



## Westside Neighborhood Council Governing Board/Stakeholder Meeting

### Minutes

February 13, 2020 - Thursday 7:00 P.M.

One Westside

10800 W. Pico Meeting Room B

Councilmembers in attendance and seat numbers: 2 Lisa Morocco, 4 Kim Christensen, 5 Louis Schillace, 6 Vicki Curry, 7 Barbara Broide, 8 Terri Tippit, 9 Sean McMillan, 10 Stacy Antler 11 Mary Kusnic, 14 Shannon Burns, 15 Caryn Friedman, 16 Wendie Dox 17 Joanne Dorfman

Councilmembers absent and seat numbers: 13 Jane Wishon

Councilmembers who had alternates present: 1 Kate Kennedy, 3 Kyle Tippit, 12 Mark Sedlander

### 1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- a. Call to Order 7:11 pm

### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- a. Review and Adoption January 9, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Motion to adopt January 9, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes by Mary Kusnic, Second by Sean McMillan**  
**Yes 2,5,6,7,8,9,11,17**

**No**

**Abstentions 3, 12, 14, 4, 16, 15, 1, 10, 13**

### 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)

Liz Barris – Suing the FCC due to injuries and cancer from wireless radiation and needs to wear metallic threaded shielding to protect herself. She is running for Congress on this issue. [LIZNO5GFORCONGRESS.COM](http://LIZNO5GFORCONGRESS.COM)

Hunter Paul, new head of outreach for the Odyssey Theatre. This theater has been around for 50 years and want to be better about doing things with the community. They are very open to using their space for more than just theater. He can be reached at [hunter@odysseytheatre.com](mailto:hunter@odysseytheatre.com)

Lisa Morocco started that she wants the WNC to support them.

### 4. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. SLO Rick Ballesteros

In 2019 West LA was number 1 in crime reduction however January has not been as great. We are 12<sup>th</sup> in violent crime, #1 in property crime, and 13<sup>th</sup> out of 21 in Part 1 crime.

We are up 100% so far with robberies. There were 2 in 2019 and we have already had 4 so far in 2020.

We had 12 motor vehicle thefts in 2019 and 28 so far in 2020.

Vandalism has been bad, in particular acid vandalism. Please be vigilant, there are a lot of squatters and trespassing.

An audience member praised him for helping with the vandalism issue at Parnell and Santa Monica and now near Norms.

Please register your bikes at [bikeindex.org](http://bikeindex.org)

- b. Zachary Gaidzik, Field Deputy, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl:

There is a new voting technology, received booklet with all the voting centers.

Spoke about vision care for k-12 in school.

Supporting February Black History Month.

- c. Freddy Cuppens – DONE

Save the Date for the Empower LA Awards which will be on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Terri Tippit confirmed that we don't have to do our bylaws again.

- d. Debbie Dyer Harris – Councilman Koretz’s Office  
Spoke about Tramel Crow Funds

**5. PRESENTATION (discussion and possible action items)**

- a. Presentation on proposed project by the Weingart Center Association (WCA) at 11010 Santa Monica Blvd. A five-floor, 51-unit mixed-use, permanent supportive housing development which will include 50 affordable studio units, one two-bedroom management unit, indoor and outdoor common areas and community space, on-site supportive services. Development combines modular construction and offsite prefabrication.

Ben Rosen from Weingart presented. They are working with Debbie Dyer’s office on this last partially funded HHH project. There will be 51 units for homeless for seniors 62+.It is being fast tracked. Because of the pre fab modular construction the cost per unit is less then others. Terri Tippit asked if there is already a wait list. There is not and local people will get priority. Kim Christensen asked if the outdoor areas will be closed at night and Ben confirmed they would be. Yes there will be laundry on site. Tenants will pay 30% of their income.

