A) Call to Order: 7:04 PM  
By Ms. Tippit, WNC Chair

Attendance:  
Jae Wu (Seat 1)  
Steve Spector (Seat 4)  
Brendan Kotler (Seat 5)  
Sarah Shaw (Seat 6)  
Barbara Broide (Seat 7)  
Ms. Tippit (Seat 8)  
Sean McMillan (Seat 9)  
Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)  
Colleen Mason-Heller (Seat 12)  
Francesca Beale-Rosano (Seat 13)  
Shannon Burns (Seat 14)  
Eric Shabsis (Seat 15)  
Isaiah Pickens (Seat 16-alternate)  
Aaron Rosenfield (Seat 17)  

Seated after start:  
Stacy Antler (Seat 10)  
Wendie Dox (Seat 16)  

Not in attendance:  
Lisa Morocco (Seat 2)  
Lisa Tabor (Seat 3)  

B) Approval of the January 12, 2017 Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and discussed with no changes submitted. 
Motion by Ms. Burns to approve the January 12, 2017 minutes:  
Second: Ms. Kusnic  
Seats in favor: 1,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,17  
Seats abstaining: 5,16  
Not in attendance: 2,3,10  
12-2-0  
Passed

Ms. Antler is seated.
C) LAPD SLO Ricardo Ballesteros - 33652@lapd.lacity.org, 310-444-0738: Happy New Year. My area is North to Santa Monica Blvd and from Overland to the 405. Are there any questions first of all?

Mr. Rosenfield: Do you know anything about the burglary that occurred last week on the 2700 block of Kelton?

Officer Ballesteros – Several burglaries have occurred recently throughout the area but there have been no arrests. We have had arrests regarding grand theft autos and batteries. The burglaries have been random. It comes down to securing your properties. Open back doors, bathroom windows are easy access. People with alarms are not setting them. We have had petty thefts; people leaving things unattended. Grand Theft Autos (GTAs) - People leave their keys in their vehicles for tandem parking. Towards the 10 freeway, there have been 2 GTAs in older type vehicles in the residential areas. Secure your property. Don’t leave anything in your property that is visible.

Officer Gonzales – We had a theft on Crest Drive, which is just out of the area. Neighbors saw it in progress off of Motor. Officers got there and there was a pursuit. It ended around Doheny and the people were taken into custody. Those apprehended were already on probation for previous burglaries; they were juveniles. In SORO, by Cadillac, there were two shootings; gang related. One of the people was killed and the other was shot in the foot and survived.

Ms. Tippit – We talked last month about having a big neighborhood meeting/training. I don’t think March will work because it is too close and we need more time to promote it. We want to do something for all the HOA’s in the area. I think probably in April sometime would be good; Not Easter weekend.

Ms. Broide – We should look at dates for the end of March or beginning of April.

Officer Ballesteros – Let me check the calendar. I wanted to let you know about www.nnwi.org, a national neighborhood watch resource site. You can obtain home and personal security handbooks, info on how to start a neighborhood watch, emergency preparedness handbooks, stickers for the windows, etc.

Mr. Rosenfield – Do we want to do the Baker to Vegas item on the agenda?

Ms. Tippit – I got an email saying Brian is not the guy anymore? Usually he comes and discusses the event with us.

Officer Ballesteros – As far as I am aware, he still is coordinating the effort.

Ms. Tippit – Can you tell us about the event?
Office Gonzales – People run it. We would like $1500 for gear. We finished the race and did well last year.

Mr. Shabsis – Can we give the uniforms to the homeless after they have been used?

Office Ballesteros – They say WNC and LAPD on them.

Ms. Tippit – For people who don’t know, the LAPD runs 100 miles and we provide LAPD with their uniforms/gear so they can participate in the event.

Office Ballesteros – There is a lot of cost when it comes down to everything. We have to rent vans because we cannot use LAPD vans. It is 20-30 officers with people supporting officers and everything that goes into making it happen.

Ms. Antler – Is there some reason the uniforms cannot be reused?

Office Ballesteros – The uniforms change every year. They say 2017 and are connected to this year’s event.

Ms. Mason-Heller – If there is a need for an actual shelter, we can fund some homeless issues separately. But I have concerns about the homeless wearing items that have a police logo.

Mr. Shabsis – I am just raising the question to think about if we want the money to go to off duty officers when there are other pressing needs in the community?

Ms. Tippit – Cynthia, can you please take a moment to introduce yourself?

