



## WNC June 11, 2020 Webinar Board Meeting Minutes

1) **Welcoming Remarks:** Meeting called to order at 6:10pm by chair Terri Tippit. Agenda was posted on screen. Seats in attendance: Seat 1-Jae Wu, Seat 4-Kim Christensen, Seat 5-Louis Schillace, Seat 6-Vicki Curry, Seat 7-Barbara Broide, Seat 8-Terri Tippit, Seat 9-Sean McMillan, Seat-10 Mary Williams, Seat-13 Jane Wishon, Seat-14 Shannon Burns, Seat 15- Caryn Friedman, Seat 16-Wendie Dox, Seat 17-Joanne Dorfman, Seat 18-Joseph Roth. Seat 3- Jeff Hronek joined at 6:20pm  
Seat 11-Mary Kusnic joined at 6:27pm  
Seat 2- Lisa Morocco joined at 6:34pm  
Seat 12 Alternate- Mark Sedlander joined at 7:05pm

Terri explained the protocol of zoom meetings, and public comment, giving the two-minute limit per speaker.

### 2-Administrative Items

2a) Mary Williams, moved and Jane Wishon seconded motion to approve the May 14, 2020 WNC meeting minutes. Jae Wu, asked for spelling correction of Terri Tippit's name.

Abstain-0

No-0

Yes-1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,18 motion passed.

2b) Motion was made by Shannon Burns to approve the May 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) Seconded by Jane Wishon.

Abstain: 0

No:0

Yes:1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,18 motion passed

3) **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Stakeholder Abby Coleman spoke about defunding the police, and how the BLM movement is relevant to the Westside. Abby wishes support for the People's Budget, to divest from the Police and to invest in other programs; a new fire truck, homeless initiative, permanent housing. Terri asked Abby if she would like to be on our July agenda and will forward her a letter template. Barbara Broide suggested Abby get in touch with the budget advocates.

2b2) **Administrative Item:** Shannon Burns moved to approve the \$32,000 2020-2021 WNC budget, Barbara Broide seconded.

It was discussed that 2019-2020 Pick Pico funds would be stored with FOWLA for 2021 Pick Pico Event.

Abstain: 0

No: 0

Yes: 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 13,14,15,16,17,18 motion passed.

4) **Community/Government Reports & Announcements:** **LAPD Chris Baker** reported on an overall decrease in crime. There was an acquaintance rape reported. The protests (George Floyd, BLM) started peacefully, there were a few looting incidents on Pico Blvd and at Century City Mall. We are advised to never leave anything of value in our vehicle. Burglary from vehicles is up, as is auto theft. Criminals are smashing & grabbing items, and also finding cars with key fobs in them. **LAPD Rick Ballesteros** added that there had been an uptick in bike thefts, and some have been recovered. People should register theirs on the BIKE INDEX website to aid in recovering a stolen bike. Lisa Morocco mentioned homeless/street people harassing The Stalking Horse Pub on Pico. Ballesteros stated there are new homeless in our area. If you witness looting, or street problems, or anything out of place, report it to the police. A woman screaming would be a 911 call. People should take notes of what they see to aid police. Don't confront. If situation is not an emergency, then use non-emergency number.

4) **Tanaz Golshan-LA City Rep Mayor's Office:** Tanaz reports that Friday June 12 starts the Human & Civil Rights Commission. All 26 Covid-19 testing sites will be open Friday around LA. There is help for any looted businesses: LADBS free inspections & permits for repairs/rebuilds, free dumpsters to haul away debris, and some financial

assistance. National Guard has left LA, curfew is over. Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> is tentative date for parking enforcement to commence again in permit areas, and for street sweeping ticketing. In July there will be a new rep coming to WNC to report from the mayor's office.

**4) Angel IZARD-CD-5-** Reported that Councilman Koretz has received many calls both pro/con about police funding in the allocation of the city's budget. Koretz is eager to hear from constituents about this. For the trailer setup at Cheviot Park & Westwood Park, they are housing at-risk senior homeless. None of the people housed there are Covid-19 positive. Barbara asked where the people will go after the trailers. Angel said she will find out. At this time nail salons, tattoo parlors, wineries, cinemas, bowling alleys and concert halls are still closed. Lisa Morocco asked Angel if there was a way to form a collective business task force for board-ups, glass repairs, etc. so each business would not have to start from scratch if there were any break-ins, or looting. Angel said she would look into it.

