

**Westside Neighborhood Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2021 6:00 pm**  
**Los Angeles, CA via ZOOM**

The monthly board meeting of Westside Neighborhood Council was called to order by Chair Terri Tippit at 6:00 pm. Freddy Cupen-Ames from DONE moderated the meeting until 6:49 pm when Jane Wishon joined the meeting. The meeting was recorded.

**Agenda item 1a. Roll Call:** Present were board members 16 seats: 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent** was seat: 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant. Seat 13 - Jane Wishon joined the meeting at 6:49 pm after the roll call.

**Agenda item 2a. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting November 30, 2020. Motion** by Mary Williams to approve the November 30, 2020 minutes. **Second** Kim Christensen Seat 4. **Vote No: 0. Abstain: 5** 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 5 - Louis Schillace, 12 - Mark Sedlander. **Yes: 10** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7 - Barbara Broide, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** 11 - Mary Kusnic, 13 - Jane Wishon.

**Agenda item 2b. Review and Approval of monthly Treasurer's report and approval of MER report for November and December, 2020.** Shannon Burns presented the November 2020 Treasurer's report and MER report. **Motion** Shannon Burns, Seat 14 to approve November Treasurer's and MER report. **Second** Seat 2 Lisa Morocco. **No: 0 Abstain: 0 Yes - 15** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7 - Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander. 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** 11 - Mary Kusnic, 13 - Jane Wishon.

**Motion** Shannon Burns, seat 14 to approve December Treasurer's and MER report, **Second** Seat 2 Lisa Morocco. **No: 0 Abstain: 0 Yes - 15** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7 - Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander. 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** 11 - Mary Kusnic, 13 - Jane Wishon.

**Agenda item 4a. Presentation of Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP)** Chair Tippit welcomed guests from Streets LA Adel Hagekhalil, Lance Oishi & Elis Lee. Adel Hagekhalil made a presentation on the STAP.

Jane Wishon joined the meeting at 6:49 pm.

**Agenda item 4b.** There was no presentation about the potential Cloud Kitchen development on Sepulveda.

**Agenda item 3. Community/Government Reports - Brian Espin LAPD 37430@lapd.online**  
Brian Espin & Captain Tom from WLAPD provided updates on how budget cuts have impacted hiring, vacancies and promotions. Officer Ballesteros will be back next week. There are currently two SLO vacancies that will remain open until the LAPD budget opens up. Officer Espin provided a crime report and updates on burglaries.

**Brad Fingard from Mayor Garcetti's office [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org)** provided an update. The City launched a new website for the vaccine **[coronavirus.lacity.org/vaccine](https://www.lacity.org/vaccine)** with links to the County Department of Public Health. The City has negotiated concessions with multiple bargaining units including most civilian unions to cancel furloughs so that levels of service can be maintained. The City is expected to receive about \$119 million in emergency rental assistance on behalf of tenants to landlords.

**Jamie Kennerk from Assemblywoman Sydney Kamlager's office - [jamie.kennerk@asm.ca.gov](mailto:jamie.kennerk@asm.ca.gov)** provided an update on legislative issues that the Assemblymember is working on for 2021. AB118 Crisis Act for community based 1b124 survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence. Environmental bills regarding plastic bottles, NCAA exploitation of student athletes, double blind reviews for children in social services, prescription drug act, healthcare for the homeless, Street Medicine program for the unhoused, legislation that would waive HMO requirement. The office is trouble shooting EDD issues that resulted from EDD Unemployment fraud allegations.

**Zak Gadziak from Sheila Keuhl's office.** Zak clarified the mixed messages in the media about the tiers and phases for the vaccine. Go online to register at **[www.vaccinate.lacounty.com](http://www.vaccinate.lacounty.com)** for updates. There will be a lot of options available for vaccinations. Phase 1B for ages over 65 will open up soon. Vaccination administration will ramp up quickly.

**Angel Izard [angel.izard@lacity.org](mailto:angel.izard@lacity.org) from Councilman Koretz's office** provided an update on LAPD security after the US Capital invasion, updates on the recent anti-mask protesters at Westfield and Ralph's, and an update on a recent motion presented by Councilman Koretz to LACC regarding take out food orders requiring that plastic utensils are "available on request" to avoid waste. Councilman Koretz introduced a motion for \$5/hour pay increase for grocery workers, a motion for medical care for low income people, a motion to instruct DBS to enforce municipal code on vacant lots and their trash, and a motion to have various departments research the high costs of the Tiny Home village program.

### **Agenda item 5. WNC Board Reports**

c. **Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan** provided a report on community activities to support the homeless. In December, 2020 Food on Foot had their sleeping bag drive and West LA Homeless had their Winter Essentials Drive. The state sponsored Project Room Key program

has a total of 23 sites citywide and over 6,000 individuals in the City have received support through Project Room Key. The Project Room Key location on Olympic Blvd. is expected to wind down by March. Mary Williams provided a recap on the West LA Homeless Winter Essentials drive. Margaret Gillespie provided an update on Food on Foot's December sleeping bag drive.

