

Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Westside Pavilion
10800 W. Pico

AGENDA (Items Appear As Called)

1. Call to Order

Call to order: 7:05 PM

By Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

Attendance:

Kate Kennedy (Seat 1 alternate)

Lisa Morocco (Seat 2)

Brandon Behrstock (Seat 3)

Steve Spector (Seat 4)

David Burke (Seat 5)

Sarah Shaw (Seat 6)

Barbara Broide (Seat 7)

Terri Tippit (Seat 8)

Sean McMillian (Seat 9)

Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)

Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12)

Francesca Beale-Rosano (Seat 13)

Shannon Burns (Seat 14)

Eric Shabsis (Seat 15)

Lisa Tabor (Seat 16)

Aaron Rosenfield (Seat 17)

Absent:

Stacy Antler (Seat 10)

2. Agenda Items:

New Business:

A) Sean McMillian update on Westwood Charter. Presentation by LAUSD School Board Member Steve Zimmer. Public comments and questions included. Contact steve.zimmer@lausd.net, <http://www.laschoolboard.org/node/675>:

Mr. McMillian – Thank you to the School Board Member and staff for coming tonight to hear the concerns about Westwood Charter School. I was appointed chair and have requested your attendance to sort out a lot of conflicting information parents are getting. You can help us separate the fact from fiction.

Parents are hearing about possibilities associated with over enrollment causing boundary changes and bussing. I have been contacted by neighbors and attended a homeowner's meeting with WSSM where there were concerns over devaluing associated with boundary changes. The objective is to help the community see the situation more clearly and come together. It was suggested we reach out to the School Board Member directly to discuss the matter with the Neighborhood Council.

Ms. Broide – I was lucky, when my family moved in Westwood Charter was under enrolled. Now it is a success. People care about it and it is the center of our community. A focus of family life. Nobody wants to be cut off. People are afraid the process is a big black box that will create a new community plan. Upzoning on Pico is a concern too because there is no infrastructure at our schools to support it.

Mr. McMillian – Fraudulent enrollment is a concern. The idea people who do not live in the boundary using some other address. How is fraudulent enrollment quantified and addressed? If it is 20% it is really impacting and even if it is just 5% there are still impacts.

Mr. Zimmer – Thank you for having us. I served 8 years on my neighborhood council, so I can appreciate the time and energy of the board members. The neighborhood council is an important forum for discussion. I want to make sure you get accurate information. The Westwood Charter School problem is a good problem. We have folks investing in their neighborhood schools with their most precious resource (their kids), it is good. Parents, the kids and the community have made the school a success. It is our job to get out of the way and let teachers do their magic. We want to invest in Emerson too, to make it a great school.

There has been a renaissance in public education on the Westside. Westwood, Fairburn and Overland are examples of strong engagement and a commitment to elementary schools. It is spreading to Venice, Playa Vista, Westchester... Folks are coming back to their neighborhood schools. What we are experiencing is an enrollment crunch, so what do we do? (1) Build and expand if possible. But, we do not have the land/space to expand at most schools. (2) Look at people and make sure they are living in attendance boundaries. I believe in not changing boundaries when there is a crunch in enrollment. My plan and the instruction given to the superintendent is not to change boundaries. There is not going to be a change in boundary for Westwood Charter. As long as I am in this position, this is the line in the sand. The Westwood Charter facilities do not match the quality of the instruction. This is why voters approved Measure Q. But that does not mean there will be a massive expansion at the school. Space is limited and cannot accommodate major construction.

So, if we are not going to change boundaries and cannot build, what can we do? The solution, which is not ideal, is we are going to hub transitional kindergarten (TK). *(Note: According to the State – “TK is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Pursuant to law, EC 48000(c), a child is eligible for TK if a child will have his or her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 (inclusive).”* <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp#program>.)

