



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Westside Neighborhood Council Governing Board/Stakeholder Meeting
MINUTES

February 14, 2019 - Thursday 7:00 P.M.
One Westside

NEW LOCATION

10800 W. Pico Meeting Room B

Councilmembers in attendance and seat numbers: 1 Jae Wu, 2 Lisa Morocco, 3 Jeff Hronek, 4 Kimberly Christensen, 7 Barbara Broide, 8 Terri Tippit, 9 Sean McMillan, 10 Stacy Antler, 11 Mary Kusnic, 12 Colleen Mason, 13 Jane Wishon, 16 Wendie Dox, 17 Joanne Dorfman

Councilmembers absent and seat numbers: 5 Brendan Kotier, 6 Elnie Vannatim, 14 Shannon Burns, 15 Caryn Friedman

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order 7 pm

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. Review and Adoption January 10, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the January 10, 2019 meeting by Jane Wishon, seconded by Mary Kusnic.

Yes: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17

No:

Abs: 3

Motion passes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Mary Williams, a constituent, spoke in favor of Air BnB and asked that NC consider requesting changes to the new Air BnB ordinance.

- b. Sean McMillan announced that the Homeless Committee of the WNC will meet at Heyler Realty on February 27 at 6:30 pm to address ways to assist the homeless in our area.

4. PRESENTATIONS (discussion and/or possible action):

- a. CERT Battalion 18 Emergency Preparedness presentation on Emergency Preparedness Template for

the Neighborhood Councils. Terrance Gomes from LAFD Battalion 18 reminded the Council that each Neighborhood Council will be required to have a neighborhood resilience plan for major disasters scenarios. He asked also reminded everyone that most emergency preparedness kits contain flashlights but no batteries. His presentation included specific suggestions for the WNC including CERT training for all Council members, form a safety committee (the WNC Safety Committee Chair is Jeff Hronek), and walkie-talkies that Council members can use to help triage the neighborhoods for first responders.

- b. WNC Bylaw Revisions:

- 1. Selection process

Motion: Amend Board selection process in the WNC Bylaws to be held in odd numbered years by Jane Wishon, Seconded by Mary Kusnic

Yes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

2. Six speakers from the Seat 7 area spoke against the recommendation to add a new Seat 18 to the existing Seat 7 area. Speakers were Jeffrey Ellis, Dianne Gregora, Margaret Healy, Dianne Maddock, Steve Rogers, and Pat Tobias.

Motion: To table the recommendation to add a new Seat 18 to existing Seat 7 area to the June WNC meeting and to hold a public joint meeting of the WNC and the WNC Bylaws Committee to seek public input by Jane Wishon, seconded by Mary Kusnic

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

3. Officers

Motion: to amend the Bylaws to amend officer nomination & election process in the WNC Bylaws to hold the elections immediately after Board selection by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Kimberly Christensen

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Motion to amend the WNC Bylaws so that officers have two-year terms by Colleen Mason, seconded by Lisa Morocco

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Motion to amend the WNC Bylaws to combine Recording Secretary & Corresponding Secretary offices into single Secretary office by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Colleen Mason

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

View full set of revisions at wncla.org; submit comments to chair@wncla.org

5. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Zackary Gaidzik, Field Representative of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, reported that the Supervisors have voted to revisit the plan for and hire gender specialists to design the new women's jail. In addition, the Supervisors are looking at alternatives to incarceration and ways to address mental health issues.

Supervisor Kuehl's office is also working with Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz to plan a "Connect Day" on April 24 to help unhomed persons connect with services including showers, meals, clothing, etc.

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 for February.

Motion: to approve MER for February by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Mary Kusnic

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:
Abs:

Motion passes

b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco:

1. Pick Pico Committee
2. Beth Anderson, a constituent and parent at the Rancho Park Co Op Nursery School spoke in favor of the proposed motion.

Motion to approve an NPG up to \$2000.00 to FOWLA for Rancho Park Co Op Nursery School for new chairs by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Jane Wishon

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,13,16,17

No: 12

Abs:

Motion passes

3.

Motion to approve an NPG up to \$1500.00 to FOWLA for West LAPD Baker to Vegas Event by Stacy Antler, seconded by Mary Kusnic

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

4. WNC member Joanne Dorfman left the room to avoid potential conflict of interest. Constituents Madelynn Camarillo and Rhiannon Camarillo spoke in favor of the proposal.

