Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 8, 2018  
Westside Pavilion - 10800 W. Pico

A) Call to Order: Mr. Steve Spector, WNC Vice-Chair, 7:03 PM

Attendance:
Jae Wu (Seat 1)
Jeff Hronek (Seat 3)
Steve Spector (Seat 4)
Elnie Vannatim (Seat 6)
Sean McMillan (Seat 9)
Stacey Antler (Seat 10)
Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)
Jane Wishon (Seat 13)
Shannon Burns (Seat 14)
Wendy Dox (Seat 16)
Aaron Rosenfield (Seat 17)

Seated After Start:
Talia Nosrati (Seat 5-alternate)
Barbara Broide (Seat 7)
Terri Tippit (Seat 8)
Colleen Mason-Heller (Seat 12)

Not In Attendance:
Lisa Morocco (Seat 2)
Eric Shabsis (Seat 15)

B) Motion by Ms. Burns to approve the January 11, 2018 minutes with one correction made to update the year from 2017 to 2018.
Second: Ms. Dox
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,9,10,11,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,7,8,12,15
11-0-0
Passed

B) Officer Chris Baker, LAPD – There have been two residential break-ins for the year in my area. Monday and Tuesdays are the worst days so far, with the morning hours being when break-ins of vehicles are occurring and 11am-4pm being the peak time for home break-ins. Individuals are breaking in, but we are not seeing forced entry, so people please take your keys out of the car and lock your doors. There were burglaries on Cushdon and Dunleer.
Mr. Rosenfield – I reported last month that my neighbor called the police after a break-in and all three people were caught due to a fantastic response by the LAPD. She was then subpoenaed even though she could not identify the suspects. She pointed out to me how young two of the suspects were, at least one being 14. She said she saw this person lost in the system. Wanted to bring up at least some of the dynamics we are seeing are from juveniles and associated issues.

Officer Baker – If you are under 18, juveniles get a ticket, they are not going to jail. They are not prosecuting these kids, so they are back on the street and often repeat the same offenses. On Motor Ave, at Vista Del Mar, we are sending a car several times for calls for kids walking off campus. Any help you can to do to help us keep resources focused where they need to be is appreciated.

Ms. Tippit, Ms. Broide, Ms. Mason-Heller and Ms. Nosrati are seated.

Acting Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Brian Espin – Property crime is the biggest issue we are seeing. People walk up and down the street and try door handles. A few smash windows, but most are checking for open doors. Little stuff is often taken. Some people are checking for open front doors as well. People walk into the home, get a wallet and keys, or whatever is close. It’s known as a hot prowl. If people want to get in they are going to get in, we just have to make it as hard as possible. Security cameras are sometimes a deterrent. We are interested where people are coming from. We want to see where people are getting out of their car. I recommend motion sensor lights and an alarm system. A lot of security system companies have a no hands approach if people are seen running out of a house, so keep in mind they call us when they see a problem. Burglaries have calmed down. I am driving up and down the streets, which I think has helped. We are down to 12 burglaries from 16 during the same time period as last year. That is from the 405 east to Overland south of Pico, but north of Pico all the way to Fox Hills. Be neighborly I often say; eyes out on the street. I am getting moved to working with youth programs from up above.

Ms. Tippit – We can send a letter. Rick is coming back in a couple months.

C) Public comment:
Joanne Dorfman, Ayres Ave, evenik@yahoo.com – I have been in the neighborhood for 18 years and I am working with the Stray Cat Alliance. We opened a thrift shop just north of Pico. We are taking tangible goods donations such as artwork, clothes, etc. We do cat adoptions and spay/neutering. If anyone is interested in fostering a cat or kittens, you can do it short term. We share parking with the Guitar Center. More info: https://straycatalliance.org/.
Jeffrey Ellis, Ilona Ave, jeffreymellis@gmail.com – I am a new WSSM Board Member. We have an ongoing issue with the Expo Corridor and I want to raise the issue because I did not see it on the agenda and there is a lot going on relevant to the developer agenda. Abundant Housing is a lobbying organization with paid professionals. We need to attend meetings and attend PLUM/City Council. They shut down everything we have been working for the last several years, as the PLUM gave them everything they are asking.

