

Westside Neighborhood Council
March 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Westside Pavilion 10800 West Pico Blvd.
Meeting Room A 7:00 PM

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

a. Call to Order

Chair, Terri Tippit called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

a. Board Roll Call

In Attendance:

Jae Wu (Seat 1)*

Lisa Morocco (Seat 2)

Jeff Hronek (Seat 3)

Brendan Kotler (Seat 5b)

Barbara Broide (Seat 7)

Terri Tippit (Seat 8)

Sean McMillan (Seat 9)

Stacy Antler (Seat 10)

Mary Kusnic (Seat 11)

Colleen Mason-Heller (Seat 12)

Shannon Burns (Seat 14)

Eric Shabsis (Seat 15)*

Thomas Borne (Seat 17b)

***Arrived late**

b. Review and Adoption February 8, 2018 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed with no additions or changes submitted.

Motion by Mary to approve the July 2017 minutes.

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the February 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed 13 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

c. Selection of WNC Board Vice-Chair - Lisa Morocco

Terri, Chair announced that Steve Spector, Vice Chair of the WNC had resigned last month, having retired from Macerich who owns and operates the Westside Pavilion. She stated and presented Lisa Morocco, Seat 2, for the WNC's consideration to fill the position.

Lisa gave an overview of her background stating she and her husband Dr. Morocco have lived in the area since 1989. She spoke of joining the WNC in 2008 after a neighbor was killed crossing the street on Overland. Eric noted that Lisa is an actress appearing in many roles including Brighton Beach and the touring company For The People. Terri also spoke of her work including notable television performances.

Motion By Terri: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve Lisa Morocco as the Vice Chair of the WNC.

Second By Stacy.

Motion Passed 13 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Lisa spoke of her work with the WNC noting the securing of the Pico Beautification Grant of \$1.8 Million which is designated for work along Pico from Patricia to the 405. She said the grant will include signals, sidewalk repair, lighting at bus shelters, trees and safety crosswalks, although there would not be stamped or lighted crosswalks. She noted the work is now in the design phase. Lisa also highlighted her work with Jae in the Pick Pico annual street fair which is held in May.

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)

See Kim Christensen's report noted in Item 6f.

4. PRESENTATIONS

(discussion and/or possible action):

- a. None

5. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Officer Brian Espen discussed with the board and stakeholders several of the internet-based crime reporting sites. He stated that Crime Mapping is the best source.

He said that auto break ins continue to occur in the area and reminded everyone not to leave anything in site when you leave your car and always lock your doors. The board and stakeholders discussed the area thefts Shannon spoke about the Llona home burglary.

Officer Brian overviewed step by step the process that occurs after a crime has been reported.

Cynthia acknowledged and thanked Officer Brian for his and the WLAPD's support of her Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Meetings.

A stakeholder on Kelton commented on Next Door site on which he said there's a lot more interaction of neighbors in a smaller area that can create more of a sense of lack of safety and expressed his concerns on how best to protect.

Sean noted that he tracks information constantly as he works with and monitors the area homeless; he said he believes Crime Mapping is also the best source of disseminating this information.

It was discussed and most agreed; noting that Next Door, as it is a dialog of neighbors only, was thought to draw from too narrow a market as it's neighborhood focused.

Officer Brian said that he's requested the WLAPD include the K9 and mounted units for Pick Pico. Lisa thanked him noting that these are very popular.

Terri said she'd found the WNC mug from the WLAPD for the Baker to Las Vegas race.

b LA City Council District Representative

A summary update on the CD5 activities was presented by Faisel and largely focused on the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to Expo Transit Neighborhood Plans in Section 6f. and SB828 with the related issues.

c. LA City & other Government Departments/Agencies

d. Community and Stakeholder Organizations

Stacy announced their upcoming HOA meeting this Tuesday from 6:30 to 10PM.

Stacy also noted the Lang Foundation fundraiser sale which opens April 13th. It will be held at the Ethan Allen Store location, 11149 Santa Monica Blvd., East of Butler. Anyone with donation items, please contact Stacy.

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 - MER

Shannon reviewed the monthly MER for February.

Motion By Shannon: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approve the February MER, noting commitments of \$19,500.00 and including card expenditures as itemized totaling \$751.10, with a net balance of \$17,693.40.

Second By Mary:

Motion Passed 12 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Lisa noted the \$19,500.00 commitment is for Pick Pico.

b. Outreach Lisa Morocco

Pick Pico Street Fair.

Lisa updated that planning meetings and work on the event is in high gear as Pick Pico is around the corner in May.

c. Chair Report, Terri Tippit

Board approval to continue with phone invoice billed to Terri Tippit not WNC.

Terri gave background on the WNC phone which has been in her name from 2003 to date; she stated if it is changed to the WNC's name the rate increases monthly from \$43.00 to \$80.00.

Motion By Terri: That the Westside Neighborhood Council approves the WNC telephone bill to remain in the name of Terri Tippit for billing.

Second By: Barbara

Motion Passed 12 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Terri provided an update on boundary correction which was sent to DONE. She also provided an update on the Westside Pavilion Mall which will be undergoing renovations.

Terri said there was a meeting today and as of Friday there was a signed partnership between Hudson Pacific Partners (HPP) at 75% and Macerich (the former owner and operator of the Mall) at 25% to move forward with development and renovation plans for the location. She said HPP is known for its' creative modern office projects.

