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Westside Neighborhood Council Governing Board/Stakeholder Meeting
Minutes

April 11, 2019 - Thursday 7:00 P.M.

One Westside

10800 W. Pico Meeting Room B

Councilmembers in attendance and seat numbers: 1 Jae Wu, 2 Lisa Morocco, 3 Jeff Hronek, 4 Kimberly Christensen, 5 Louis Schillace, 8 Terri Tippit, 9 Sean McMillan, 10 Stacy Antler, 11 Mary Kusnic, 12 Colleen Mason, 13 Jane Wishon, 14 Shannon Burns, 16 Wendie Dox, 17 Joanne Dorfman

Councilmembers in attendance but ineligible to vote: 7 Barbara Broide,

Councilmembers absent and seat numbers: 6 Vicki Curry, 15 Caryn Friedman

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order at 7 pm.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. Review and Adoption March 14, 2019 Special Town Hall and Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the March 14, 2019 Special Town Hall and Monthly Meeting by Mary Kusnic, second by Lisa Morocco

Yes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17

No:

Abs: 13, 14, 16

Motion passes

- b. Select Representative for Business Seat 6

- Vicki Curry

Motion to select Vicki Curry for the vacant Business Seat 6 by Stacy Antler, second by Colleen Mason

Yes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

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)

- a. Meg Sullivan, a constituent on Blythe Ave, expressed concerns about the selection/election process. Especially about the fact that the WNC selection was not listed on DONE's website in an easy to find location. Additional concerns about the length of time required to participate and that the qualification process took place so early in the evening as to disenfranchise working constituents
- b. Margaret Starbuck of the Odyssey Theater at 2055 Sepulveda Blvd spoke about the 50th anniversary year of the Theater and the special programming.
- c. Keyvan Babazadeh, proprietor of the Ranch Park Gardens, a restaurant at the Rancho Park Golf Course, spoke about the City's plans to replace his family restaurant with a Brew Pub at the public golf course The Chair invited him to return to our next meeting for a full presentation.
- d. Adee Drory of the Celebrate Israel Festival held annually at the Cheviot Hills Rec Center, spoke about plans for this year's festival to be held on the same date as the WNC's Pick Pico festival, May 19th.

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

- a. Walk Pico Streetscape Presentation ,Ana Tabuena and Ruddy Thomas Sarkisyan presented on the current plan for a streetscape grant project that began in 2007. There were questions about the planned roundabouts on Tennessee Ave. No constituent input seems to have been sought.
- b. Presentation by Elmer G. Roldan on the LAUSD propose local revenue measure (parcel tax) on the June 4, 2019 ballot. The measure will charge 16 cents per square foot on buildings that sit on the owner's property for a period of 12 years-seniors 65+ will be given a waiver.
- c. Proposed TOC project for 2930 Westwood Blvd. The proposed project is a Tier 3 TOC project consisting of 50 residential apartment units on an 11,433 gross square foot lot in currently housing a 7000 square foot

office building and zoned C21VL with a 45-foot height limit. The project's height will be 6 stories/ 67 feet (45 feet as permitted and 22 bonus feet awarded under the TOC). There is a grade change on the lot from street to rear alley.

Motion to send a letter of support for the applicant to "Adopt-a-Highway" for the portion of I-10 adjacent to the project. By Kim Christensen, seconded by Colleen Mason

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

5. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Zack Gaidzik, Field Deputy for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

i. 50 New Student Wellbeing Centers – County Supervisors unanimously passed a motion to create a new partnership between Los Angeles County's Health Agencies, Planned Parenthood of Greater LA, and our local school districts to establish Student Wellbeing Centers in 50 high schools throughout the County.

ii. Rim of the Valley: The Board passed a motion authored by Supervisor Kuehl and Supervisor Kathryn Barger to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation asking them to support Rep. Adam Schiff's bill, The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act. The bill would incorporate approximately 191,000 acres, referred to as the Rim of the Valley, into the existing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, expanding the area and bringing important federal assets to areas previously excluded from a host of resource opportunities.

iii. Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan: This week, the Chief Sustainability Office released a discussion draft of the region's first comprehensive sustainability plan, Our County. This countywide sustainability plan – is an effort to outline a bold, inclusive vision for the future that balances the co-equal values of environment, equity, and economy. With contributions from people who live and work throughout the region, Our County presents actionable strategies that support healthy communities, environmental stewardship, and a just economy.

iv. Rent Control: On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors voted to extend a temporary rent stabilization ordinance through December 31, 2019. The ordinance, which was first approved last fall, established a 3% annual cap on rent increases with the base rent set as of September 11, 2018. The ordinance provides protections to renters in the LA County unincorporated areas which are home to approximately 1 million County residents, 200,000 of whom are renters protected by the ordinance. Since the Board first approved the ordinance, 500 renters have reached out to the County's Department of Consumer and Business Affairs with concerns about rent increases.

v. Westwood Connect on April 24 th - Connect Days are community events that bring service providers, community partners, governmental agencies, and dedicated volunteers together so that individuals experiencing homelessness can be connected to an array of services simultaneously.

b. Joseph Galloway, Westside Deputy District Director for Councilmember Paul Koretz

i. The Councilmember has made a motion for the City of Los Angeles to oppose SB 50

ii. The Councilmember has made a motion for the City of Los Angeles to oppose SB 58.

iii. Enforcement and regulations are now in place for electric scooters. If a scooter is left on your property for an extended period of time you may call the Bureau of Sanitation for pick up and disposal.

b. Chris Baker, Senior Lead Officer LAPD

i. theft of autos continues to be tied to leaving your key fob in your car

ii. the LAPD will be training civilians for Community Patrols

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 April.