We want universal TK where possible. It’s a goal. Where we cannot, we have hubbing where space is available. By hubbing TK, we observe everyone’s right who lives in a boundary to enroll in their neighborhood school. The TK hub for Westwood Charter is going to be Nora Sterry. It will not...it will not (repeated)...impact Kindergarten enrollment. TK enrollment does not effect Kindergarten enrollment. We do TK hubbing and we maintain boundaries. If it is possible to add class space at Westwood Charter because of Measure Q, I will do it. But I am not hearing it yet. *(Note: Measure Q – “To improve student health, safety and educational quality, shall the Los Angeles Unified School District: continue repair/upgrade of aging/deteriorating classrooms, restrooms; upgrade fire/earthquake safety; reduce asbestos, lead paint, air pollution, water quality hazards; build/upgrade specialized classrooms students need to meet job/college requirements; improve classroom Internet access by issuing \$7 billion in bonds, at legal interest rates; with guaranteed annual audits, citizens’ oversight, no increase in maximum tax rate.”* <http://www.smartvoter.org/2008/11/04/ca/la/meas/Q/>.)

There is permanent enrollment offered to people outside the boundary for work and permits given for other reasons. When there is a crunch, we pull back on this. I am almost sure this has been done with Westwood Charter. LAUSD defers to Westwood Charter on how to handle fraudulent enrollment. We do not swoop in and say how interventions are escalated. We do encourage rooting out dishonesty on the enrollment end. If the community wants to increase interventions, that is something the school will respond to. The School Board will not aggressively step in. We do believe the least disruption occurs at the enrollment moment. The classroom is a community, something unique about Westwood Charter. It makes sense to escalate around enrollment on the front-end to preserve the classroom community.

Saul Brand – When will fraudulent enrollment become an issue that the School Board will consider for stronger enforcement?

Mr. Zimmer – A greater level of involvement from LAUSD can be initiated from the school site requesting assistance from LAUSD or data irregularities causing a School Board Intervention. We have trained counselors who help with enrollment that could be utilized by a school.

Diane Gross – Thank you to the WNC for your support of Westwood Charter and providing some funding for books for our library.

Adrienne Nelson – Changing boundaries is a hot button issue. Fraudulent enrollment is not a major issue. Moving TK is only 30-40 kids and we have a major enrollment crunch. My issue is the facility. The facility is in desperate need of a redo. Our school is not perfectly fine. We are pulling funds together, our art program is outside and can be ruined by the rain. The asphalt is cracked. How can we move to redoing our facility?

Mr. Zimmer – I share your concerns. This is why Measure Q was passed. Westwood Charter is on the short list of schools in desperate need. I cannot give you a date when it will start. I will try to leverage the process. We have started with the High Schools and the Middle Schools are next...then the Elementary Schools. We got to get to Westwood Charter. I assure you it is on the short list.

Ms. Burns – I have been in the community for longer than many. My sister graduated from Westwood Charter in 1966. That was the year the old building was torn down and the new one built. It will be 50 years next year. We need an expansion for the 21st century.

Eric Selcor – Look at all the single family houses being demolished and apartment buildings going up. All those people are going to want to go to Westwood Charter. Why not do the same for Westwood Charter with an expansion?

Bruce, Staff person for Mr. Zimmer – We need more support at enrollment for address verification. Much more vigilance will be useful. The site is not big. On capacity, dropoffs/pickups are hard now. Increasing capacity is not really a possibility. The answer is to relocate TK. Then the kids come back for true Kindergarten. No boundary changes at this time.

Adam Schneider – How do you look at enrollment forecasts?

Mr. Zimmer – There is a combination of strategies we are going to employ. 1. Leveraging Measure Q, but not for an expansion. 2. Hubbing TK. 3. Better enrollment verification. We think this will help the problem. In Playa Vista, everyone moving there is extremely pregnant. As long as that doesn't happen here, we think the collective interventions will work. There are some pressures in other areas not at work at Westwood Charter. Enrollment is consistent at surrounding schools. We are not seeing an exodus from surrounding schools, which works in Westwood Charter's favor.

Bruce – In terms of enrollment, I look at trends. Is there growth, decreased enrollment or is enrollment steady? Then we look at demography, birth rates and

other trends. We look at least at five years, the enrollment history. Staff does not usually get surprised at what enrollment is going to be.

Ranit Efron – In the scenario where residents use their grandparents info to attend school, what are the tools for verification? Is there anything that can be done for charter residents that rent one month and then move out? Regarding overflow – can Westwood Charter have an official overflow school?

Mr. Zimmer – We can work this year on an overflow plan. We think TK will work. At the request of the school, we can have an attendance counselor look at enrollment issues unique to Westwood Charter. We cannot list the steps they take because we don't want people to know how to get around what we do. On the residency requirements, don't know exactly, not sure if there is precedent to extend residency requirements.