Cynthia Saffir, Nextdoor Neighbors – We are hosting the three CD5 candidates at the Iman Center on Motor this Saturday from 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Office Ballesteros – We have a blood drive at the WLA Division Office on February 20 from 8AM – 8PM. 1663 Butler Ave. Bring your ID.

Motion by Mr. Rosenfield to approve funding for $1500.00 for FOWLA to fund the LAPD Baker to Vegas Event.
Second: Ms. Kusnic
Seats in favor: 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17
Not eligible to vote: 7
Not in attendance: 2,3
D) Isaiah Pickens, report on DONE Civic U event he attended on behalf of WNC – I am glad to be here. It is my first time sitting on the Board and I had the pleasure of going to Civic U. I wanted to tell you briefly what I learned. I attended with Jae. We learned about our City and how to get engaged. Our city has a pretty low level of engagement. The Mayor’s Office has programs to stay informed about what is happening. Geo-mapping and data coding help in terms of zoning laws and they give info that can help you talk to a City Council person about an issue. One of the tips given at the training is build your argument with data. Another, was we were told the City’s fiscal year begins in July. So, May and June are not good times to bring up issues. Bring them up 8-9 months before that issue comes up. Working through your Neighborhood Council (NC) comes with a benefit. If you are connected to your NC when giving comment, you get 4-5 minutes to speak, which is more than a typical community member who gets 2 minutes. The NCs are gaining more leverage about what they care about and what they want changed. I encourage people to get involved and use the resources available in the Mayor’s Office.

Ms. Wu – The City wants people to understand that your voice needs to be heard and it is really a small amount of people making decisions for everyone. This is why we are having events like Pick Pico, to let stakeholders know how important it is to get involved. True change happens when people get involved. Continue to be civically minded, speak up when there is a good issue or bad issue, vote when it is time to vote. Have your voice heard.

Mr. Pickens – There are 96 NCs and we want to be as inclusive as possible in this process.

Ms. Tippit – Isaiah recently moved into this area and said he wanted to get involved; so here he is. And he is in my HOA area too.

E) Motion by Ms. Mason-Heller to reinstate Wendie Dox to Seat 16. DONE removed her until she completed the Code of Conduct requirement.
Second: Ms. Antler
Seats in favor: 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,3
15-0-0
F) Kamal Girgis, 310-922-4505, www.littleangeldaycare@yahoo.com, public comment – This is my wife Halla Girgis. My wife has an in-home care facility at 2727 Westwood Blvd. We need to expand that facility. We currently have 8 kids. The range is from 3 months to 2 years of age. We want to do infant care too. The area is really in need. I know there is some stuff people would have concerns with about going from 8-18 people. People come in at different times, from 7am – 1pm; not all at once. We close at 6pm. Most kids will spend 5-6 hours with us. We are proposing an expansion to 18 kids. We have a cement back yard that is cement so that people would come in to park through the alley. Infants are under 2 years old and are not noisy. More info at www.littleangeldaycare.net.

Ms. Wu – This is public comment and it has been 2 minutes madam chair.

Ms. Tippit – I asked you to email Marilyn, who did not get your email. She has concerns about going from 8-18 children and she wants you to go to her HOA meeting to discuss the issue. The meeting is Wednesday at 7pm at the Westside Pavilion.

Mr. Girgis – We have to get a conditional use permit. We need the blessing of the WNC first.

Mr. Shabsis – You have to put this matter on the agenda for us to hear it and be able to vote on it.

G) Ms. Amanda Kwong, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), public comment – I wanted to bring some fliers and info on Measure H, which is a quarter cent sales tax to invest $355 million per year for 10 years. The flier: http://site.epath.org/files/FactSheet/PATHMeasureHflyer_EngSpan.pdf.

H) Cliff Beach and Gabe Rosen, public comment – We have a parking issue on 3434 Club Drive near National at the very end of the WNC borders. There are issues with the restrictions making it impossible for us to park. People who live on the street should be able to park, but there are nighttime restrictions. We want permit parking or to be added into parking district 231. There is not enough
parking in the area. From 2-4 AM to not be able to park on your own street is a problem.

Ms. Tippit – They are connecting with Jack Sripoona from Council District 5 (CD5) to get this issue resolved. If you want our support, then you can put this item on the agenda for consideration.

Mr. Shabsis – It may be easier to expand an area than to create a new one because of the prohibition on creating new parking districts. There is a change in condition over there because of EXPO being brought in. I think there are some other issues in that area too that may be relevant.

