



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**Westside Neighborhood Council Governing Board/Stakeholder Meeting
August 8, 2019 - Thursday 7:00 P.M.**

Councilmembers in attendance and seat numbers: 1 Jae Wu, 2 David Anderson (Alt), 3 Jeff Hronek, 5 Louis Schillace, 6 Vicki Curry, 7 Barbara Broide, 8 Terri Tippit, 9 Sean McMillian, 10 Stacy Antler, 11 Mary Kusnic, 12 Colleen Mason, 13 Jane Wishon, 15 Caryn Friedman, 17 Joanne Dorfman

Councilmembers in attendance but ineligible to vote on financial matters: 14 Ira Newlander (Alt),

Councilmembers absent and seat numbers: 4 Kimberly Christensen, 16 Wendie Dox

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order 7:10 pm

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

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

Motion to approve minutes for the July 11, 2019 Monthly Meeting by Colleen Mason, second by Joanne Dorfman

Yes: 1,3,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,15,17

No:

Abs: 2, 13, 14

Motion passes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Mark Ryavec of the Venice Neighborhood Council asked whether the City notifies the WNC when change of use projects, like a current plan to convert a parking lot in our area into permanent supportive housing)
- b. Andrea Leon-Grossmann, a resident on Ashby Ave, asked for a motion to support 2500 foot setbacks between oil wells and housing plus a call for the DWP to go to all renewal energy by 2030
- c. Hydee Feldstein of the Pico Neighborhood Association announced a statewide coalition to oppose SB50 and similar forcible upzoning legislation called a Better Way to House California
- d. Don Wood of Bentley Ave asked why the website doesn't list the WNC's policies and what the NC is doing.
- e. Claudia Rojas, co-owner of Atticus, a small business on Pico Blvd.) asked that the WNC support a removal of the anti-grid lock rules that create a tow-away zone on Pico Blvd at rush hour.

4. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. LAPD Senior Leads, LA City Council Representative, LA City & Other Government Depts./Agencies
 - i. Zachary Gaidzik Field Deputy, West/Metro LA for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl was unable to attend but sent this report:
 - a. West Los Angeles National Guard Armory Recently Supervisor Kuehl, authored a motion to send a five-signature letter to Congress in support of altering the language of H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act to allow the West Los Angeles National Guard Armory to be used to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Our office in conjunction with the office of Congressmen Ted Lieu and Senator's Feinstein and Harris are working to turn the West LA Armory (currently a winter shelter) into a permanent bridge housing site.
 - b. Percent for Art in Private Development Additionally the Board enacted an ordinance to require private commercial and industrial development projects in the unincorporated areas to contribute one percent of the building value for the project toward publicly-accessible civic art onsite or to a county-wide fund to support arts funding. Which can be used to partner with projects outside the unincorporated areas to support art.
 - c. Woolsey Fire Relief Also this week, the Board passed a motion by Supervisor Kuehl authorizing the Department of Public Works to waive certain water fees and charges in Waterworks District 29 for properties destroyed in the Woolsey fire. In Malibu alone, the Woolsey Fire destroyed 670 structures with an estimated market value of at least \$1.6 billion. This motion will provide some relief to those who have already borne the brunt of the Woolsey Fire's destruction. It will waive certain water fees for fire rebuilds, which totals \$2.2 million dollars. The hope is that this will aid the ongoing recovery efforts and ease the burden of those rebuilding.
 - d. Measure W At their July 30th Board meeting, the LA County Supervisors adopted an Implementation Ordinance for the [Safe Clean Water Program](#), also known as Measure W. An estimated

\$300 million in tax revenue will be generated by Measure W every year through a special parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface area on private property. Certain low-income homeowners, nonprofits, and publicly-owned facilities are eligible for an exemption, and credits for property owners who have installed storm water-capture improvements are available. The revenue will fund projects to modernize LA County's outdated water infrastructure with truly multi-benefit, nature-based projects.

e. Our County The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today unanimously adopted the [OurCounty Sustainability Plan](#), the boldest, most comprehensive regional approach to sustainability ever issued by a county in the United States. The plan, drafted over two years with the help of nearly 1,000 community and expert stakeholders from every part of the County, sets forth an ambitious agenda that promises to transform the region in the years and decades ahead. Recognizing the urgency of existing regional challenges and the climate crisis, the plan aims to uphold the Paris Climate Agreement by creating a fossil-fuel-free Los Angeles County within the next three decades. It includes nearly 160 health-focused strategies centering on communities that have been disproportionately affected by environmental pollution for decades. "At its heart, this plan is both a call to action and commitment to future generations," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who with Supervisor Hilda L. Solis sponsored the motion to create the County's Chief Sustainability Officer, which led the development of the plan. "This is our unequivocal statement that climate change is real and that our County will not be waiting around for the federal government to create the policies and programs needed to address it. By taking this leadership role, we are positioning the County to move our region into a greener future," Kuehl said. Unlike other sustainability plans, the OurCounty plan is unique in its regional focus as it moves to confront a wide range of environmental, social, and economic challenges.