D) Jack Sriruona, Council District 5 (CD5) Field Representative – I do apologize I was on vacation and then got sick. Short Term rentals went to the PLUM for the third or fourth time and
its going back in about a month. Part of the question is how many days short term rentals will be permitted. It’s at 180 days right now. Koretz is pushing for 90 days, as well as Councilman Blumenfield and Councilman Ryu. There are still folks that want to exceed 180 days. Hopefully planning will come back with a plan how to handle that. The BMO survey went out in Cheviot Hills. I am not counting the ballots, so I am not sure how they are being counted. People can email them in now, but the deadline is tomorrow.

Ms. Tippit – How come the ballots were not accepted by email from the beginning?

Mr. Sripoona – I don’t know.

Ms. Tippit – Now the survey is being extended and it was not extended to the whole community; nobody knows it was extended. So the results need to be challenged. From the beginning it sounds like it has been a problem.

Ms. Mason-Heller – We tried to get information and we have been in touch with the Counsel Office weekly, but I did not get the info it was extended. Some groups got information, but we did not. We talked with CD5 on Monday with specific questions and got those answer, but the extension information was not conveyed.

Ms. Tippit – Tell CD5, we might be challenging the finings because the vote is tainted.

Ms. Mason-Heller – How did you determine what occupant was relevant to turn in a survey? Some developers own 5 or 6 houses and how many votes do they get? CD5 says each person got one vote. But there are a lot of problems with that. Renters apparently are eligible. It is important that everyone knows who is eligible and how the votes are counted. How do you vet the validity of the votes? As a residential representative of Seat 12, I was asked by a supporter of the BMO to give to you a list of suggestions for improvement.

Ms. Mason-Heller and other Board Members contributed to the following statement on improvement suggestions for the survey:

For one year the neighborhood of Cheviot Hills has been grappling with the residential zoning issue. Information coming from the CD5 has been, for lack of a better word, inconsistent. Going forward, if any other communities want to do a survey regarding zoning or any local issue, in the interest of integrity and due process, the Council office should consider doing the following:
a) using best practices to phrase and frame the survey. For example, if there is a choice between two options both options should be consistently labeled and both should be given equal and adequate description and explanation.
b) clear guidelines are established for who, how and when responses will be accepted.
c) protocols should be established and described in any accompanying materials regarding proper steps to take if a survey is not received (say, by a neighbor) or lost.
d) a clear statement is made of how the survey will be used and when and how the results of the survey will be communicated to those who participate and the community at large.
e) ensuring a way to validate and certify ballot responses.

Ms. Broide – There must be a mechanism to validate ballots.

Ms. Mason-Heller – All these things need to be determined ahead of time. In the interest of neighborliness, we need to be playing by the same rules and be sure the Council Office has an equitable hand and a fair approach. There were very clear interests and lines drawn here.

Ms. Tippit – Colleen will email a copy of the statement to Jack.

Sean – When are the results for tomorrow’s due date going to be known?

Mr. Sripoona – I am guessing the next couple weeks.

Ms. Mason-Heller – Do you know about the 400 names on public record who have been validated and vetted? What happens to them?

Ms. Tippit – The survey was supposed to give privacy, so forget that. We are addressing the problems with the current survey that is going to be used to determine what is happening going forward.

E) Stephanie Cohen, District Director for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, scohen@bos.lacounty.gov, 310-231-1170 – (1) I was here in November. A lot of things are happening. Sheila is now the County Supervisor’s Chair for a year. She will be the chair of Metro in July as well. A lot of things happening at Metro; a lot of things happening with the purple line. (2) We have been waiting back from the Department of Public Works on storm water capture. We hope to get the report by the Spring 2018. Soon as I have more details, I will present them. (3) Cannabis; the County does not regulate it in any area except unincorporated areas. Cannabis is illegal in unincorporated area zones. There will be some changes soon. The County has agreed to have public health licenses on edible cannabis products. There will be some seal of sorts. (4) On homelessness, we are fighting for additional outreach teams in this area. We are having an additional five person team in this Neighborhood Council (NC) area that will coordinate with the SPA 5 lead from St Joseph’s Center. When you see hot spots of homeless people, please email me. Measure H; the second year of funding allocations will come to the Board in March. Money flows to projects including the 84 women and children site in Sylmar. (5) LGBT foster youth tend to fall through the cracks, so the Supervisor passed a motion to report back on services for LGBT youth in the foster system. (6) We will be at Pick Pico.