Ms. Antler – How long would it take with the Council Office’s support to get the issue addressed?

Mr. Sripoona, CD5 – Assuming it would take a new district, it could take 6 months.

Mr. Rosenfield – It took us over a year working all together to obtain parking districts.

Gabe Rosen – There is parking several blocks away. I thought a good thing would be to get temporary permits?

Ms. Antler – Can they do that?

Ms. Tippit – Did we give that area to Palms?

Mr. Shabsis – That was the area under the freeway.

Brendan – What is your management company saying?

Mr. Beach – They want to be apprised of the outcome of this meeting. The property has changed hands several times, but they do want to hear from us.

Ms. Tippit – They are meeting with the Council Office; let us see what happens.

1) Mr. Herd, Candidate for City Council, public comment – There are two CD5 debates this weekend. The first is Saturday at 3:30 pm at the Iman Center. Thank
you Cynthia for mentioning it. The second is at 1300 N Sepulveda on Sunday at 2pm. There are about four more on the back of my handout. This is a good opportunity for you all to interact with the candidates. Online go to www.Cd5hoas.org and you can see the first debate. Thank you for doing what you do.

J) Jennifer Grayson – I am the mom of a first grader at Overland Elementary. I am spearheading safety at the intersection of Overland and Ashby. Since the expansion of Overland, it has turned into a freeway. There have been repeated crashes at the sidewalk where students are walking to and from school. There were three accidents last month on the corner alone. I have been talking with Jay Greenstein, so that we can talk with LADOT. But the parents feel we need immediate action with a barricade or some diversion. We have 166 signatures on a petition, including from Jesse Creed. Paul Koretz’s Office has also been very supportive so far.

Ms. Tippit – I became involved in EXPO in 1988. Then, it was at the bottom of the list. Neighbors For Smart Rail always said that kids and trains don’t mix. 15 years ago, we were asked if we would settle for above ground and we said yes. But the City did not do it because it cost too much money. The problem was some parents at Overland said we will work with Metro and they will teach the kids about trains. The City of LA would not let this be at grade. Mayor Villaraigosa and Jack Weiss behind the scenes pushed the train through in its current form. The problems you see are a result of that.

Ms. Grayson – There is such a back-up because of the train and now there is no buffer because of the expansion.

Ms. Tippit – Molina’s group out east got the train closed for a year. The people had to get off the train and hop over. Paul has to deal with the outcome of these decisions that were made before he was on the Council.

Mr. McMillan – My car was totaled last week on Cushdon and Overland. There have been over 30 accidents. I am thinking the insurance companies may want to look at it and it might take a class action to trigger some City action.

Ms. Mason-Heller – The City did not negotiate the train at all. They would only talk about what was in the EIR and protection for Overland was not in there. We took it to the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The PUC’s default was all intersections
had to be grade separated and it had to be shown otherwise why a crossing should be at-grade. However, we had a corrupt PUC and they approved the at-grade crossings. The Feds are investigating the former PUC President. You can file a complaint with the PUC that there is an issue. But, they knew then, and they turned the other way. Everyone voted for it except for Mark Ridley Thomas who abstained. Eric was able to get extra gate arms for some extra protection.

Ms. Grayson – The train crossing is not the issue. Our concern is the corner of Overland at Ashby.

Mr. Shabsis – The issue is the speed. Last year, we had a speeding car flip over. The speed feedback signs came out of that. The LA Police Department was supposed to have enforcement in the morning, so people would get cited for driving more than 25 MPH. That would help change behavior if it happens. Sean’s idea is a great idea on the insurance companies to trigger action. Another piece is the City’s no fatalities effort by 2020. That is the perfect way to get to DOT because they may have access to grant funding to make substantive changes. Measure M is also a pot of money that could be used.

Ms. Grayson – I have an upcoming meeting with one of the engineers. It may be as soon as tomorrow. It would be great if one of you were available.

Ms. Broide – You can’t close the extra lane. There is too much traffic and it will cause more cut through traffic.

Mr. McMillan – They need some kind of k-rails, immediately.

Ms. Grayson – Most of us have diverted to Northvale now, but we need a crossing guard because there are say 20 of us at a time. The website to sign the petition is at Change.org if you search Overland. More info: https://www.change.org/p/los-angeles-department-of-transportation-board-of-commissioners-stop-putting-overland-elementary-students-lives-in-danger.

Ms. Tippit – You know how to reach me if you need more info.