Motion: to approve an NPG up to \$2500.00 to Riddick Youth Center for a Girl Scouts project to resurface the Riddick backyard by Stacy Antler, seconded by Colleen Mason

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

5. Meeting refreshments

Motion to spend up to \$400.00 for refreshments for February through June meetings including Selection Meeting by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Stacy Antler

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

6. Palms/Rancho Park

Motion to approve an NPG up to \$2400.00 to FOWLA for Palms/Rancho Park for

- \$1125.00 for the pre-school supplies
- \$ 291.00 for park banner
- \$ 826.00 for SWANK Movie for Movie in the Park

by Jane Wishon, seconded by Colleen Mason

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

c. Chair Report, Terri Tippit

- WNC Selection March 14, 2019

Vanessa Serrano of DoNE updated the WNC on the process and arrangements for the March 14 Selection Meeting which will be held on the "Bridge" of Westside Pavilion.

DoNE will verify documents of stakeholder and give them the card they will need to vote. All seats are unopposed with the exception of 7, 10, 12, and 17. Each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak. Voters must bring photo idea and proof of address or affiliation with a business, depending on the seat they are voting for.

- Sepulveda Transit Corridor Plan
 - Ms. Tippit reported that a constituent, Mr. Strano, has mad a PRE from the WNC for 2013 – 2019. Any Council Members in possession of the requested items should produce them for the Chair by Monday, February 18, 2019.
- d. WNC Boundary, Colleen Mason Heller no report
- e. Safety Committee, Jeff Hronek
- September WNC 2nd Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair – no report
- f. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan
- Update on Homeless Count Night – no report but the Committee will meet on February 27 at 6:30 pm at Heyler Realty, 10659 Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064
- g. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen
- WLA Community Plan – Ms Broide reported that the “walk through” with city planners went well.

Motion to approve spending up to \$500.00 for materials and refreshments for Land Use Committee

by Colleen Mason, seconded by Kimberley Christensen

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

- h. WRAC update, Jane Wishon

Motion to adopt the WRAC motion with modification:

- **Whereas SB 50 (Weiner, 2019) would place unfunded state-wide mandates on the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administration and invalidate the new West Los Angeles planning process underway, and**
- **Whereas state-mandated zoning removes the local control and local input that the Neighborhood Councils were created to foster;**
- **Therefore the Westside Neighborhood Council opposes SB 50 and requests the Los Angeles City Council also oppose the bill in its current form.**

by Jane Wishon, seconded by Sean McMillan

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

- i. LANCC Barbara Broide:

- Motions for WNC support:
 - 1.

Motion: The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (Westside Neighborhood Council) strongly opposes any action of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to impinge upon the rights of Neighborhood Councilmembers to free association. On the BONC's February 5, 2019 agenda, item #12 Discussion and possible action to create the Ad Hoc Committee to establish a policy to define and create standardized guidelines and rules for Neighborhood Council Alliances. Alliances are not under the jurisdiction of BONC and are a way for Neighborhood Councilmembers, from different Councils, to freely associate, create, and discuss city-wide and regional issues facing their stakeholder by Barbara Broide, seconded by Sean McMillan

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

2.

Motion: The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (Westside Neighborhood Council) strongly opposes the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to use Ad Hoc committees to discuss the business of Neighborhood Councils. The Neighborhood Council system is built on transparency and communication and BONC Ad Hoc committees do not have to comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act and does not allow for the public or Neighborhood Councils to weigh in on the subject. by Barbara Broide, seconded by Kimberly Christensen

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

3.

Motion: The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (Westside Neighborhood Council) strongly SUPPORTS Council File 19-0046 (Developer Contribution Restrictions – Ryu, Krekorian, Koretz, Martinez, Bonin, and Buscaino) to reform the Los Angeles City campaign finance system in order to reduce the influence of developer interests at City Hall and urges the Los Angeles City Council to schedule this item and approve it as soon as possible. Reform is necessary as developers have a clear financial interest in influencing City Hall to generate land use decisions that will benefit their projects. In 2011, the City approved Measure H, which limited campaign donations from contractors doing business or bidding to do business with the City, due to the clear financial conflict of interest. A similar concern exists with real estate developments where discretionary action required by the City is part of the planning process and incentivizes developers to donate to political campaigns in the hope of partial treatment. Whether the influence gained is merely perceived or real, the citizens of Los Angeles, like with Measure H, have a clear “anti-corruption and anti-circumvention interest” in prohibiting this activity. This ordinance would restore trust in the city planning process and has been upheld for similar bans by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by Barbara Broide, seconded by Jane Wishon

Yes:1,2,3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

ADJOURNMENT: 10 pm

**Jane Wishon
Secretary**