Sean McMillan left the meeting for another commitment.

**a. Chair report. Chair Terri Tippit** reviewed the WNC appointments to the WRAC Board: WNC representative: Jane Wishon, Alternate Barbara Broide. WRAC Transportation Committee: Barbara Broide, Alternate Joseph Roth. WRAC Homeless Committee: Sean McMillan, Alternate Mary Williams. WRAC Land Use Committee: Barbara Broide, Alternate Kim Christensen.

**Motion** Jae Wu seat 1 to approve appointments to the WRAC Board. **Second** Shannon Burns, seat 14. **Abstain: 0. No: 0. Yes: 15** seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** seat: 9 - Sean McMillan 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**Update on Selection Townhall.** WNC had a special meeting on November 30, 2020 to discuss options. To stay in compliance with WNC by laws, our selection/election has to be in person and we cannot safely have an in person town hall during the pandemic. The other option would be a virtual town hall but the process of verifying and identifying voters on Zoom is not feasible. Councilman Koretz presented a motion to LACC in December, 2020 to postpone our election until it is safe to have an in person town hall meeting but the Council went into recess for the holidays before action could be taken on the motion. DONE changed the by laws so that we can hold the election when it is safe so now we can extend the Selection/Election date to March 30, 2022. A corresponding amendment to the WNC by-laws is forthcoming. We will be working on updates to the by laws.

**c. WRAC Budget Advocate Report, Jane Wishon**

CIS CF 20-0600-S WNC to request the City Council to reinstate funding of LAPD for cannabis enforcement.

**Motion** Jane Wishon, Seat 13. **Second** Seat 2 Lisa Morocco. There were no public comments. Mark Sedlander suggested a friendly amendment to change the wording to "LAPD Cannabis Enforcement Detail" **Abstain: 1** Seat 14 Shannon Burns. **No: 0. Yes: 14** seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** Seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

CIS on discretionary funds. **Motion:** WNC requests the LA City Council sweep any and all City Council office discretionary funds and mark them for use of local community core services within their district. Said funds should not go into the general fund as they will be lost as salaries and pensions instead of being used for local core services. (CF not specified)

**Motion:** Shannon Burns, Seat 14. **Second** Joseph Roth, Seat 18. The floor was opened for board discussion. **Vote: Abstain: 0. No: 0. Yes 15.** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14- Shannon Burns 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** seat: 9 - Sean McMillan 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**CF 20-1210. Motion:** WNC strongly recommends that a minimum of \$5 million of the \$150,000 million taken by the City from the LAPD budget on July 1, 2020 be reallocated to the Emergency Management Department immediately to rebuild the department so it can continue its work and ensure our safety and that such minimum levels of funding be maintained forever. The White paper that was distributed provides more detail as to why the motion is necessary. The CF 20-1210 motion suggests reallocating funds.

The Board discussed the motion, the documents and the White Paper that were distributed. **Motion:** Kim Christensen, seat 4 amended motion to delete “forever” wording. **Second** - Barbara Broide, Seat 7 **Vote: Abstain: 3** Seats 18 - Joseph Roth, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 14 - Shannon Burns. **No: 1** - 13 - Jane Wishon. **Yes: 11** seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**CF 20-0600-S & CF 20-0600** These were combined in the earlier motion. There is a seat open on the Budget Advocates committee because someone from our region has resigned. Terri Tippit and Lisa Morocco are the Budget Advocates by default.

**b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco:** Update on Business Community. **Motion** to approve the \$60 spent for Backblaze computer backup software. **Second** Jane Wishon **Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes: 15 Seats** 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

Jae and Lisa have reached out to the Pick Pico team to discuss options given the pandemic. Lisa provided an update on Walk Pico Streetscape. The landscape plans are complete. There are two 2 scoping changes. The roundabout at Tennessee and Westwood was changed to a protected crosswalk. The amount of trees to be removed and new is changing. The City wants

to retain more trees than previously recommended. Instead of replacing the removed trees with 132 24" box trees, now there will be 50 36" box trees. Environmental clearance has been submitted and should come back from Caltrans within 3 weeks. Then the Federal Funding E76 document will be submitted. The approval takes about 3 months. We expect the project to come online in June/July, 2021. The first item to be installed is the median at Pico/Overland.

**d. WRAC, Jane Wishon**

**Motion:** Jane Wishon, Seat 13, **Second** Barbara Broide, Seat 7. The WNC supports the Bonin Blumenfeld motion CF 20-1536 and further requests that we do more investigatory into the bus shelters, rather than just an RFP, do more investigation, and get more feedback from the community. Prior to the contract finalization, the City conduct extensive and open public process in which detailed information about STAP, the RFP and contract negotiation process is made widely available and members of public, neighborhood/community councils, and community leaders are invited to provide ongoing input on community impacts, problems and ridership needs with respect to STAP. In connection with any contract that is eventually negotiated with the City respect and abide by Community Plan, Specific Plan, Scenic Highway and Coastal Zone protections and requirements, including in the public right of way, and 2) address constituents' concerns about preservation of community character, protection of residential neighborhoods, public safety, environmental impacts and privacy infringement; all protections for scenic corridors, for local street furniture preferences and for neighborhoods with Specific Plans and codified prohibitions against off-site advertising that were negotiated and included in the JCDecaux contract be carried forward in any new contract that is negotiated; and the City restrict any new digital signs in or near bus shelters to sign districts in the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.