*Handout submitted by Ms. Grayson:*
K) Jon Ghoddoussi, public comment – I live on Kelton Ave a few houses down from Aaron. I am concerned about the crime rate going on in the neighborhood. I know one thing that can help is security, which I do with my business. I wanted to offer my services and advice if that can help. More professional cameras and night vision are my specialty. I was able to supply video footage with faces of a break in of my neighbor’s car to LAPD last year.

Ms. Broide – You can post your business on the business section of the website Nextdoor.

Mr. Ghoddoussi – I can give you my contact phone, 310-774-6212. The company is called Btec.
L) Sean McMillan, WNC Chair Homeless Committee, report on Homeless Count event. A special thank you to Francesca who was one of the Board Members who went out to count the homeless population. We surveyed Centinela on the west, Century City on the east, roughly National to Wilshire. We counted 150 people on the street. We found families, including children under the age of ten. We had 100 people help out. The homeless seemed to be wanting a roof over their heads and it was a cold night. Clearly the issue is with the scale of the problem and housing. Not in my back yard is a mantra that is out there. Things like this count at least start to allocate funds and resources. The LA homeless population is a fluctuating 25,000 to 45,000 people. I will put a summary together with resources. If you see a family, there are three different houses people can go to. So you know, kids are often separated from parents and so are people divided by gender. The volunteer counters are innocuous and observant. Unless you see a situation, then you can call LAHSA, the housing authority. We did have two family cases where that happened. At one time, there were drug problems, but those seem to have been addressed because neighborhood people were engaged. 211 is for the County and you can get them to come out and do a welfare check. If people have been on the street for more than a year, I have been told it’s because they want to be. When you do a count, there is no way to know who is on the street because of mental health or what the issue is.

Mr. Spector – There is a policy in the US that you have to be sober to get into a shelter?

Ms. Broide – That is changing because of the magnitude of the problem. Recently they are looking at the people who most impact the system to help them and it saves money with less reoccurrence.

Mr. Shabsis left the room.

M) Mr. Spector, public comment – Macy’s sold their parcel which includes their parking garage. News reports I have seen have been accurate; There still is a long term easement agreement for use of that parking garage, which needs agreement from both parties to change. The owners have not met with Macerich. More will be revealed. Right now, Macys is there and there is nothing I know of that says it will close. Right now, there is a lot of uncertainty. Macerich is still looking to figure out the best plans for the future.
N) Barbara Broide, WNC WRAC representative, support for WRAC motions: In Councilman Ryu’s District, there are regular updates on what is going on, deadlines for comments and major development updates, which makes it easier for their NCs to be aware of items of concern. WRAC thinks encouraging CD5 to do the same is a reasonable request.

Ms. Broide makes a motion: The WNC requests that Council Districts 5 and 11 prepare regular email planning bulletins that compile current land use issues, including citywide policy issues, current hearing dates, and details about Westside developments being considered by the City.

Second: Ms. Wu
Seats in favor: 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,3,15
14-0-0,

*Mr. Shabsis is reseated.*

Ms. Broide: Measure M delineates the percentage of a tax that would be levied on medical and recreation use marijuana. This was proposed by business operators. The City would like to move forward. There has not been a lot of outreach to the public. The regulations would be developed later this year after hearings. WRAC would like nine NCs to support the motion.

Mr. Shabsis – Has there been any discussion of State and Local regulations being at odds with Federal Laws?

Ms. Tippit – The Council President, Herb Wesson is pushing ahead.

Mr. Spector – People are figuring out how to do this despite the Federal laws.

Mr. Rosenfield – It is true the Feds could send in law enforcement, but they are responsible for the whole country. If the pot shops don’t comply with local regulations, it is a lot easier to send in the LAPD.

Ms. Broide: The City is threatening to shut off utilities if the dispensaries are non-compliant.

Ms. Burns – I have not seen the Council File, so I am not going to vote in favor. Also, the motion does not refer to Measure M specifically.
Ms. Tippit – We can add that and since there is a Council File, we need to do a Community Impact Statement.

Ms. Brodie makes a motion as it refers to City Council file 14-0366-S5 -- The WNC supports the passage of Ballot Measure M the Cannabis Enforcement, Taxation, and Regulation Act ballot measure as an important first step towards establishing a community-forward framework for the regulation, enforcement, and taxation of recreational marijuana in the City of Los Angeles. (For more details on both motions please go to www.westsidecouncils.com/pending.)

