



**Westside Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 8, 2016 7:00 P.M.  
Westside Pavilion**

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

- Call to Order  
Chair Terri Tippit called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**Attendance:**

Jae Wu (Seat 1)  
Lisa Morocco (Seat 2)  
Rick Mendoza (Seat 3)  
Steve Spector (Seat 4)  
Brendan Kotler (Seat 5)  
Sarah Shaw (Seat 6)  
Barbara Briode (Seat 7)  
Terri Tippit (Seat 8)  
Sean McMillan (Seat 9)  
Stacy Antler (Seat 10)  
Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)  
Colleen Mason Heller (Seat 12)  
Francesca Beale-Rosano (Seat 13)  
Ira Newlander (Seat 14b)  
Eric Shabsis (Seat 15) Arrived at 8:25 pm  
Lisa Tabor (Seat 16)  
Thomas Born (Seat 17)

**Review and Adoption, August 11, 2016 Minutes**

**Motion:** That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the minutes of the Thursday, August 11, 2016 meeting as noted and presented.

**Motion by Coleen**

**Second by Rick**

**Motion Passed**

**Yes (Seats 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14) No 0 Abstain ( Seats 2, 4, 6, 10, 13, 16, 17 )**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

**Isiah Pickens spoke to introduce himself. He said that he is a stakeholder who recently moved here from New York.**

**Isiah said he works for UCLA and lives at National and Sepulveda. Isiah also noted that he is a child psychologist.**

**Terri and Sean shared thoughts on opportunities to volunteer including Sean's meeting this Saturday's on the**

**Homeless issue and they also noted the October 16<sup>th</sup> , 1-4pm open house, both at Heyler Realty.**

**Terri noted her HOA meeting on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with Councilmember Koretz and the LAPD Captain.**

**Brendan announced the Westfield Shopping Center is offering an opportunity for a hard hat tour of the Mall construction**

**Area. He said he would coordinate a time for those interested.**

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

**discussion and/or possible action**

**There were not any presentations at this meeting.**

### **5. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers - Rick Ballesteros and Mario Gonzales**

**SLO Rick spoke on the crime in the WNC area stating that statistically crime went down in the area. He added that theft from cars continues to be the largest issue. Sarah said at 10250 Constellation there were 2 auto break-ins last week.**

**SLO Rick noted there were also auto break-ins in areas North and South of Santa Monica Blvd; additionally he said there were clusters of theft from autos. He said that after the WLAPD did a Task Force awareness effort where flyers were passed out that incidents dropped to zero. Terri noted the theft of bikes in her area and the officers encourages using the VIN number registry for bikes.**

**SLO Mario spoke to the incident at Barrington and Olympic; he also noted the 1920 Century Park East robbery incident on the rooftop of the AAA building.**

#### **b. LA City Councilmember Paul Koretz and District Representative—Philip Bennett**

**Councilmember Paul Koretz addressed the WNC Board and stakeholders stating he was pleased to have the opportunity to attend. He highlighted several areas of interest opening with the status of the Quimby fees.**

The recent update expands the radius where funds can go and the provision was included where other districts with criteria would be able to take away the funds from one district to use in another district.

Councilmember Koretz explained he wrote an ordinance to disallow the provision to move funds; and further said it passed the Council unanimously.

(The Quimby Act, which is within the Subdivision Map Act, authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to require the dedication of land or impose fees for park or recreational purposes as a condition to the approval of a tentative or parcel subdivision map, if specified requirements are met.)

Councilmember Koretz gave an update on Granny flats.

He said in Los Angeles, the units have been in legal limbo since earlier this year when a court ruling found the city was permitting granny flats under state rules despite never repealing its more restrictive city ordinance. Last month, he said City Council voted to grandfather in approximately 300 secondary units that were already approved and had been on hold in the pipeline before the court ruling. Councilmember Koretz noted the Council will be writing new rules for implementation, which while many want to take into account the distinct needs of different neighborhoods, will be definitive with units ranging from the 1200 square feet to 640 square feet. The Granny flats have become a political issue in cities across the state with some residents opposed that are concerned that they conflict with neighborhood character.

Councilmember Koretz also spoke about baseline Mansionization and stated it is moving forward and going to PLUM

On September 20, 2016. He said there will be a 45% limit to lot size ratio in most areas with second story guidelines to lot lines. He added the ICO's in areas will be dealt with and cited the Bel Air ICO which includes and addresses the underground issues.

Philip spoke about the Selby Tunnel and stated that he is working with Joel Jacinto on recommendations and solutions

on the matter. He noted that most important of concerns is the issue of safety; he spoke to the actions and solutions which include signage, removing the homeless immediately and fencing and locking the entrances at night.

Philip added they are also looking at installing cameras which CD5 will add their support.

Barbara noted the concern that the NC's need to have the opportunity to give input and be heard which is not always

possible as there is not sufficient notice given by the various agencies and departments. She spoke about this and cited the 7 year sign ordinance issue as an example.