**Motion: WNC support the Weingart Center Association Permanent Supportive Housing Development  
WNC will write a letter of recommendation.**

**Moved: Lisa Morocco Second:Wendie Dox**

**Yes 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17**

**No**

**Abstentions**

**16 Wendie Dox was not in room to vote**

**13 Jane Wishon absent**

- b. Presentation from GPI on the renovation of West End (Old Macy's) 18000 Pico Blvd. --already being built, there was no motion  
Cliff Goldstein had a video presentation but it wasn’t working.  
Reimagined as a creative office building. The middle will be taken out, it will be all glass but they want to preserve some of the original property. There will be 23,000 square ft of space and they are looking for tenants.  
Mark Sedlander wanted confirmation that the Pico side will be designed to be pedestrian friendly.

**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 January 9, 2020
  - There are no outstanding payments. WNC has spent \$21,770 spent with approx. \$13,000 remaining
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**Motion: Motion approve the MER for November 2019 by**

**Moved: Shannon Burns**

**Seconded: Lisa Morocco**

**Yes 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17**

**No**

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- b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco:
- \$150 funding for use of Bank of America parking lot for Pick Pico Street Fair
  - Postcards will be out soon and banners will be up from March 17-May 17.
  - The backpacks from last year will be used again and are looking for ideas to fill them with.
  - Code 1090 states that a person cannot sit on the board and also benefit from Pick Pico so Heyler, Jeff Hronek, and Cactus jewelry will not be at Pick Pico this year.

**Motion: WNC approve \$150 funding for use of Bank of America parking lot for Pick Pico Street Fair**  
**Moved: Lisa Morocco** **Seconded: Kim Christensen**

**Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17**

**No**

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**3 Kyle Tippit had left**

- \$150 funding for use of Chase Bank parking lot for Pick Pico Street Fair

**Motion: WNC approve \$150 funding for use of Chase Bank parking lot for Pick Pico Street Fair**

**Moved: Lisa Morocco**

**Seconded: Kim Christensen**

**Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17**

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c. Chair, Terri Tippit

- Up to \$1600.00 to Friends of Palms Rancho Park Library for Summer Reading Program and books.

**Motion: WNC approve up to \$1600.00 to Friends of Palms Rancho Park Library for Summer Reading Program and books**

**Moved: Mary Kusnic**

**Seconded: Shannon Burns**

**Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17**

**No**

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- Unlitterla Volunteer Street Clean Up April 25, 2020, unlitterla.org
- Terri Tippit spoke about how to coordinate this with Pick Pico, and it will be great for kids and community service.

- New Voting Centers for March 3, 2020 Elections February 22 to March 3rd --Westwood Charter School, Century City Mall Community Room, Daniel Webster Middle School, Riddick Youth Center to see all locations: <https://locator.lavote.net/locations/vc>  
Absentee Ballot Drop Off at Palms/Rancho Park Library now to March 3, 2020  
Century City Mall will have an extra half hour of validation.

- Selection for WNC seats 18 and 19  
This is for North of Pico, residential and retail  
Let Terri know if you want to be considered, there are 2 months to search for these seats.

- Discussion and possible action to approve bylaw amendments proposed by WNC Bylaws Committee on February 2, 2020. WNC to submit bylaws amendment application and draft bylaws to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for review/approval.

The Bylaws for 4 years will start after the next election which will be in 2 years on the second Thursday of March 2021.

**Motion: WNC approve bylaw amendments proposed by WNC Bylaws Committee on February 2, 2020.**

**Moved: Lisa Morocco**

**Seconded: Wendie Dox**

**Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17**

**No**

**Abstentions**

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d. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan –

i. Homeless Count January 22,2020

Sean introduced Mike Stevenson and spoke about increasing our efforts. Suggested we be more like the Palisades who hired 2 people to help with this and have had more than a 50% success rate.

In 2019 the homeless count in CD5 was 1,015 people. Relative to the rest of the population we have a small amount which is why we have so few resources.

ii. Homeless Committee meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Heyler Realty  
12 people attended the last meeting and flyers were given out.

e. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen

- Update on Planning Issues
- Senator Weiner has bills on the floor.
- They want to address the housing affordability challenge.
- SCAG has to distribute units.
- Cities can question other cities goals.