Ms. Antler – The radio is reporting about the possibility of outbreaks of disease because of homeless people. Is there any talk about hardline action?
Ms. Cohen – A motion by the Board last week was made to expand the definition of mentally ill to allow law enforcement and mental health professionals to remove people from the street for medical issues. Sheila was the only one of the five Supervisors to vote no. She is the only one that has been in the State Legislature. These things need to be changed at the State level and that is going to take a long time. We believe our resources can be spent differently. We believe we can expand beds, better serve folks and expand the conservatorship processes. The other issue is the Supervisor and believes this will open the County up to civil rights litigation, which will limit what we can do.

F) Overland/Pico Farmers Market – Jose Rick Hernandez, 9505 Lemona Ave, North Hills, 818-399-3767, airmachine01@alm.com. Located at Pico and Overland in the City parking lot behind Chase Bank on Sundays from 8 am to about 1 pm. I am here asking for your vote and I give the vote to Transportation who secures the parking lot. Years ago, I had the same idea for a small, but a nice market. We don’t have to worry about parking. It’s your market; you can walk to the market. It is a small market, but we can have one spot for community outreach. Like if the thrift store wants to promote there, or anyone who has a business wants to promote themselves, or if the schools want to do fundraising, come on in. I am willing to help anyone who wants it.

Ms. Burns – We got a lot of positive feedback from the people we talked to in our area. I don’t know about who Lisa spoke to.

Mr. Hernandez – To reduce noise, we are putting the farmers close to houses, then we will have the prepackaged items and the food will be furthest away. We take our trash that day and bring and haul our own portable potties.

Joanne Dorfman – I have some questions sir. In addition to working for the Stray Cat Alliance, I have had a booth at the Motor Farmers Market. What is your non food mix?

Mr. Hernandez – We are not bringing in any crafters. It’s a small market and sometimes managers get carried away, and it gets to be like a swap meet, and I do not want that here. No crafters. I am not going to allow it. I am trying to bring a bounce house, so children can play for free. I want to keep people safe within the parking lot. There is plenty of parking and the bank parking. The market is only going to take up the public lot. There are 10 farmers on each side (20 total), seven to eight spots for prepackage, and there is only room for five food.

Ms. Dorfman – Where do the vendors come from? What markets are you running currently?

Mr. Hernandez – Now, we have strictly a crafter market in Van Nuys, which is the only market I am running right now. Farmers come in from all over, Fresno, Arizona…

Ms. Dorfman – If local people want to come in can they?
Mr. Hernandez – Local people are welcome, but they need to get their permit. I am willing to get people from here first. There are people in this area that do cottage baking. As long as people play by the rules, I do not care where they come from.

Ms. Dorfman – How about music?

Mr. Hernandez – We don’t want noise. I do not want to make anyone mad, so probably not. But I may bring in an Elvis impersonator. He is good, and I was thinking of lending him to Pick Pico.

Ms. Dorfman – I do not think farmers markets are quiet. They are very noisy. I am going on record saying I think this will generate noise to the people who live next door. Our market is more of an urban market and yours is really next to single family houses.

Mr. Hernandez – It is all about management. There is a certain way to do things to be quiet. You tell people there is a certain way to do things or get out. We are very affordable to our vendors. Prepackage is $42, food is $72 and farmer’s goods are 9%.

Lee Wallace, MAIA@motorassociation.com, 310-202-9002 – I run the Motor Ave Farmers Market. A market at face value is a great thing. I think there is a lot of impact that comes with it; noise, traffic, etc. I think we have a lot of farmers markets in CD5 that are struggling and need to grow. I think we are saturating the place and I think its becoming an issue. Santa Monica, Culver City and other cities help their markets. Here in LA, we get zero help. I believe in having access to fresh produce, rather than people eating at McDonalds. I hope this group will focus in on the markets already in CD5. I think we need to support the markets out there that are already struggling.

Mr. Hernandez – There is enough for everybody. I would say if your farmers market was across the street, that is not nice to set up another, but you are on the other side of the freeway. It is a different group of people. Ultimately, people are going to go where they want to go. I want to keep it tight, quiet and clean.

