Richard Harmetz, seat 10  
Mary Kusnic, seat 11  
Francesca Beale-Rosano, (alt) seat 13  
Shannon Burns seat 14  
Eric Shabsis, seat 15 (Arr. 7:10 p.m.)  
Aaron Rosenfield, seat 17

We have a quorum

2. **Approval of August 8, 2013 Minutes**

Lisa made motion to approve. Barbara seconds; Approved: 9-0-4 (Abst., seats 5,6, 3, 13)

3. **Public Comment:**

Claudia Martin, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, West Bureau, introduced herself. Claudia stated that she is assigned to two divisions. Her role is in connection with quality of life crimes and city agencies. Best way to contact is to email her. The City provides them with blackberries. Her work on the Westside generally involves people lodging in vehicles, on the street; graffiti. Regarding enforcement issues, Claudia noted that it is not against the law to “loiter” except to commit a crime, so there’s a distinction. If people are sleeping on private property (i.e. in doorways of a commerical building) there needs to be signs that say no

trespassing. LAMC section 4124 – explains the details that must be on the sign, how large, etc. The owner of the property must fill out a form to give to LAPD to allow LAPD the authority to go to location and effectuate arrest.

#### 4. **LAPD Report.**

Mario Gonzalez added to the discussion regarding the homeless. Noted that we see mattresses, furniture, and even t.v.s on public property. Eric asked about RV's in the neighborhood. Manning by Vista del Mar; Sepulveda. Mario stated that they need to prove they are living in camper and are homeless, and they can't get inside.

Rashad Sharif is not here; Mario is reporting on his behalf. He had a couple of light burglaries last month. For Mario, Cheviot Hills has calmed down this month. The burglars have now been identified, but just need to pick them up. Residents are now interrogating people who come to their door. 5 cars vandalized on Wallavista; Queensbury; Manning. Keyed cars. Happened in the night. Robberies, but eastside of his reporting area, Robertson area.

Susan asked how to sign up for crime reports. Mario responded: [25483@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25483@lapd.lacity.org) – email him for that and he'll sign people up.

Dick noted a number of small burglaries from vehicles in his area. Most don't report these.

#### 5. **CD5 Report: Sheila Kouhkan:**

Discussed Selby tunnel, where children going to Westwood Charter cross at Olympic. Sheila has been patrolling at different times with Mario. Will continue to check, but it looks like the homeless man is no longer there as reported by a parent.

Puppy mill ordinance discussed. Kennels is an issue. Puppy Luv was discussed. It is a new Pico business with overnight boarding that is of concern to the residents who live behind it.

Palms Rancho Park Library will be putting a plaque up dedicated to Ray Bradbury with a plaque. It will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m.; two daughters will be there. A panel will be there afterwards to discuss.

International art competition Farhang Foundation donating a sculpture to city of L.A. which will be located in West L.A. Will be in Century City. Looking at Century Park East, a little plot of land with median.

Aaron applauded Councilmember Koretz for working on fracking. Lisa thanked Councilmember Korteiz for coming to Take Me Home Pet Adoption on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Westside Pavilion, jointly sponsored by the WNC.

Drew asked about the DWP surge issue. CD5 is checking with DWP on the May 6<sup>th</sup> issue. Have an investigator looking at it. Looking good. 96 claims were made and denied. Eric commented on what happened in his area and what people were using at the time when their electronics were fried by the surge.

**6. Announcements:**

A. Neighborhood council conference of neighborhoods. September 28<sup>th</sup>; must register

B. Budget Reps need help. Brandon volunteers (conditionally).

C. Participation in UCLA study. Concerns raised.

D. WRAC issue on Land Use. Barbara reported a representative hired for building compliance and enforcement from planning to target enforcement of community plan compliance in connection with consolidation of departments. She halted all ABC issuance of permits to say not working. Barbara noted that a motion was passed by the land use subcommittee and is moving forward. But growing lack of support from building and safety. See 13-0046 motion file. Land Use had issue with funds for inspections. Barbara wanted an emergency motion. Steve noted that the WNC must first vote to on whether to allow an emergency motion. Aaron asked – what’s the urgency? Barbara said “they” are taking a vote October 1<sup>st</sup>. Doesn’t know who is voting on it. Terri does not feel there should be an emergency vote until we find out what this is about and will get B&S opponents to explain their point of view.

E. Announcements on Century City by Susan Bursk. Roots of Jazz discussed. Also have event, honor women in Chamber in Century City; October 17<sup>th</sup>, evening. Sarah Shaw is one of the honorees. Mike Feuer will be there discussing first 100 days in office. Call Chamber office say WNC and will give member rate.

F. Barbara gave updates on several items:

(1) Save our streets – going to council on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Public works waived consideration. Our motion was not in council file. See last motion in our minutes. Motion 13-1300S1

(2) Sign ordinance coming up – going back to committee.

(3) Mural ordinance passed, but working on opt-in option.

(4) Quarterly VA meeting next week that Barbara will go to.

G. John Padden discussed road closures. Terri noted will be closing Westwood Blvd. between Ashby and Richland from 7 p.m. Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> October - 6 a.m. Monday 27<sup>th</sup>. Overland Ave: November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> closed between Ashby and Coventry. Purpose (Expo) to lay the tracks, cut curbs; raise the roadway.

H. Lisa reminded the WNC of the upcoming Take Me Home Pet Adoption days at the Westside Pavilion.

I. Lisa announced that the asphalt truck is coming our way on September 25<sup>th</sup>, to dump asphalt on areas identified by the community. The City will be making the choices.

J. MTA call for projects – decision date is September 26<sup>th</sup>. \$1.8 million. Will know in October for sure.

7. **New Business:**

On the agenda was Sean McMillan of the Westside Neighborhood Greenway Steering Committee seeking support for funding. It was withdrawn from the agenda.

8. **Treasurer's Report:**

Lisa reported. \$38.10 spent on phone.

Treasurer Funding Motions (Voted on solely by those who are certified):

1. Take me home days. Motion made by Lisa to approve up to \$200 for Take Me Home Day flyers and posters. Mary seconds. Approved: 9-0-0
2. Approve up to \$6,000 for Pico Tree Trimming on Pico Kelton to 405 to Valley Crest Tree Trimming (to include permit fee). Lisa moves. Shannon seconds. Issue raised re: permit fees and waiver. Explained must have, no waiver, when DOT gets involved. Approved: 9-0-0.
3. Approve up to \$700 for outreach material. Lisa explains WNC members will go to residents association fair in WNC area, and other resident and business events in the WNC area to promote the WNC. The WNC will have a table, and provide flyers and other promotional items to promote the WNC. Lisa Moves; John seconds. Approved: 9-0-0.

Mary moves to adjourn; Susan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.