Councilmember Koretz added with respect to the park issue, that the Director of Recreation and Parks, Mike, would not take funds from one district to give to another; and he said were there a situation for him to do so it would have to be done with transparency and all the required approvals.

Colleen thanked Councilmember Koretz on behalf of everyone, for championing the Mansionization, Second Dwelling and park issues.

Councilmember Koretz acknowledged and said he would continue to do his best with his staff to be vigilant, alert and proactive to all issues in process.

Stacy spoke about the ordinance prohibiting the slaughter of animals for religious purposes with respect to the upcoming Jewish Holidays. Councilmember Koretz gave background with respect to this difficult issue and said he had reached out to the Pico and Sherbourne organizations with respect to the slaughtering of chickens. He said he has been discussion with Rabbi Jonathan Klein in an effort to assist to stop this practice.

There was also discussion with the Terri and the board members with respect to the passing of long time friend and community stakeholder Marilyn Cohon to move forward with the planning of a remembrance area at Olympic and Patricia in her honor for her many contributions to the community over many years. Philip, Sean, Terri, Colleen and the members discussed the details. Councilmember Koretz said they are in support of this effort.

Barbara inquired as to the replacement of trees along Santa Monica Blvd. Issues were discussed including in the case of an accident causing damage there would be a report filed. In this case the person at fault would be looked to cover the replacement cost. Colleen noted any plans for trees, plantings along the bike path may be years away due to the lack of funding.

Philip stated the Short Term Rental issue is coming before PLUM however there is no indication of when it will be heard.

Councilmember Koretz said the allowable time period is 180 days and that more realistically it would be 30 – 60 days. He noted that a condition is that the property be a primary permanent residence.

c. **LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies**

Veronica de la Cruz-Robles, Neighborhood Council Representative, City Attorney Office, stated she is working on the Palms Park situation in collaboration with LAPD with regard to the situation of concern with the problematic individuals.

She is also working together with the park staff to control the situation and not allow access to these individuals.

Sean noted the drug use issue with this group in addition to the situation with drug usage and dealing at the area at National and Westwood near the service station.

Lisa also addressed the issue of the trees being illegally cut on Pico Blvd. She stated there needs to be language crafted that addresses the issue with business owners informing them they are not permitted to cut the trees. She also added there is a maintenance contract for watering. Veronica said the Department of Urban Forestry and Bureau of Street Services may be of assistance and she would reach out. Veronica said you need a witness to prosecute in court.

d. **Community and Stakeholder Organizations--LA Chamber**

6. **BOARD REPORTS (including discussion and possible action items)**

a. **Treasurer, Shannon Burns**

**Monthly Treasurer's report on WNC's Funding Program account, including review and approval of Purchase Card's monthly statement for --MER.**

Craig stated that there is not an MER as the bank account was not able to be accessed.

**Lisa Tabor, Non-Profit Chair--Funding request for up to \$2,000 for Lange Foundation Event**

Lisa Tabor – Non Profit Chair – Spoke about the Lange Foundation Annual Event which is beginning on Friday, September 23, with a Preview day and opening on September 24th. Stacy added that the Lange Foundation is a 501(c) 3 and this fundraiser supports their animal medical/surgery fund.

**Motion by Sarah: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve \$2,000.00 for the Lange Foundation Event.**

**Second by: Steve**

**Motion Passed 14- 0 – 0**

**Lisa Seat 2, excused herself from voting as she is on the Lange Foundation Board  
Seats unable to vote 7, 13**

**Lisa Morocco, Funding request for up to \$300 for Valley Crest Tree Trimming for trees on Pico.**

Lisa spoke about the need for funds to trim the requisite trees on Pico Blvd and presented her request.

**Motion By Steve: That the WNC approve up to \$300.00 for Valley Crest Tree Trimming for the trees on Pico Blvd.**

**Second by: Colleen**

**Motion Passed 15 - 0 – 0**

**Seats unable to vote 7,13**

**Lisa Morocco, \$222.67 Funding for Software for (Office and Word) and mouse for laptop.**

Lisa presented the request and noted the cost of \$222.67 is for 1 subscription for 1 computer.

**Motion by Eric: That the WNC approve \$222.67 for the software for the laptop.**

**Second By: Mary**

**Motion Passed 15 – 0 – 0**

**Unable to vote Seats 7, 13**

**b. Chair, Terri Tippit**

**Appointment to represent WNC on the Neighborhood Council Budget-Advocate Committee**

Jay Handle, Chair of Budget Advocates, gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of a budget representative.

He stated there are three representatives in Region 11. Terri, Jay and the members discussed aspects of the position.

Terri invited Jae to be the Westside Neighborhood Council representative and she accepted.

Terri also updated with the board members on the completion of their requirements for Funding, Ethics and Code of Conduct.

Eric suggested inviting a representative from DONE to come and speak to the WNC to update on their process and on what they are considering and doing going forward.

**7. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

See Item 6 above.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn By Steve.  
Second by Stacy.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM**

**Submitted on behalf of the WNC Secretary.**