Ms. Burns – We have a lot of older people without grocery stores in walking distance. This would be great, so that people do not have to get into their car. This is a positive idea for our area.

Ms. Broide – I wasn’t sure if for the sale of prepared foods, if you plan to have seating?

Mr. Hernandez – There will be tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Ms. Broide – Farmers markets are an important thing for communities and farmers. If there is a way to encourage our Councilmember to convene a task group to see how the City can encourage them, we could look at that. We could take this up at a future meeting.

Ms. Antler moves that we write a letter of support for a Farmers Market at Overland and Pico as presented, to be called the Overland Ave Community Farmers Market.
Second: Mr. Hronek
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17
Abstentions: 5,7
Not in attendance: 2,15
13-0-2
Passed


Ms. Hong – I am the Neighborhood Council (NC) Liaison from DWP. I will come periodically to these meetings and WRAC as well. If there are any DWP issues, please let me know.

Mr. Kasondra – Good evening. DWP has a five year project to replace power cables. The project is six miles in length. As a department, we are replacing 145 miles throughout the city. Crews will remove 44 manholes and install new cables. IT connects the two stations together. Work hours are 7am-6pm and we are applying for a work hour exemption to do that. We have talked to the Council Office. It will be six days a week, Monday through Saturday. It’s a day or two at each manhole throughout the duration of the project, with the longest stints being 7-8 days. We don’t block residences, but can detour people not from the area. There will be a trailer parked over the hole while the work is being performed. This is being done because of power failures like the one that happened here in 2012.

Ms. Broide – On Overland between National and Exposition, you should avoid peak hour work given the freeway access and the schools.

Mr. Kasondra – Overland at the 10 Freeway will be Cal Trans. Because its dealing with high voltage once you start, you have to finish before moving on.

Ms. Broide – You might want to consider night work or school vacation time.

Ms. Broide – On Overland, there are four manhole covers.

Mr. Kasondra – The work will be March thru November. We are speeding up a two year project and finishing in eight months.

Mr. Rosenfield – I remember the power failure in 2012. There was a loud bang in the middle of the night. But how does this hazard compare to the power lines towering over the area given the region is earthquake prone? I realize that bringing those power line poles underground is probably tens to hundreds of millions of dollars, but is there any plan for that?
Mr. Kasondra – This cable replacement came about as a result of the incidents from 2012 and these wires are from the 1950s. I do not know if there are other plans for that.

Mr. Kasondra – The green dots are 7-8 days and the yellow are 1-2 days, but we will come back 3-4 times. The first week we will be at every manhole on the diagram.

Kimberly Christensen, Exposition Blvd, mail.kimchristensen@gmail.com. I live on Expo. Where are the covers located on Expo?

Mr. Kasondra – We are mostly in the street, next to the MTA tracks. On Expo, they are on the south side of the tracks.

Ms. Christensen – How are you blocking off the traffic?

Mr. Kasondra – There will be cones and temporary traffic control. If the manhole is in the middle of the street, we might have to barricade a section of the street, but if it’s off to the side, it may not be necessary.

Ms. Christensen – What notification are you providing for the work you are doing? What are you doing for outreach?

Mr. Kasondra – Major arteries we will put up notices. But because we are jumping around so much, it’s hard to say when and where we will be. We will never block driveways. LADOT approves our traffic plans.

Ms. Tippit – We want to see the DOT plan when they are done with it. In a lot of cases you can’t reroute. There is nowhere to reroute here with traffic and one-way streets.

Mr. Kasondra – In most cases we will not have to reroute.

Ms. Christensen – If the street is closed, I cannot park outside my block because of permit parking. Will you be talking to Parking if a street is closed?

Mr. Kasondra – No. Parking is restricted to the hours we are working. The work area is not that large. We don’t have a system to deal with parking, but it’s likely not needed.

Ms. Tippit – Jack, we are going to find out LADOTs plan for our area by working with CD5.

Ms. Hong – Can you collect the concerns and objections and let me know?
Ms. Tippit – We are going to have a meeting with LADOT to see their plan. We are going to meet with DOT before they finalize anything. Rather than having things bouncing around from one agency to the next.