Terri also noted that Macerich and GPI are in a lawsuit over the parking lot issues.

She said Macerich would like to keep the Mall open and operating while development plans move forward.

Also, Terri noted redevelopment will be a renovation not a total tear down of the facility and with the closing of Macy's, that it not certain how much longer they will be open and operational.

d. Emergency Preparedness, Cynthia Saffir

Briefing on first of two WNC sponsored Community Emergency Preparedness Meetings

Cynthia updated on the last meeting at which she had 50 people. She said it was the 2nd of 3 meetings. She acknowledged and thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance and support as well as the WNC.

Cynthia announced that the next meeting is planned for April 21st.

She also said that next she is planning First Aid and CPR classes; also that if she had a larger place to meet that she would accommodate more individuals.

Several suggested possible locations including Brendan with Westfield's Century City Mall community rooms. Terri said she would check on a couple related items and follow up.

Cynthia also said she'd like to do a Safety Fair in the Fall.

Terri, Lisa, Shannon, Mary and the WNC board and stakeholders present thanked Cynthia.

e. Planning/Traffic Committee, Barbara Broide

Barbara highlighted her recent meeting with Councilmember Koretz regarding planning issues impacting WNC.

f. WRAC, Barbara Briode

WRAC Motions for WSSM. WRAC Executive Committee and WNC consideration

Motion: oppose the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to Expo Transit Neighborhood Plans

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to increase density around the Westside NC and West L.A. Sawtelle NC district areas in the Exposition Station Neighborhood Transit Plan for the following reasons (Westwood, Sepulveda and Bundy Stations):

- 1. Insufficient consideration of the years long public processes, including numerous outreach meetings and public hearings, undergirding the plan**
- 2. Insufficient analysis of population growth and zoning capacity**
- 3. Insufficient analysis of infrastructure expansion capacity needs and costs**
- 4. Failure to analyze the plan options within the context of the existing community and neighboring properties and land uses**

There was a detailed conversation and discussion of the many issues, complexities and impacts of the proposed legislation. Terri provided background and Barbara and Kim summarized recent meetings with CD5 etc. Kim spoke to a number of issues regarding proposed changes to density noting the Westside Pavilion and adjacent Pico business areas. The members and stakeholders present also voiced their numerous concerns including Peter Ochas of Veteran Avenue.

Kim said that she, Barbara and Lisa met with CD5 and CD5 voiced their support of the issues and concerns which they had presented. Faisel also acknowledged. Eric noted that as a body there's the ability to discuss the final EIR when it's drafted and the matter comes before PLUM.

Motion: to oppose SB828

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB828, which would allow the state to require cities approve zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals, and trigger a by-right process for approvals overriding all local plans IF cities fail to meet all assigned RHNA goals. WRAC notes this bill is based on arbitrary numbers, and by-right approvals with no affordable housing requirements would be a disincentive for developers to use city density

bonus ordinances that produce affordable housing—and an unintended consequence of the legislation.

Terri summarized the motion for the stakeholders present.

Motion By Barbara: That the Westside Neighborhood Council opposes SB828, which would allow the state to require cities approve zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals, and trigger a by-right process for approvals overriding all local plans if cities fail to meet all assigned RHNA goals, noting that per WRAC, this bill is based on arbitrary numbers, and by-right approvals with no affordable housing requirements, would be a disincentive for developers to use city density bonus ordinances that produce affordable housing—and an unintended consequence of the legislation.

Second By: Barbara

Motion Passed 11 – 1 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17b

Abstain: 14

Against: 0

Motion: to oppose SB813

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB813, which would eliminate the FAR, floor area square footage, of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site's total floor area. No compelling reason, and no planning justification, has been presented that demonstrates how the physical conditioned, livable space of an ADU is different from the physical conditioned, livable space of the primary residence on the property.

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Second By: Thomas

Motion Passed 11 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Motion: to oppose SB946 [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB946, in which the State of California would establish street vending regulations for local municipalities. The bill would require local regulations to permit vending in parks and public spaces and would not allow location restrictions unless “directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns. The City of Los Angeles is currently analyzing street vending options, and local control over such issues is preferred. Barbara explained that this is a one size fits all approach and not appropriate to address the issue.

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Second By: Lisa

Motion Passed 11 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Short Term Rentals

Motion By Barbara: That the Westside Neighborhood Council support a Short-Term Rentals Ordinance provided the following specific conditions--based upon WRAC membership votes and the preceding WRAC letter on STRs--are included.

Any City of Los Angeles Short-Term Rentals Ordinance shall include the following:

1. A cap on the number of nights that a room can be rented each year, and with no provision for a CUP or other process for individual hosts to receive permission to exceed the annual cap

2. Requirement of proof of primary residence and liability insurance for the specific use.

No self-certification.

3. Short-term rental tax revenues shall not go into the General Fund. The highest priority for use of revenues shall be enforcement of the ordinance, and after that, revenues shall go to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Second By: Shannon

Motion Passed 11 – 0 - 0

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: That the Westside Neighborhood Council adjourn the March 8, 2018 Meeting at 9:15PM.

Second By: Lisa

For: Seats 1, 2, 3, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17b

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Meeting Adjourned.