Bruce – On the grandparents its tough times. Special situations and needs exist. We can look into it. Gaming can happen. Once a family moves into boundary and then moves out, the law is they can continue attending the school.

David Glazor – Thank you for coming. Are the principal and two coordinators efficient enough to do the work? Overcapacity has been a problem for 4 years, when does something get done?

Mr. Zimmer – We want to address the point of enrollment issue. We have experts to weed out fraudulent enrollment.

Member of public – Principals at three local schools say home visits don't happen often. Massive home visits are not happening.

Bruce – The principals need to be making sure the school is safe and secure and there is quality instruction. We don't want the principals out knocking on doors.

Elizabeth Rosenson – Need to look at once you are in, you are in at Westwood Charter. Set a cutoff for registration. Have an overflow school so people can make a plan. I bought my house where I bought it so my child can go to Westwood Charter.

Mr. Shabsis: Thank you for coming today. I appreciate the positive and productive dialogue from everyone. Westwood Charter is a product of its own success. Westwood provides high quality instruction. It is a good thing. Issues come with that. On fraudulent enrollment, what are we teaching children by lying where we live so they can attend a school? Sometimes the thing to do is intervene when parents are not making the right choice. It is about right and wrong.

There is an issue with a child with physical limitations forced to walk up stairs at Westwood Charter. It has still not been addressed. We need to make sure school is accessible to the kids there. Every day the child pulls himself up the stairs. It is embarrassing as a district this has happened.

There was a one year solution with Emerson. To see the district capitulate under pressure when space is available at another school was disappointing.

Mr. McMillian – Thank you for being here Mr. Zimmer. I have been given a petition of 379 signatures saying intervention is wanted. Is there anything else we can do as a community to make sure the principal has the resources she needs?

Member of the public – The instructional program keeps property values up. When there is a problem, go to the school first. Using the process builds collaboration and is the first step in the process.

Ms. Broide – Nobody in the community wants to micromanage. We have a mark at Westwood because there has not been a demonstration that something happens if you come to Westwood Charter and do not reside in the boundaries. We don't want to be an easy mark. It is important for the City to come up with a plan regarding upzoning and to work with LAUSD to accommodate growth.

B) LAPD Senior Lead - Rashad Sharif: I am the Sargent Lead Office (SLO) for the area that includes Westwood Charter. Charlie Beck put officers at every school a couple years ago when there was a shooting. In the area, there is not a lot of violent crime. The number one issue is property crimes, homes and car break-ins. We are the safest area in L.A. This makes us a target. Remember to lock it up. Three burglaries since 4/1 at 2200 Kerwood, 2200 Parnell and 1800 Holmby. Lot's of car break-ins. Stealing of personal items and car parts. A mirror on your car is stolen and might cost \$1200 at the dealership, but is put on Craigslist for \$300.

Veronica De La Cruz, Neighborhood Prosecutor for the City Attorney. veronica.delacruz-robles@lacity.org, 310-202-3861: I work closely with the senior leads. I am in court advocating for the WLA residents. I also spend time checking things in the field. Connect directly with me via email.

Mr. Shabsis – At Palms Park there are aggressive homeless individuals and drug sales out of the car.

Ms. De La Cruz – We have prosecuted some individuals and issued stay-away orders. WLA gang unit goes there daily and the narcotics unit once per week. We are actively working on problems at the park.

Mr. Shabsis – Some folks are Veterans. Can we do outreach?

Ms. De La Cruz – We are there to figure out who is doing what and WLA resources are there daily.

Ms. Shabsis – Thank you for working on it. I know Chuy and CD5 have been working on it as well.

Ms. De La Cruz – We are working as a team, library staff, council office...

Ms. Morocco – There is a missing crossing guard at Selby and people living under the underpass.

Police Representative – I talked to the school. There will be a guard at Overland and Olympic. School is going to sweep weekly under the underpass.

Member of the public – What do we do about trash stealers. Some are confrontational.

Mr. Sharif – Once the trash is on the street, it belongs to the City. The City is the victim. The City is reticent to file charges.