Ms. Dox – I appreciate that you are upgrading the system and that we will have power. So thank you.

Ms. Mason – Heller – How are the new cables different and what is their life?

Mr. Kasondra – They are a 40 year cable and it’s a synthetic cable.

Ms. Mason Heller – That is a little sad given the last one is older than that.

Mr. Kasondra – The old one had a lot of mechanical parts that are no longer replaceable.

Ms. Broide – If we could have the exact addresses to know where the manholes are that would be great.

Mr. Kasondra – Yeah.

The following was presented by LADWP:
Citywide Underground Transmission Cable Replacement Project

FAIRFAX - OLYMPIC CIRCUITS

Project Background
The Citywide Underground Transmission Cable Replacement Project is an important part of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s (LADWP) $4.5 billion Power Infrastructure Plan to accelerate the pace of replacing aging infrastructure.

As part of this project, LADWP will replace Fairfax-Olympic Circuits A and B along a 5.9-mile route for a total of 11.8 miles that starts at Mid-City, runs through the Palms community and ends in West Los Angeles.

Project Benefits
- Improve power reliability of the underground transmission system
- Modernize the transmission system by replacing aging 138-kV oil-filled cables with XLPE cable, which reduces environmental impacts
- Increase energy flow capacity to homes and businesses by approximately 33 percent
- Reduce long-term maintenance and replacement costs

Project Description
The installation of underground transmission cable along the Fairfax-Olympic Cable A and B circuits starts at Receiving Station D on the corner of Venice Blvd. and S. Fairfax Ave. The project alignment then runs west on Venice Blvd., northwest on Exposition Blvd., continues on National Blvd., north on Overland Ave., west on Exposition Blvd., north on S. Bundy Dr., west on Olympic Blvd., north on Centinela Ave. into Receiving Station K at Nebraska Ave. (Map on reverse.)

Construction Details
The project involves removing old cables, installing new cables in existing conduits, and splicing cable. All work will take place within existing LADWP maintenance holes and will not require digging or excavation. This work will not impact water or power service in the area.

Construction Schedule
Replacement of Fairfax-Olympic Circuit A is scheduled to begin in March 2018 and to be completed in June 2018. Replacement of Fairfax-Olympic Circuit B is scheduled to begin in June 2018 and to be completed in November 2018. Hours of work will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Traffic Information
Traffic and parking will be partially impacted. Temporary tow-away/no parking signs will be posted as needed. Local and driveway access will be provided.

Project Updates:
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Kishan Kasondra  (213) 367-6418
kishan.kasondra@ladwp.com

Community Affairs:
Sylvia Beltran  (213) 367-5206
sylvia.beltran@ladwp.com
H) Ms. Tippit – Back in 2000, I got a call about neighborhood councils, and I was told that I should start one. Then the City called about it and I said okay. I decided I wanted to do it right and I did not just want to do just a residential or business council. Because you have to work with a community to make a community. And we have a great one. And we have a great NC. We are very highly respected and all that. My first call was to Steve. I said we need a business guy and Macerich is a pretty big business in the area. So, he came on board. We said to each other, what will be our vision? Then, we invited other community leaders on board. The first elections were certified in 2002. Stacey came in and said I have never done anything like this, can I run? So, Stacey ran and got a seat and then got onto her HOA Board. The constant we have had has
been Steve. This mall is likely not to be here much longer. It’s with great sadness that Steve is leaving the Board tonight. The Council Office has made you a nice award.

Mr. Spector – I really appreciate it and it was nice to be part of this experiment. It has worked and we have done a lot. Terri is a credible force. Jae and Lisa are stepping up as the new constant. I am going to miss it. I am still a stakeholder. It really has been a pleasure.

An award of excellence was presented to Mr. Spector. Ms. Antler left the meeting.