- Sidewalk Repair Program Draft EIR

## **WNC Land Use Committee Report- February 2020**

**LA City: DEIR for Tree Removals Associated with the Sidewalk Replacement Program – Comments due by Feb. 24.** See the NC Sustainability Alliance analysis and email urging NC action to oppose DEIR recommendations. Seek higher tree replacement ratios, larger treewells for mature trees, sidewalks that meander around trees, etc. Go to their website to see their recommendations and comments:

[https://www.ncsa.la/safe\\_sidewalks\\_la\\_sidewalk\\_repair\\_program](https://www.ncsa.la/safe_sidewalks_la_sidewalk_repair_program)

The DEIR can be found at: <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>.

A number of public outreach meetings are still being held on this in the coming week.

**LA City Housing Element:** The writing of the next version of the City's General Plan Housing Element has begun with initial outreach meetings planned (see locations and dates). An advisory task force has been formed (check out the membership).

**SCAG RHNA Process Continues toward final adoption. Will any cities take legal action to challenge the methodology or goals adopted?** The newly proposed SCAG appeals process will allow cities to appeal not only their own assigned goal, but they may appeal ANOTHER city's goals as well. If there are successful appeals then the goals of the other cities will be adjusted accordingly.

**SCAG SoCal Connected Plan moving forward. Includes "Go Zones"**

**SB 50-** Did not pass out of Senate before end of January as required. However, it is not going away. Senator Wiener has two bills pending on the floor into which SB 50's provisions can be inserted. The best defense against this is a strong offense which means reaching out to the public and legislators with alternatives to address the affordability challenge.

**BAD BILLS now being considered in Sacramento:**

**AB 725** (Wicks) – 1) Authorizes and protects McMansions and single family compounds across more than one parcel, 2) Excludes ADUs from housing calculations so that cities/counties CANNOT count ADUs in meeting their RHNA numbers, 3) Excludes commercial and transit corridors from housing calculations for up to 25% of the RHNA numbers so that cities/counties cannot count commercial or high density residential parcels in meeting their RHNA numbers.

**AB 1279** (Bloom) – Mini four-plex SB 50 upzoning bill. In Senate Housing Committee (chaired by Wiener)

**SB 960** (Skinner) – Brings back the slumlord provisions that were amended out of SB 330 last summer.

**Articles of interest:**

Hydee Feldstein's recent City Watch article: <http://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/19261-four-pillars-for-housing-affordability-moving-beyond-sacramento-s-third-rail>

Forbes Magazine on ADU's: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/aaronnorris/2020/12/30/2020-the-year-of-the-adu/#11bf37bf6952> (focuses on manufactured structures and blames NIMBYs/Bananas for housing shortfall)

[https://therealdeal.com/2019/12/13/why-new-yorkers-californians-and-others-pay-so-much-rent/?utm\\_source=internal&utm\\_medium=after\\_article&utm\\_campaign=related\\_article](https://therealdeal.com/2019/12/13/why-new-yorkers-californians-and-others-pay-so-much-rent/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=after_article&utm_campaign=related_article)

[https://therealdeal.com/2020/02/04/la-is-one-of-the-trickiest-cities-for-institutional-investors-to-understand-heres-why/?utm\\_source=internal&utm\\_medium=widget&utm\\_campaign=list-posts](https://therealdeal.com/2020/02/04/la-is-one-of-the-trickiest-cities-for-institutional-investors-to-understand-heres-why/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=widget&utm_campaign=list-posts)

**Motion: WNC approve bylaw extension**

Moved: Barbara Broide

Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17

No

Abstentions

13 Jane Wishon absent

3 Kyle Tippit had left

16 Wendie Dox

Seconded: Kim Christensen

**Motion: Support comments on the WNC**

Moved: Barbara Broide

Yes 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,17

No

Abstentions

Seconded: Kim Christensen

**13 Jane Wishon absent**  
**3 Kyle Tippit had left**  
**16 Wendie Dox**

f. WRAC report, Barbara Broide no report

New t-shirts were distributed

**7. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 pm**