**4) Jamie Kennerk- Office of Sydney Kamlager, CA State Assembly Dist. 54-** Jamie reported on 3 bills voted on next week; AB 1993, AB 1950, AB 2054. Kamlager is opposing SB902 which would allow 10 units to be built on any property. Their office can help if anyone is having problems obtaining EDD unemployment benefits.

**4) Zac Gaidzik- Office of Sheila Kuehl County Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.** Zac has recovered from Covid-19, doing better. There are LA County Health Dept. protocols for each category of business opening. Checklist must be filled out and available to the public. If you are at a business and see non-compliance; no mask, too close together, crowds, then call and lodge complaint with health dept. and they will investigate. Citations are not the goal, education is. Don't confront. County is hiring contact tracers to help. Health Office order for Gyms? Coming soon.

**4) Freddy Cupen-Ames- Dept. Of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):** Workshop Mon July 27 from 6-8pm *Roberts Rules Made Simple*. Financial training extended until September for renewals. Deadlines coming up for Check requests (6/15) CC Charges (6/30) encumbrance request (6/30). Any funds fewer than 10K will automatically roll over to next year's NC budget. The 2021 budgets are reduced, and each NC will decide how best to utilize the funds. In July DONE employees are furloughed 8 hours per week. Zac had been temporarily assigned as a disaster service worker for *Project Room Key*, The mayor's homeless housing at hotels during the pandemic.

**5a) Presentation: Steve Rawlings/ARAMARK Food Services.** Steve made a presentation of the two sites that have applied for Conditional Use Permits relating to alcohol sales in the Fox Plaza office building at 2121 S. Avenue of the Stars (suites 100 and 180). Steve asked for a letter of support from the WNC for both permits. Louis Schillace asked about security cameras in the facilities. Steve answered there would be cameras at all entrances, registers, hallways covering many areas of the Café & Market. Kim Christensen said that all the exhibits/diagrams had been sent to local neighbors of the sites, and there was no opposition.

1) Sean McMillan **motioned** for WNC to write a letter of support for Conditional Use Permit (Case No. ZA-2020-2063- CUB) beer & wine sales for on-site consumption (Dept. of Alcohol & Beverage Control License Type 41) pursuant to LAMC sec 12.24-W.1 in a 3,932 sq. ft. café (Fox Plaza Café) with a 4,221 sq. ft. uncovered patio with 74 indoor, and 75 outdoor seats, for a total of 149 seats in Suite 100 in the C2-2-O Zone with hours of operation from 6am to 11pm daily. Kim Christensen Seconded the motion  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0  
Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 Motion passed.

2) Kim Christensen made a **motion** for WNC to write a letter of support for Conditional Use Permit (Case No. ZA-2020-2932-CUB) beer & wine sales for off-site consumption (Dept. of Alcohol & Beverage Control Lic. Type 20) pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24-W.1 in an 814 sq. ft. convenience market (Fox Plaza Market) in Suite 180 in the C2-2-O Zone with

Hours of operation from 6am to 8pm daily. Mary Kusnic seconded the motion.

Abstain: 0

No: 0

Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 Motion passes.

## **6) Board Reports:**

**Chair: Terri Tippit** asked that all board members meet the submission deadlines to add items to the agenda, if not

will sit then item will move on to next month. Seat 12- Colleen Heller has resigned. Alternate Mark Sedlander in for this meeting. Those interested in this residential seat that live in Cheviot Hills area, can go to WNC website to submit their application to the seat. This vacant seat is selected by the board, not filled by election. Seat 19, a business seat in the Westwood South area, is also vacant. Interested candidates should fill out an application and get letters of reference.