Second: Ms. Mason-Heller
Seats in favor: 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,17
Seats abstaining: 14,16
Not in attendance: 2,3
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Passed

O) LA City Council District Representative Jack Sripoona – It is going into my third month on the job. Thank you for everyone’s kindness for not inundating me. I know the issues regarding Overland Elementary. Officer Perez has been going out there. I know they are in touch with Jay.

Mr. Shabsis – West Traffic is not out there and they need to be out there.

Mr. Sripoona – Street vending - The Council Member voted against it because of the opt-in/opt-out clause. If business owners were able to get street signatures, then street vending would be prohibited.

Ms. Mason-Heller – The language under consideration did not go into opting out for residential areas.

Mr. Rosenfield – I read that it did.

Ms. Mason-Heller – It seems unclear.

Mr. Sripoona – I believe once the City attorney rewrites the ordinance, the opt-out will be clearer.

Ms. Antler – I read only one Council Member voted against the measure and it was not Paul.
Mr. Sripoona – There were different votes. Mr. Koretz voted for the violation to be a fine and not a misdemeanor.

Ms. Mason-Heller – The first goal was to decriminalize the act so people are not deported for minor infractions.

Mr. Sripoona – Regarding the Rancho Park drill site and permitting/installation of a new gas burner, we want to direct departments to take a look into accountability issues with drill sites.

Ms. Mason-Heller – It is illegal to sell energy to Sempra and if there is excess gas, they burn it. A UCLA professor with a passion found through public records there is a giant burner with a 400,000 BTU capacity purchased a couple years ago. It has to be overseen, permitted and reviewed by AQMD. There is no oversight by the City. A lot of people knew there was a gas well. But nobody was notified what they were doing exactly.

Ms. Tippit – We want to be in the loop next time and by law the City is supposed to monitor it.

Mr. Sripoona – The sidewalk rebate program has started. The City is providing a 50/50 cost split with a $2000 maximum. www.sidewalks.lacity.org. Maintenance closures on the EXPO Line will occur Feb 10-12 and Feb 24-26. Street Services should have taken a look on the flooding on Overland.

Ms. Broide – Flooding is also occurring at Prosser and Olympic on the southwest corner. There is no sewer.

Mr. Rosenfield – Flooding is also happening on Westwood, south of Coventry.

Mr. Sripoona – The Council led a motion to make Westmark in Westwood a residential hotel.

P) Daniel Tamm, Mayors Office, daniel.tamm@lacity.org – Asphalt Plant Number 1 is the first new plant in 70 years located at 2484 East Olympic Blvd, 90021. They broke ground today. It is supposed to be super-efficient. Keep LA beautiful handouts and info on 311 are on the back table. The Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement is for the Mayor’s Office to be engaged with the public. I have NC meetings or other engagement meetings every night. I got a lot tonight from you,
so thank you for that. On Overland Elementary, West Traffic can do an investigation. You need to have one if you have been experiencing accidents. In the course of that, they are going to monitor very closely the speeds of the traffic, frequency of violations and respond accordingly. I will back up whatever efforts are needed and I am glad CD5 is on it. The Office of Public Engagement is to bring the City into the neighborhoods. My report next Thursday will have a lot in it about what is going on in the neighborhood.

Ms. Tippit – The train would not be at-grade, but it is. There are problems, which should be reported.

Mr. Tamm – I will be sure to mention it. Every month, I meet with the Mayor’s Youth Council. They are from schools on the Westside. We look for places on the Westside; streets that need attention. When you see red streets on the map, you know there are difficulties. We chose Oakwood Park in Venice to empower kids to knock on doors and talk to people about 311, so people can access City services. There are City services people can access, they just don’t know it. Civic U is something the Mayor came up with and he has been doing since he was a Council Member; it is about how you access power. You can’t do anything without power and that is what Civic U is all about. DONE is now running with it. Performance budgeting is about letting people know how the budgeting process works. I am also the Mayor’s interfaith liaison. I have spent a lot of time at LAX the last couple weeks. The Mayor has been there as well and so has the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs.

Mr. Rosenfield – It is great the Mayor is pushing civic engagement and we know he champions great streets. We have both going on right here on May 21 at Pick Pico. I know this event has been on his top 10 for the last couple years, it would great for him to make an appearance if he is available.

Mr. Tamm – Contact me on March 21st to put it on his agenda. That is when the calendar gets done.