C) Daniel Tam, Mayor Garcetti's Office,

http://www.lamayor.org/meet_daniel_tamm_your_westside_area_representative:

1. I give kudos for creating an environment where neighbors can air out thorny issues and work on problems together. 2. Mayor Garcetti appointed Dr. Lucile Jones to develop earthquake resilience strategies for Los Angeles. It is plan for preparedness on multiple levels. It will cover the economy, vulnerabilities of the city's water delivery infrastructure, communications infrastructure and private and government owned buildings. 3. Mayor will be near Palms and Sawtelle on April 23 at 5:45 PM. 4. Bus improvements are happening on Wilshire that will go with the Purple Line decreasing travel time each direction by fifteen minutes. 5. The mayor released a Sustainable City Plan to prepare Los Angeles for all aspects of sustainability. Los Angeles is expected to grow tremendously, people want to be here. See: <http://plan.lamayor.org/>.

Ms. Mason Heller and Ms Broide: Board questions raised on sustainability and how it relates to schools, upzoning and growth? Where is the integration occurring with other plans? Where is the public oversight and forum for comments on the plan?

D) Jacqueline Hamilton, Karen Bass's Office,

jacqueline.hamilton@mail.house.gov, 323-965-1422: Ms. Bass has had over a dozen public events in her district. She takes pride in connecting to constituents. Info at: <http://bass.house.gov/>. Meet your Congresswomen Sunday, April 12 from 10 AM – 12 PM at the Cheviot Hills Rec Center, 2551 Motor Ave. The idea is to

have a conversation about what is important to the community and what is going on in Congress. She wants to know people's concerns/issues in different geographic areas of her district. Aim is for the conversation to be 30-40 people so the Congresswoman can talk directly with people.

E) LA City Council District 5 Representative Chuy Orozco: 1. Mr. Orozco presented on the anti genocide rally occurring April 19 at the Pan Pacific Park in Los Angeles from 9 AM to 1 PM. More info: <http://la.walktoendgenocide.org/>, 949-235-7304. A group will be going from Mr. Koretz's Office. Los Angeles City Councilmembers have a motion urging President Obama to recognize the Armenian Genocide and voicing LA's support for H-Res 154, the Armenian Genocide Truth and Justice resolution introduced in Congress. Mr. Koretz had a father from Germany in World War 2 who was impacted by the genocide there. 2. Cheviot Hills Medians will be getting drought resistant plants. 3. CF-15022 will go to Council on 4/14 regarding oversized vehicles in restricted areas. 4. The Councilman opposes upzoning on Pico. A letter is in the process of being drafted. 5. The ICO on mansionization is in place. It has to do with property development, which is now restricted to slightly above 50%. 6. The Midas 6 ft wall will have an inspection and be looked at.

Ms. Morocco – Thank you to the Council Office, Jay and Chuy, for helping with the Pico application process. It is helping to accelerate the grant process and the starting date of the project. Surveys were disseminated as a requirement of the project to attendees. Please complete them.

Mr. Shabsis – Some departments like Sanitation or DWP might have money for California native plants.

F) Additional Public Comment – Ann Porter with Move to Amend, 323-255-1279: Discussed a video to raise awareness and educate community about the corporate Constitutional Rights issue. The video is called “A Question of Personhood” may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaKWLuu2IHU>. Advocates corporations should not have claims to be people and not be allowed to influence politics to the extent they are.

Norm Bernier, West LA Chamber of Commerce, normanbernier@hotmail.com. 310-441-2900: Left a flier on Delphi Greek Cuisine to enjoy Fairburn's Family Week Out 4/13-4/19. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Fairburn. Delphi is at 1383 Westwood Blvd. The public should present the flier or mention Fairburn when ordering. www.delphigreek.com. The WLA Chamber's 18th Annual Health and Business Expo is 4/26 from 10 AM to 5 PM on San Vicente Blvd between Barrington and Gorham in Brentwood. Details at: http://www.westlchamber.org/pages/pdf/hbe_15apr26_flyer122614.pdf.

G) Motion by Mr. Rosenfield to approve the March 13, 2015 minutes. Minutes were reviewed and discussed. Two changes were submitted. Craig Silvers amended notes to reflect changes with the new high school and Mr. Rosenfield submitted changes to reflect the letter on Pico upzoning was to go directly to Michael LoGrande in the Planning Department with a copy to Mike Bonin's Office.

