



Westside Neighborhood Council Governing Board/Stakeholder Meeting
Minutes
May 9, 2019, 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, 6 Vicki Curry, 8 Terri Tippit, 9 alt Richard Feifer, 10 Stacy Antler, 11 Mary Kusnic, 12 Colleen Mason, 13 Jane Wishon, 14 alt Ira Newlander, 15 Caryn Friedman, 16 Wendie Dox, 17 Joanne Dorfman

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

Councilmembers absent and seat numbers:

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order 7:05pm

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. Review and Adoption April 11, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for the April 11, 2019 Special Town Hall and Monthly Meeting by Mary Kusnic, second by Colleen Mason

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

No:

Abs: 6, 9, 14, 15

Motion passes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Michael Donner of 2845 Bentley raised concerns about homeless parking on Sepulveda north of Pico Blvd., especially the mobile home that doesn't move from that location
- b. Barbara Broide of Seat 7 reminded those in attendance: The [City Planning Department](#) is hosting the third round of its Planning 101 training series, an educational initiative, in collaboration with the [Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#) (DONE).

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

- a. Proposed TOC Tier 3 Project at 2301 Westwood (former Tiny World) DIR-2018-6719-TOC-WDI. 48,220 sf, 5 story with mezzanine, 50-unit mixed use project with 5 low income units and ground floor commercial uses to enhance pedestrian life on Westwood Blvd.

Councilmember Jae Wu recused herself and left the room.

- i. Noah Riley presented the project on behalf of the owner. He stated that he had met with the neighboring homeowner's association to address their concerns and had incorporated changes in the project to address those concerns.
- ii. Steve Rogers spoke on behalf of WSSM (Westwood South of Santa Monica), the neighboring homeowners association to oppose the project. Concerns stated by Mr. Rogers and other speakers from the neighborhood (Dave Stambaugh, Denny Fujikawa, Margaret Healy, Kathy Whooley, Jay Jacoby, Rich Cahalan, Marc Robbins, Kelit Von Severin, Dr. Stewart Fordham, Joseph Roth, and Carl Schmidt) included lack of parking, noise, light, traffic, emergency response time, no alley, height. Of particular concern was the potential for apartment dwellers to utilize the permit parking district to park on neighboring streets. More clarification is needed on this issue.

The WNC was asked to oppose the project but it is a "by right" project.

Motion to write a letter to Councilmember Koretz to request that the City Council strenuously work to finetune the TOC ordinance to avoid projects such as this one that is inappropriate for its location in scale and height.

Yes: 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

No:

Abs: 9

Motion passes

Councilmember Jae Wu returned to the room.

- b. Rancho Park Golf Course Change of Concessionaire

- i. Mike Shull, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks walked us through the process and events for the concession contract for the Rancho Park Golf Course. He apologized for not bringing the change of contract to the WNC and neighboring associations, explaining that his office viewed the new concessionaire as a continuation of the current use and therefore not requiring a full process. He committed to creating a liaison for neighborhood contact when changes are planned for parks. He stated that he has pulled the contract for the new concessionaire so that the neighborhood can have input.

Mr. Shull stated that outreach had been done to golfers at Rancho for their input and that the input for favorable for the proposed project with includes a renovated restaurant and bar, some brewery operations, updated ADA compliant bathrooms, and converting the old locker room into a banquet room. Speaker Larry Cloud, Chair of the Golf Advisory Committee for the City of Los Angeles verified that he had reached out to the Golf Clubs at Rancho Park and the feedback was favorable.
- ii. Bob Keehn, President and spokesperson for the Cheviot Hills Home Owners Association, and other speakers from the neighborhood and golfing community (Brandon Behrstock, Kathy Griffis, Martha Jura, Ty Jackson, Cleo Jackson, Andrea Minton, Kent Severin, Chuck Shepherd, Robin Shepherd, Glen Friedman, and Cathy Tenricare) expressed concerns such as whether the RFP process was fair, that the park is a vital part of the neighborhood and therefore the community should have input, the winning proposal treats the concession as a “tourist destination” not part of the neighborhood, hours of operation, movies on the driving range would be disruptive to neighbors, parking, noise (especially from a banquet hall), that the brewery concept is a change of use and not family friendly, that the Department has placed finances ahead of the needs of the stakeholders, and that the Park reached out to the Golf Clubs but not the many individual golfers who use the course.
- iii. Keyvan Babaradeh, the current concessionaire asked whether the RFP process was fair. That he has created a successful family friendly atmosphere for his local park and questions why he lost the contract.
- iv. Mr. Shull committed to bringing back renderings to the next meeting and to a full discussion with the neighborhood on the proposal. Some aspects of the contract could be changed based on that feedback.

5. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. LAPD Senior Leads Rick Ballesteros and Chris Baker updated the Council on a car chase that ended in our area with the driver surrendering. In addition, Crime is down overall in SLO Rick’s district down 6% and down 9% in SLO Chris’s district. Motor vehicle break ins continue to be the biggest issues. Do not leave your car fob in your car and don’t leave valuables visible in your car.

Volunteer Community Patrol has been reinstated. If interested in participating, contact the SLO in your area.
- b. LA City Council Representative CD 5 Joseph Galloway, Westside Deputy District Director
 - i. From May 10th at 10 AM to May 13th at 6 AM, Sepulveda Blvd from Pico Blvd to Exposition Blvd will be closed. Drivers are suggested to take Sawtelle Blvd or Westwood Blvd.
 - ii. Preferential Parking District 300 will replace the Temporary Preferential Parking Districts north of the I-10. We are trying to find out when the signs will be installed.
 - iii. “No Oversized Vehicle Restriction” signs will be installed on Patricia Ave between Pico Blvd and Lorenzo Pl. we are trying to find out when the signs will be installed and they will be installed before the end of the month.
 - iv. A Peak Hour Exemption from 7 AM to 9 AM is being considered for the north side of Pico Blvd from Veteran Av to the 405. We are looking for the WNC’s support before moving forward.
- c. Vanessa Serrano, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate:
 - i. The EmpowerLA Leadership Academy is designed to help Neighborhood Council Board members and stakeholders within the community be more effective in making their voices heard and making a difference in their neighborhoods. June 10, 6-9 pm, Westchester Field Office of CD 11
 - ii. There will be a Civic Youth Program – 6 weeks, 9 am to noon for youth ages 14 to 24 who want to know more about how the City works.
 - iii. April 1 2019 to April 1 2020 is the window to submit bylaws changes for the Neighborhood Councils.

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 May.

Motion to approve the MER for May by Lisa Morocco, second by Jane Wishon

Yes:1,2,3,4,5,6,8,12,13,15,16,17

No:

Abs:

Motion passes

- b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco:
 - Pick Pico Committee Update
 - Sign up for working Pick Pico in its 7th year as a free community event. Now with 118 businesses, vendors, and elected in attendance.
- c. Chair Report, Terri Tippit
 - Proposed Bylaws Revisions—tabled until June meeting due to time
- d. Safety Committee, Jeff Hronek
 - September WNC 2nd Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair
- e. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan
 - Westwood Connect Day, April 24, 10am - 2pm was a tremendous success with many of those served now receiving services.
- f. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen
 - Update on Planning issues – tabled until June meeting due to time
- g. WRAC report, Barbara Broide tabled until June meeting due to time

ADJOURNMENT: 11:05 pm

**Jane Wishon
Recording Secretary**