Q) Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Burns: We spent $336.57 last month and have a balance of $31,193.22. The MER was presented as follows:
### Monthly Expenditure Report

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**

**Monthly Expenditure Report**

**Reported Month:** JANUARY

**2011-09-01 - 2011-09-30**

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### Neighborhood Council Separation

We, the Treasurer and Signer of the above indicated Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and will furnish additional documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment upon request.

**Treasurer Signature:**

**Print Name:**

**Date:**

**NC Additional Comments:**

**Version Date:** 08/05/10
Motion by Ms. Burns to approve the MER for January as presented.
Second: Ms. Kusnic
Seats in favor: 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17
Not eligible to vote: 7
Not in attendance: 2,3
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Passed

Shlomo Fatad, public comment – I am here with the latest toy that I have in my magic box. I have a paper clapper, which is a banner, so you can print anything you want on it. So, it can make noise. It has been used in a lot of places to make noise. You can use it as a giveaway. It is very competitive in pricing. I introduced this at the last Pick Pico outreach meeting. If it is printed on something like this, it has added value. This could be any event for the WNC. We could create a generic one for a giveaway the next few years. For CD5, now that Norms is out, a street light would be great since there has been a lot of graffiti.

Motion by Mr. Spector to approve $800.00 for 6 Pick Pico Committee Meetings for supplies and food.
Second: Mr. McMillan
Seats in favor: 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17
Not eligible to vote: 7
Not in attendance: 2,3
R) DONE denial for WNC Bylaw Amendment to hold elections every 4 years instead of every 2 years, Ms. Tippit – Barbara and Eric thought we should stagger voting. It’s a big process you have to go through to change the bylaws.

Ms. Broide: If we have future updates to the bylaws, we should continue the discussion at that time.

Ms. Tippit – Okay, sounds good.

S) Update on ZA 2016-2241(ZV)(CU) Orange Theory Fitness 2390 Westwood Blvd, Ms. Tippit – We supported the project but it was denied by the Zoning Administrator. The Council Office was surprised. They want a conditional use permit. Only a portion of the gym needs this variance. There are 26 people per class. 140 parking spaces are at the facility. Access is off Pico through the alley. No windows. Property has been empty for a while. There were 19 letters of support. 6 letters were in opposition, 5 of which came from the same person. The WNC supported this project this year. We will attend the meeting in April testifying our support of the project.

Mr. Rosenfield – Do we know what the concerns of the hearing officer were?

Ms. Broide: I don’t have the letter in front of me, but some of the concerns were dealing with the hours of operation and facility showers.

Mr. Shabsis – If the letter of concerns came from the neighbor who spoke out against the operation at our meeting, it was an attempt to use this as leverage for another issue; one-way traffic.

T) 1855 Westwood Blvd. Ad Hoc Committee, Colleen Mason Heller. Report on meeting with developer to share stakeholders concerns and issues and recommendation on action, if any, WNC should consider.

Ms. Mason-Heller – Barbara, Lisa and I met with the project managers.
Ms. Tippit – They did this as we requested of them in a previous Board meeting.

Ms. Mason-Heller - We discussed the project in its infancy. They are looking for entitlements to have higher heights and reduced parking. They are claiming to be a TOD. There is no part of WLA by the definition they are using that could not be a TOD. It was a fly-over presentation in its infancy. The initial plans have it right up to other properties, although it does step back from Westwood and also off of the property behind it. Some people feel the owner’s maintenance has not been that good with other properties. As we look forward, we have a Pico beautification and our next goal is a Westwood beautification. Why not do something different like a tenant serving community room? He is looking at 33 apartments. You want something from the City; altitude. What is it they give back? Our neighborhood should be more walkable. They have not resolved who owns the trees in back because they are on the property line. The owners behind the lot have not let this project’s people onto their property. We want to make sure the trees are replaced if they are accidently killed by underground digging. They want to become an RAS4 lot. Their application is not deemed complete.

Ms. Broide – Can commercial properties be converted to RAS4 without a zone change? I don’t think it requires a full zone change for a conversion.

Mr. Shabiss – If Measure S passes and they don’t have a completed application in hand, could the project be dead?

Ms. Broide – We will find out.

Motion to adjourn at by Aaron Rosenfield at 9:32.
Unanimous

Submitted: By Aaron Rosenfield, Secretary

Voting note regarding how abstentions are counted: Section 3 of the WNCs By-Laws state: “Except as otherwise specifically provided, an affirmative vote of a majority of those voting, not including abstentions, shall be required to pass motions.”