Board Vote: 11-0-4.

Seats in favor - 1,3,6,7,8,9,11,13,15,16,17.

Seats abstaining – 2,5,12,14.

(Seat 4 absent for vote)

H) Tom Soong, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: First on Voting – We need to know how everyone votes as recorded in the minutes. Under the Brown Act, because Neighborhood Council Board Members make decisions for the public, it is fair to know how everyone votes.

Second, an Empower LA Worksheet was completed as follows:

***1. Article V - Governing Board, Section 3: Official Actions – Please clarify how your board takes official action and treats abstentions. This would not affect different voting requirements for other sections of the bylaws that required a different vote, e.g. 2/3 vote for bylaw amendments, board removal, etc.
X Simple majority vote by the board members present, not including abstentions***

2. Article VIII - Meetings, Section 3: Notifications/Postings – The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) passed a posting policy reducing posting locations from 5 to 1 location with 24 hour visibility if a Neighborhood Council has a website. If a Neighborhood Council doesn't have a website, they must maintain 5 physical posting locations. Neighborhood Councils with websites may still choose to maintain their 5 or more physical posting locations.

Defaults – Neighborhood Councils with a website will default to 1 physical posting location. Neighborhood Councils without a website will default to 5 physical posting locations.

X We have a website at www.wncla.org and will have 1 physical posting location at 10800 W Pico.

3. Article XI – Grievance Process – The City Council passed CF 13-1689 establishing seven regional Neighborhood Council Grievance Panels – South, Central, Harbor, West, East, North Valley and South Valley. Each Neighborhood Council may appoint one board member or stakeholder to serve on a pool of panelists. These panelists will review grievances and election challenges. Please submit your appointment:

Default is the President or Chair of the Neighborhood Council.

Name: Terri Tippit.

4. Article XIV – Compliance, Section 1: Code of Civility - The Commission passed a Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy, and the following language will be added to this section in addition to any other Neighborhood Council requirements. “Board members will abide by the Commission’s Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.” (Added)

5. Article XIV – Compliance, Section 2: Training - The Department requires board members to take ethics and funding training prior to voting on funding related items. There is no grace period for board members to take these trainings. The following language will be added to this section in addition to any other Neighborhood Council requirements: “All board members must take ethics and funding training prior to making motions and voting on funding related matters.” (Added)

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

Online and Telephone Voting

Neighborhood Councils will have the opportunity to add online and telephone voting to their 2016 elections at no additional cost to increase the convenience of voting for their stakeholders via computer, tablet, smart phone or regular touch tone phone. We have funding for 50 Neighborhood Councils to participate in this opportunity for the 2016 elections. A physical polling location will still be available on the day of the election. There will be a follow up election stipulation worksheet sent to Neighborhood Councils after July 1, 2015 to lock down polling locations, translation and election timelines.

6. Your Neighborhood Council verifies its voters via DOCUMENTATION and will NOT have the online and telephone voting options added to your 2016 elections unless the board votes to include online voting. Please select one:

X We want selections with self-affirmation voter verification

7. Telephone voting requires a lot of work in creating and recording scripts. You may choose to eliminate the telephone voting option if you believe your community will not use it. The default will be to HAVE it if you have chosen online voting.

X Not Applicable

8. Vote-by-Mail (for self-affirmation voters only) will be eliminated with online voting though we are exploring the possibility of having a voter request only vote-by-mail paper ballot for those Neighborhood Councils with online voting. If your Neighborhood Council is choosing online voting, would you be interested in voter request only vote-by-mail paper ballots?

X Not Applicable

9. Board Vote Structure

Please review Attachment B of your bylaws to see if your board voting structure is correct. Changes to the number of seats, except for an addition of a Community Interest At-Large seat, requires the board to fill out and submit a Bylaw Amendment Application by May 1, 2015 for Commission review. Please select one:

X Maintain the current board voting structure (default)

10. Candidate Filing Requirements

During the 2016 Neighborhood Council Elections Town Halls, board members suggested that candidates have an understanding of the Neighborhood Council system and the elections process prior to filing. We are polling Neighborhood Councils for their feedback so please answer the following question:

Should Neighborhood Council candidates be required take a 5-10 minute video training (produced by the City) about the Neighborhood Council system and their responsibilities as a candidate during the election process prior to completing their registration?