The following slide show was presented by Ms. Alequresh:
Overall Project Objective

**Desired Outcomes:**

- **Improved coordination** among City departments and external partners will ensure that delivery of Public Works services are delivered in the **most efficient and effective manner**
- **Improved relationship** between residents and their government

**Project Tasks:**

- To assess the current state of Public Works activities in the City
  - Evaluate options for coordinating services
  - Develop a long-term plan with specific proposals for improving accountability and service delivery

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**Current State of Street Related Programs and Services**

*Everything shares the street: How we govern these programs on paper*
Research Design and Methodology

- Qualitative interviews with internal employees and external partners
- Site visits/observations of infrastructure programs at work
- Attendance at interdepartmental meetings
- Internal data analysis
- Benchmarking
- Interdepartmental problem solving lab

Research - End User Surveys, Constituents

Please rate the quality of the following services on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = low, 10 = high):

- 6 AND OVER
- 5 AND BELOW

Survey fielded in Spring/Summer 2017
Research - End User Surveys, Constituents

Have these services improved over the past 5 years?

- Yes
- No

Most improved services

Research - End User Surveys, Constituents

Of the programs listed on the survey, which services would you want improved first?
(Ranked in order of preference)

CD1: Tree trimming, sidewalk repair, street striping
CD2: Street repair, street lighting, street sweeping
CD3: Tree trimming, street repair, bulky item pick up
CD4: Street sweeping, homeless encampments, bulky item pick up
CD5: Street lighting, street signs, sidewalk repair
CD6: Street repair, bulky item pick up, illegal dumping
CD7: Sidewalk repair, street sweeping, street repair
CD8: Tree trimming, sidewalk repair, street repair
CD9: Sidewalk repair, street repair, tree trimming
CD10: Sidewalk repair, tree trimming, weed abatement
CD11: Sidewalk repair, traffic light timing, illegal dumping
CD12: Parking, traffic enforcement, street sweeping
CD13: Streets sweeping, homeless encampments, street striping
CD14: Street lighting, tree trimming, illegal dumping
CD15: Sidewalk repair, illegal dumping, street lighting

Overall constituent feedback - Top 3:
- Sidewalk repair
- Tree trimming
- Street repair
Research - End User Surveys, Constituents

How would you rate the following aspects of Los Angeles?
(4 point scale - Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent)

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Research - End User Surveys, Constituents

In the last 6 months, have you done any of these activities:
(Yes or No)

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*CCC* & City Council offices in the 3rd column
### Data Analysis on Service Needs

**Top 3 requested program improvements from Constituent Surveys**

| CD1: Tree trimming, sidewalk repair, street sweeping | Graffiti removal, bulky items, metal/household appliances | 65% |
| CD2: Street repair, street lighting, street sweeping | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 64% |
| CD3: Tree trimming, street repair, bulky item pickup | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 61% |
| CD4: Street sweeping, homeless encampment, bulky item pick up | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 60% |
| CD5: Street lighting, street signs, sidewalk repair | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 79% |
| CD6: Street repair, bulky item pick up, illegal dumping | Bulky items, graffiti removal, electronic waste | 63% |
| CD7: Sidewalk repair, street sweeping, street repair | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 66% |
| CD8: Tree trimming, sidewalk repair, street repair | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 63% |
| CD9: Sidewalk repair, street repair, tree trimming | Graffiti removal, bulky items, metal/household appliances | 69% |
| CD10: Sidewalk repair, tree trimming, weed abatement | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 66% |
| CD11: Sidewalk repair, traffic light timing, illegal dumping | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 81% |
| CD12: Parking, traffic enforcement, street sweeping | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 62% |
| CD13: Street sweeping, homeless encampment, street striping | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 87% |
| CD14: Street lighting, tree trimming, illegal dumping | Graffiti removal, bulky items, metal/household appliances | 85% |
| CD15: Sidewalk repair, illegal dumping, street lighting | Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 81% |

**OVERALL: Sidewalk Repair, Tree Trimming, Street Repair**

| Bulky items, graffiti removal, metal/household appliances | 81% |

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**Research - End User Surveys, BIDs**

BIDs are important partners in maintaining infrastructure in their respective districts. In the City, “a BID is a geographically defined area within the City of Los Angeles, in which services, activities and programs are paid for through a special assessment which is charged to all members within the district in order to equitably distribute the benefits received and the costs incurred to provide the agreed-upon services, activities and programs.” These services can range from supplemental trash collection to tree trimming services. There are currently 41 BIDs in the City and the survey had a 60% response rate.

**Please rate the quality of the following services on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = low, 10 = high):**

![Service Rating Chart]

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Survey Fielded in Spring/Summer 2017
Have these services improved over the past 5 years?