There was discussion about the motion. **Vote - Abstain: 2** Seats 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry. **No: 0 Yes: 13** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent: 2** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**Motion:** Jane Wishon, Seat 13. **Second** Mary Williams, Seat 10. Whereas the proposed BONC Social Media Policy is a direct overreach in power and scope of limiting the ability of Neighborhood Councils to effectively communicate with their constituency; it requires onerous and unenforceable clauses; is overly complicated when existing rules cover many of the issues outlined and a simpler approach would be more appropriate. Therefore the Westside Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed BONC Social Media Policy. There was discussion about the motion. **Vote - Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes: 14** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

School Safe Reopening **Motion:** Jane Wishon, Seat 13. **Second** Jae Wu, Seat 1. Whereas schools provide “essential academic and social-emotional learning” environments, and a broader array of resources including “physical, mental health, and therapeutic services;

Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur) including the prioritization of school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution;

Therefore, the Westside Neighborhood Council supports prioritizing resources and funding for a safe reopening of elementary schools and special-needs classes ahead of other services that are currently allowed to be open.

There was discussion about the motion and wording of the motion. **Vote - Abstain:** 0 **No:** 0 **Yes:** 14 Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic, Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**e. Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen** Update on Planning issues.

Barbara Broide summarized SB9 & SB10 which are similar to the bills 1120 and 902 that were presented by Senator Weiner last year. These bills would decimate R1 neighborhood zoning, SB 10 is the successor to SB 902 that failed in the legislature last session. SB 10 will allow local governments to pass an ordinance to upzone single family residential parcels and permit upzoning to multifamily dwellings of up to 10 units as long as the parcel is located in a transit rich or jobs rich urban area or on an urban landfill site. This upzoning would be allowed notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting any local ordinances including restrictions enacted by voter initiatives. Senator Weiner refers to this as “light touch” up zoning. Councilman Koretz has introduced CF 21- 0002-S21 and has been a leader in the fight against the state legislatures attempt to overtake zoning. We support Councilman Koreatz's city's legislative agenda in opposition to SB9 and SB10. SB 9 is a separate motion council file, CF 21-0002-S18 that would require local governments to approve lots splits and/or housing developments of 2-12 dwelling units on a parcels single family zone ministerially, by right if projects meet certain requirements. It contains several provisions detailing what local agencies can and cannot do including design standards. Neither of these bills appears to contain any provisions for low income, workforce or affordable housing. **Motion:** Barbara Broide, Seat 7, Second Joanne Dorfman Seat 17 Westside Neighborhood Council supports CF 21 - 0002 - S21 & CF 21 - 0002 - S18 to oppose SB 9 and SB 10. We will prepare a separate CIS for each Council file. There was discussion on the motion. **Vote - Abstain:** 1, Jane Wishon Seat 13. **No:** 0 **Yes:** 14 Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark

Sedlander, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth.  
**Absent** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic, Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

CF09-0969-S3 - Comprehensive Fee Update ordinance - The LA City Planning department is trying to get more cost recovery. Barbara Broide summarized the changes to proposed fees.

**Motion:** to oppose the fee increases as presented. Support concept of fee recovery.

Discussion. **Vote:** Abstain: 1 - Lisa Morocco Seat 2. **No:** 0 **Yes:** 14 Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent** seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic, Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

Sign Ordinance - Planning Department has issued a new staff report which reflects instructions given to it by PLUM. Comments are due by January 29, 2021 to the Planning Department. They are not holding any meetings or community outreach hearings to gather information for their staff report. It will go to the Planning Commission by the end of February. **Motion** that the January 29 comment deadline be extended. Barbara Broide Seat 7 **Second** Kim Christensen Seat 4. **Vote:** Abstain: 2 Seats 5 - Louis Schillace and 6 Vicki Curry **Vote - Abstain:** 1, Jane Wishon Seat 13. **No:** 0 **Yes:** 14 Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent:** 2 seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**Motion:** oppose the Council File 11-1705 / CPC-2015-3059-CA Sign Ordinance changes recommended by the PLUM Committee on December 10. Barbara Broide Seat 7 **Second** Kim Christensen Seat 4. **Vote: Abstain: 2** Seats 5 - Louis Schillace and 6 - Vicki Curry **No: 0 Yes: 12** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 5 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent:** 3 seats: 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 14 - Shannon Burns. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

Barbara Broide reviewed changes to the Sign Ordinance. No action was taken.

**Agenda item 6. General Public Comment on Non-agenda items-** The floor was opened for Public Comment.

**Motion** to adjourn Jane Wishon Seat 13. Second Kim Christensen Seat 4. **Vote: Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes: 13** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7 - Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 13 - Jane Wishon, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. **Absent:** 3 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 14 - Shannon Burns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.