X Yes

11. Elected Board Members Seating Period

After the 2014 elections and during the 2016 Neighborhood Council Elections Town Halls, board members suggested that instead of the current staggering seating of newly elected board members, everyone is seated on July 1st. This was to minimize transition issues. Other board members stated that July 1st was too long, and they would end up with lame duck boards for several months. We are polling Neighborhood Councils for their feedback so please select one:

X Keep the current staggered seating of the board (existing)

Date of Board Action: 4/9/2015

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

Mr. Soong mentioned Herb Wesson is new Chair and wants to increase the Neighborhood Council budgets from \$37,000 to \$45,000.

I) Mr. Rosenfield made motion to support Councilmember Paul Koretz's Motion to Maintain Historical Reliability of the Power System/Power via support of Council File 14-1690, the Power Grid Motion.

Second: Ms. Mason Heller

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

J) Mr. Rosenfield made a motion supporting Council File 15-0020 on Collecting Fees related to condition compliance to projects asking that the Planning

Department report back in 45 days on the best practices of other jurisdictions, including the County of Los Angeles, to ensure proper resource allocation for condition inspections and enforcement AND further asks that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to work cooperatively to propose a method by which inspection fees related to condition compliance are required and collected by the City prior to the release of any final approval of a projects.

Second: Ms. Burns

Board Vote: 12-0-4.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,12,13,14,16,17.

Seats abstaining – 5,6,11,15

K) Agenda item rolled over to May covering Council File 14-1624, Report of Ways and Means regarding simplifying the community improvement project process. No vote taken.

L) Motion by Ms. Shaw regarding support of Council File 13-0025SI, Hit and Run Reward, in favor of the Police Commission report 14-0441 regarding recommendations for a hit and run collision reward system.

Second: Ms. Kusnic

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

M) Mr. Rosenfield, Pick Pico Update: The committee met two weeks ago. We hit the streets last week letting businesses know about the June 7 event and letting them know they can register now at www.pickpico.org. We have 37 sign ups so far, including 28 businesses, 7 artists and 2 non-profits.

Ms. Tippit – Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 29 at 6 pm at Heyler Realty.

N) WNC Treasurer Report – Brandon Behrstock, Treasurer:

Mr. Behrstock made a motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), which includes \$0 in expenditures with a balance of \$36,284:

Second: Ms. Burns

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

Ms. Morocco made a motion for funding to spend up to \$300 to replace dead tree in front of O'Groats Restaurant on Pico.

Second: Mr. Spector

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

Ms. Tippit – Let’s discuss at a future meeting dedicating the tree to Mr. Waltz (Lisa’s dad who recently passed away and was an advocate of community.)

Also a request was made for volunteer board members to meet with the Mayor at 11 AM on 4/25 at Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

O) Lisa Morocco on Pico Beautification: There is a \$6 million plan for Pico. MTA had A Call For Projects. We were successful on our third submission. They granted \$1.8 million and we have over \$2 million including matching funds. The project covers approximately 1.27 miles from the 405 to Patricia. With the help of the Council Office, we are attempting to accelerate the process. We need people to fill out surveys and there are other things we are doing for expedited processing. If we are successful, the design will be done in 2016 and implementation in 20 months will unfold. It involves things like stamped crosswalks, ADA compliant sidewalks, way-finding, sharrows on Tennessee and other pedestrian improvements. There will not be changes to the grant, we are just accelerating it.

Motion by Mr. Shabsis to reaffirm support for the grant.

Second: Mr. McMillian

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

P) Board Member Comments/Announcements:

Ms. Broide: Westside Cities is having a Transportation Community Dialogue on May 6 from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm. Come learn what the COG is working on to prepare for the Long Range Transportation Plan update and the potential sales tax ballot measure. More info at: <http://www.westsidecities.org/dialogue/>.

LA Curbed Article: Is There Space For the Single-Family House in the New LA? http://la.curbed.com/archives/2015/04/is_there_space_for_the_singlefamily_house_in_the_new_la.php.

Motion to Adjourn At 9:39 PM.

Motion By: Mr. Spector

Second By: MS. Burns

Board Vote: 16-0-0.

Seats in favor - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17.

Submitted: By Aaron Rosenfield