How would you rate the following aspects of Los Angeles?
(4 point scale - Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent)
In the last 6 months, have you done any of these activities:
(Yes or No)

- Observed a code violation (weeds, graffiti, etc.)
- Used 311 to report an issue with City services
- Contacted City to report an issue with City services
- Followed City's Facebook account
- Followed a City's Twitter account (LA Mayor, Sanitation, etc.)
- Visited the City's website
- Used public transportation instead of driving

*CCC* & City Council offices in the 3rd column

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**PLAN for the street and its users**

- Establish a common oversight authority for both transportation and street related programs
  - Common goals/priorities
  - Consideration of both uses of the street and the street itself

- Create an Office of Infrastructure Management
  - Capital planning
  - Long term strategic planning
  - Project planning

- Convert manual utility coordination to a system
  - Improve opportunities
  - Reduce street cuts
  - Preserved taxpayer investments

- Prioritize asset management activities
  - Catalog all city assets with location and age
  - Timing of maintenance activities and upgrades

- Reinstitute a capital improvement plan for the City
  - Uses pre-set criteria to guide investment decisions
  - Where and when to invest
Ms. Nosrati left the meeting.

Motion by Ms. Broide to support the FUSE fellow report on the evaluation of the state of street related infrastructure as presented, and to write a letter to the Council Office to direct such support to relevant parties including the Public Works Board, CF 17-1311.
Second: Mr. Rosenfield
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed
J) Motion by Ms. Mason-Heller for approval of funding for $500 for the March 2018 WNC Emergency Preparedness Meeting, supplies, printing and refreshments for a second meeting because of a long wait list for first meeting.
Second: Ms. Wu
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Ms. Broide – We could have a WNC task group for Emergency Preparedness.

Ms. Tippit – We have to look at the by-laws.

K) Announcement

Ms. Tippit – Jane please make your announcement.

Ms. Wilson – The Culver City Democratic Club will hold a forum for the special election for our Assembly area on March 14 at Culver and Overland at the Veteran’s Auditorium at 7pm.

L) Treasurer, Shannon Burns – Monthly Treasurer’s report on WNC’s Funding Program account, including review and approval of Purchase Card’s monthly statement—MER.

Ms. Burns presented the January 2018 MER as follows:
# Monthly Expenditure Report

**Reporting Month:** January 2018  
**Budget Fiscal Year:** 2017-2018  
**NC Name:** Westside Neighborhood Council

## Monthly Cash Reconciliation

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## Monthly Cash Flow Analysis

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**Subtotal:** $650.56

## Outstanding Expenditures

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<td>Printing Depot</td>
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<td>WNC will sponsor a FREE public Emergency Preparedness...</td>
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**Subtotal: Outstanding** $115.30
Motion by Ms. Burns to approve the Purchase Card’s monthly statement MER for January 2018 as presented.
Second: Ms. Wu
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Motion by Ms. Wu for approval of funding for Friends of West LA for $19,500.00 for Pick Pico.
Second: Ms. Kusnic
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Motion by Ms. Wu for approval of funding for Friends of West LA for $150 fee for Chase Bank parking lot for Pick Pico.
Second: Ms. Wilson
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Motion by Ms. Wu for approval of funding for Friends of West LA for $150 fee for Bank of America parking lot for Pick Pico.
Second: Ms. Broide
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Motion by Mr. Rosenfield for approval of funding for Friends of West LA for $1,500.00 for LAPD Baker to Vegas event.
Second: Ms. Kusnic
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Motion by Ms. Tippit for approval of funding for the WNC phone/answering machine up to $50.
Second: Mr. McMillan
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
M) Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Update – Barbara Broide: We passed a motion last month to oppose SB 827 and Councilman Ryu has a motion on this issue, so we should write a letter to the full council.

Ms. Tippit – We sent it to our Councilperson.

Ms. Mason-Heller – We should send it to the full council.

Ms. Tippit – Aaron will do a CIS with our motion.