Motion to approve the MER for April by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Jae Wu

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

- Reallocation of Funds \$5,245 from #100 Funds to #400 Funds

Motion to reallocate \$5,245 from #100 to #400 accounts by Lisa Morocco, seconded by Jae Wu

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco: Pick Pico Committee Update – 16 food vendors and entertainment is all set with a great Kids Zone for this year

c. Chair Report, Terri Tippit

- WNC Selection March 14, 2019 briefing – Vanessa Serrano gave the registration forms to the Chair for WNC's use for outreach.
- Special WNC Board Meeting May 2, 2019 – the Chair will check with the concerned constituents to see whether this is still something they desire to discuss proposed Bylaw changes

Motion to support Supervisor Kuehl and the County of Los Angeles AB 653 (Bloom), which would allow Los Angeles County to lease a portion of the West Los Angeles Armory to build a year-round bridge housing program

by Sean McMillan, seconded by Jane Wishon

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

d. WNC Boundary, Colleen Mason Heller – no report

e. Safety Committee, Jeff Hronek

- September WNC 2nd Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair – Jeff Hronek reported
 - that the date for this year's fair will be September 22nd. The Committee will meet on April 15th at 7 pm at the Heyler Office, 10659 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064
 - Plans are underway to hold a CERT Training
 - If you're doing brush clearance for fire safety, please be aware of protected species.

f. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan

- Westwood Connect Day, April 24, 10am - 2pm - need gently used men's clothing, please drop off at Supervisor Kuehl's office
- Downtown Homeless Resource Fair, April 20th in Grand Park

g. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen

- Update on Planning issues
- Urban Design Studio – the urban design guidelines are being rewritten

Motion to write letter to St Senator Holly Mitchell and St Assemblywoman Kamlager-Dove opposing SB50-Housing Development Incentives by Jane Wishon, seconded by Wendie Dox

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Motion to write letter to St Senator Holly Mitchell and St Assemblywoman Kamlager-Dove opposing SB58--selling, giving, or purchasing of alcoholic beverages at the licensed premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. by Jane Wishon, seconded by Kim Christensen

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

No: 5,16

Abs:

Motion passes

- WLA Community Plan
- Sepulveda Transit Corridor Plan

h. WRAC report, Jane Wishon:

- Fair Work Week Ordinance, Jane Wishon

Motion: WNC supports Los Angeles City Council Motion "Fair Work Week Ordinance" (Council File: 19-0229) and calls for:

1. the Los Angeles City Council to request the City Attorney to draft a Fair Work Week ordinance that would require all retail businesses in Los Angeles with 300 or more employees globally, to

provide workers with 14 days' notice of their schedule, right to rest between shifts of 10 hours, a good faith estimate of weekly work hours at time of hire including potential opportunities for full-time work and predictability pay, right to request schedule changes and ability to decline hours before schedule posting, and anti-retaliation protections for employees their rights under the ordinance;

2. the City Council instruct to Chief Legislative Analyst to report with an analysis of other cities' Fair Work Week policies; and
3. the City Council to instruct the Office of Wage Standards in the Bureau of Contract Administration to report on enforcement costs and procedures for a Los Angeles Fair Work Week policy by Jane Wishon, seconded by Kim Christensen

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Motion: WNC requests that the County of Los Angeles coordinate flood protection and mitigation of existing flooding risks in the LA River area, with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City of Los Angeles and its various departments tasked with city planning, architecture, flood mitigation and street services, among others. We ask that all agencies study options to reduce the impact of flood, the costs of which will largely be borne by taxpayers, and that these studies include taking actions such as removing sediment build-up, reducing hardscape (eg. parking lots, building footprints), expanding open spaces and increasing the size of spreading grounds, adding dry-wells to infiltrate stormwater into aquifers, adding swales to small medians and yards, strengthening dams and levees, and evaluating land use and zoning designations within the proximity of the river (which may result in downzoning). by Jane Wishon, seconded by Louis Schillace

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Motion: WNC opposes the legalization of video advertisements mounted on taxicabs and for-hire vehicles (including services such as Lyft and Uber); and supports the motion by Councilmember Blumenfield to change TaxiCab Rule 415(c), as set forth in Council File 19-0104. by Jane Wishon, seconded by Lisa Morocco

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

i. Rancho Park Drill Site, Jane Wishon

Motion to support Appeal ZA-1958-14560-PA1-1A of case No. ZA-14560-PA-1 Hillcrest Beverly Oil Corporation (HBOC) Site-Rancho Park and Hillcrest Golf Course to require annual compliance inspections by the City for the Rancho Park drill site. By Jane Wishon, seconded by Colleen Mason

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Motion to send a letter to Councilmember Koretz to urge passage of an ordinance to require Annual Compliance Inspections for all drill sites in the City of Los Angeles. By Jane Wishon, seconded by Stacy Antler

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

Adjourned at 10:20 pm

Jane Wishon, Secretary