**Outreach: Lisa Morocco** reported that LAPD had covered what would be helpful to local businesses that had been impacted by vandals & looters after the recent street protests. Lisa would like to see a resource guide for local businesses for board ups, glass replacement, sign repair etc. so they would have one place to go for help after any damages to their businesses. Click Pico is helping local restaurants/businesses get more customers by offering a discount to those who mention Click Pico. LA Fresco, the temporary outdoor dining program instituted by Mayor Garcetti has been good for local restaurants that can put tables on sidewalks & parking lots to comply with Covid-19 restaurant measures, and help keep their customers. Lisa also asked board members for their updated Bio's for the WNC website.

**Homeless: Sean McMillan** reported that he had witnessed the breaking of Antiqua's windows. Many homeless are sleeping in alcoves of closed businesses. Sean has seen the problem people at Stalking Horse. Sean highlighted the steadfast work of WSSM member Don Wood who has surveyed homeless encampments for 70 + days. Don's assessment of the situation says that the most important service for homeless is outreach to them. That migratory homeless camps are hard to quantify. Modeled after the Pacific Palisades successful homeless outreach, a new non-profit waiting for certification has been formed: WLAHomeless.org. \$27,000 has been pledged from WSSM members to help fund a dedicated outreach person who can assess physical and mental well-being. WLAHomeless will make a presentation to WNC in July. Barbara Broide thanked Sean. Mary Williams stated she was a member of the WLA task force, and they were looking for volunteers who can work on public relations, and fundraising, as they are at only 10% of their goal. Abby Coleman from the public stated she would like to volunteer with the new group. Barbara will send Abby an e-mail to connect with the group which will meet next Monday 6/15 On the July Agenda, Sean asked that the budget proposal for homeless be included.

**6d) Planning:** Barbara Broide reported along with Jamie from Sydney Kamlager's office that additional state assembly bills similar to SB50 would be up for voting by June 18. The next housing meeting will be on 6/17/20 @ 1:00pm. 10306 Santa Monica Blvd is to be demolished for a 91 unit building. 2969 Kelton is an existing apt. building slated to be converted to condos. Home Sharing Ordinance and sober living homes will be looked at. Joseph Roth-seat 18 will now be on the LUC. A zoom meeting was held on 6/10/20 with the applicant (Halavy project) a 30-unit apt. building 1936-1942 Westwood Blvd. to become a hotel. Halavy project will present at the July WNC meeting.

**6d) Motion** to send letter to Metro Board of Directors asking they postpone adoption of the LRTP for at least a year. The LRTP in its current form is based entirely on pre-covid-19 data, and the WNC feels that it would

working make more sense to wait until we have a better understanding of how the Covid-19 crisis reshapes and commuting behavior before adopting a plan for the next 10+ years of transit policy.  
Moved by Barbara Broide. Seconded by Kim Christensen  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0  
Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 motion passed.

**6e) (3) WRAC: Motion:**

WNC supports denying business licenses or dockless mobility permit, or revoke such license or permit, to any operator or provide which fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its device, if/when involved in an accident causing injury.

Moved: Barbara Broide  
Seconded: Joanne Dorfman  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0

Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 Motion passes.

**6e) (6) Motion:** WNC supports Council Member Bonin's motion for the formation of a Wildland Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation Task Force and urges the task force to conduct neighborhood outreach to community stakeholders and understand/consider their concerns.

Moved: Barbara Broide  
Seconded: Jane Wishon  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0

Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 Motion passes.

**6e) (7) Motion:** WNC to support Council File 20-0600-S28-Funding for the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Moved: Barbara Broide  
Seconded: Kim Christensen  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0

Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 Motion passes.

**6e) (9) Motion:** WNC supports requesting that the city develop planning, zoning and leasing regulations for co-living developments, which are residential in nature but have aspects of hotels/transient occupancy. Issues include 1. Length of leases; 2. Parking for "units," which have larger bedroom counts; 3. Compliance with density bonus ordinances-regulatory framework.

Moved: Barbara Broide  
Seconded: Kim Christensen  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0

Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18, motion passes.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** Terri Tippit announced that for seat 12, applicants would be expected next month. Seat 19 is also vacant. For the July agenda; People's Budget, Abby Coleman to speak/present, and Safety Committee/Cynthia Saffir to report.

Motion to adjourn the June 11, 2020 WNC meeting webinar.

Moved: Lisa Morocco  
Seconded: Barbara Broide  
Abstain: 0  
No: 0

Yes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 motion passes.