OurCounty proposes to make Los Angeles County a more equitable, prosperous, and resilient region in the years ahead. The plan's goals and milestones include:

- Powering unincorporated areas and County facilities with 100% renewable energy by 2025
- Increasing urban tree canopy coverage by 15% by 2035
- Diverting more than 95% of waste from landfills
- Developing land-use tools to limit new development in high climate-hazard areas
- Phasing out single-use plastic by 2025 to ensure a cleaner ocean and less landfill waste
- Cutting back on imported water by sourcing 80 percent of water locally by 2045
- Ensuring that all residents have safe and clean drinking water and that rivers, lakes and the ocean meet federal water quality standards
- Leading efforts to make sure that at least 50% of new housing is built within 1/2 mile of high-frequency transit by 2025
- Supporting construction of more than half a million affordable housing units by 2045 to improve public health and community sustainability

The County will not be making these changes alone, but in concert with the region's cities and residents. "Our future depends not just on the County's actions, but also on the 88 cities of Los Angeles County stepping up to the plate to collectively help achieve the strategic plan's vision for sustainability," said Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai. "We look forward to building and growing these partnerships as we work toward common goals on behalf of all the communities we serve."

Gary Gero, the County's Chief Sustainability Officer, credited the many groups and individuals who brought unique perspectives to the plan:

"Before a word of the plan was written, we undertook an in-depth public engagement process that recruited groups who do not typically focus on environmental issues to fully participate as architects of the plan," Gero said. "The results were remarkable and we are so grateful to all who participated. As a result of their efforts, Los Angeles County will be guided by an equity-centered document with nearly all the content born out of community ideas about what a sustainable region should be."

ii. Senior Lead Officers Ballesteros and Baker:

- in the western section of the WNC there is an uptick in aggravated assault (homeless on homeless and homeless on LAPD), grand theft auto, and burglaries.
- They recommend motion sensors and exterior lighting.
- Urged calls to and app called My LA 311 for homeless encampments for social services and trash pick up.
- The number 1 service call in all of LA is for “run aways” at Vista del Mar, which is required to call police every time one of the youth leaves campus. There are 7 reports every day even tho the youth always return.

b. Assemblywoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove update on assembly bills.

- The Assemblymember chairs the LA county contingent in Sacramento – 40 Assembly and State Senate representatives
- The Assemblymember has a package of 3 bills on implicit bias in healthcare, jucicial, and police
- She also has bills that address parking/charging stations for electrical vehicles and relief for fire personnel.
- Battles continue over SB50 and similar bills, housing, homelessness, etc.

5. PRESENTATION (discussion and possible action items

a. Alex Wisner spoke on behalf of the Wine House (2311 Cotner) application for CUP to allow the sale of dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site and off-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 3,777 square foot restaurant with wine tasting with a total of 140 seats, including a 3 seat waiting area, a 453-square foot banquet facility with 17 seats, a 296- square floor bar with 16 seats, and a 1,418 square foot dining room with hours of operation from 9am to 2 am daily.

Motion to support the application by Jane Wishon, second by Stacy Antler

Yes:1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,17

No:

Abs:

Members who left before the vote: 15

Motion passes

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 July.

Motion to support the application by Jane Wishon, second by Stacy Antler

Yes:1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,17

No:

Abs:

Ineligible to vote: 14

Members who left before the vote: 2, 15

Motion passes

- Affirmance of the financial officers

Motion to affirm Shannon Burns as Treasurer and Lisa Morocco as Second Signer by Mary Kusnic, second by Stacy Antler

Yes:1,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,17

No:

Abs:

Ineligible to vote: 14

Members who left before the vote: 2, 15

Motion passes

- Select Terri Tippitt to be 2nd Credit Card Holder

Motion to affirm Terri Tippitt as Second Credit Card signer by Stacy Antler, second by Colleen Mason

Yes:1,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,17

No:

Abs:

Ineligible to vote: 14

Members who left before the vote: 2, 15

Motion passes

- b. Pico Streetscape Project, Lisa Morocco:
 - Update on status of project – the roundabouts have been removed from the project
- c. Chair Report, Terri Tippit
 - Committee agendas must be posted on the website, with DONE and at our physical location 72 hours in advance
 - Funding requests must have all the paperwork completed before coming to the NC with the request
- d. Safety Committee, Jeff Hronek
 - September WNC 2nd Annual Safety and Preparedness Fair
 - Additional funding of \$2,500 for "give away" bags

Motion to allocate an addition \$2500 to the safety and preparedness fair for additional outreach materials by Stacy Antler, second by Jeff Hronek

Yes:3,10,11,17

No: 1,5,6,7,8,9,12,13

Abs:

Ineligible to vote: 14

Members who left before the vote: 2, 15

Motion fails

- e. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan
 - Update on progress for addressing Homeless Housing issue – please continue to use LA-HOP.org to report issues
- f. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen
 - Update on Planning Issues
 - The Metro feasibility study is looking at 3 options for the Sepulveda Pass and there were public calls for Overland as a stop on the way to LAX
- g. Rancho Park Drill Site, Mark Sedlander
 - Report on meeting with CD5 on July 16, 2019 – there are “desk” inspections and the process is moving in the right direction

7. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

8. ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 pm