Ms. Broide – On Sunday, WRAC passed a motion opposing EXPO. On Saturday, February 10, at PlanCheckNC at 10 am, Patricia Diefenderfer, Senior City Planner and Matt Glesne, City Planner will be presenting on the relationship between Citywide Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive and Transit Neighborhood Plans (TNPs) program that encourages livable communities and employment centers around the region’s expanding transit network. Go to www.facebook.com/paradisenearylost and like it. I am meeting with the Councilman with Lisa and Kim and seeing what he is going to do to fight to protect our transit plan on February 20. A State Law is being proposed, SB 831, where granny flats would not be counted in the FAR, floor area square footage. Which means it could mean more development.

N) Homelessness – Mr. McMillan – 70 people signed up for the Homeless Count and 34 people showed up. I have a great working rapport with the City and LAPD. We need a more effective system. Everything that is happening in the City is largely ineffective and the community needs to be involved. The model I see is the Pacific Palisades Task Force On Homelessness: www.pptfh.org. On Thursday, March 15 from 7pm – 8:30pm there is an invitation to come and address the issue in a humanitarian way. How do you even react? Send me your hot spots, so that issues can be addressed. Once people realize they are being observed, people seem to be leaving. Our count was 100 in the area, so in the scale of the city, we do not even register in terms of the size of our homeless population. Last year, I want to say the count was closer to 200 for our area.

O) WRAC Motions – Barbara Broide:
Ms. Broide made the following motion: City Council file 12-1824-S1 - The WNC/CC supports Councilmember Ryu’s proposed motion to prohibit loud or unruly gatherings on residential property (i.e., Party Houses) and impose an escalating series of fines for repeated violations.
Ms. Broide made the following motion: The WNC calls on the City of Los Angeles to create an advertising campaign to inform the public as to the existence of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system and to adequately fund and administer the process.
Second: Mr. Wu
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Ms. Broide made the following motion: In response to widespread stakeholder complaints about the RecycLA Franchise Waste Program the WNC calls upon the City to immediately:
1. mandate franchisees publicly document they have both the equipment and resources necessary to provide the timely and satisfactory services to ALL their customers;
2. proactively provide ALL customers of the new franchisees appropriate education on what the intent of the new regulations are and how they can manage their waste to keep their fees close to those paid under their previous service providers;
3. ensure that condo owners, apartment owners and businesses throughout Los Angeles are charged appropriately for the services contracted and that those payments do not exceed those for equivalent services paid by single-family homeowners;
4. set up a complaint line separate from the 311 call center to ensure issues are properly addressed until the transition is complete to customer satisfaction;
5. re-open the fee schedule (and conditions for extra services) as created by outside consultants and approved by the City Council to include stakeholder input through the Neighborhood Council system; and
6. to avoid worsening the homelessness crisis in the City, develop and implement strategies to mitigate the impact of rate increases on low-income households.
Second: Ms. Burns
Votes in Favor: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17
Not in attendance: 2,5,10,15
13-0-0
Passed

Mr. Rosenfield – Should I do Community Impact Statements (CISs) on all of the motions?

Ms. Tippit – Yes.
Mr. Rosenfield – I also wanted to raise some points on the street vending issue. With everything going on nationally, where there seems to be a real undertone of discrimination focused at Latinos, I think the State is trying to be more in line with our values and respond in a way that counteracts what is coming out of Washington. First off, I am not sure street vending is a problem in our area; I have not seen it in the WNC.

Ms. Burns – Yes it is. There is someone on Overland regularly.

Mr. Rosenfield – Secondly, I am not sure the WRAC motion is completely accurate. The City voted last year to decriminalize street vending. More info: http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-street-vending-20170215-story.html, SB 946 says it would “prohibit a local authority from adopting rules or regulations…unless it first adopts a sidewalk vending licensing program.” So, from what I am reading, the City could still have local control if that is the concern and I have read something is in the works for licensing. More info: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB946. Proposed City of LA Sidewalk Vending Program: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1493_rpt_CLA_11-03-2017.pdf.

Ms. Tippit – With Steve leaving, Kim will throw her hat into the ring. If anyone knows anyone else you can tell them the seat is open.

P) Vanessa Serrano, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – On March 29, there will be the Empower LA Awards. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Funding Equity Group will be in the area Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 pm at the Felicia Mahood Senior Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd. Doug Fitzsimmons and Terrence Gomes are your area people.

Motion to adjourn 10:09 PM
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.”