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**Westside Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 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. Jane Wishon moderated the meeting. The meeting was recorded.

**Agenda item 1a. Roll Call:** Present were board members 17 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Alt. Bob Keehn, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**Agenda item 2a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting January 14, 2021. Motion** by Mary Williams to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes. **Second** Seat 14 - Shannon Burns. **Vote Abstain: 1** Seat 11 - Mary Kusnic. **No: 0. Yes: 16** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7 - Barbara Broide, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth.

**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 January 2021 treasurer's report and MER report. **Motion** Shannon Burns, Seat 14 to approve January 2021 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander. 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth.

**Agenda item 3. Presentation by Tim Fremaux, Senior Traffic Engineer, Los Angeles Department of Transportation - [tim.fremaux@lacity.org](mailto:tim.fremaux@lacity.org)** re: restriping on Beverly Glen in between Pico Blvd. and Olympic Blvd. Tim reviewed the plan to restripe Beverly Glen to one northbound lane in between Pico Blvd. and Olympic Blvd. The floor was opened for public comment.

**Agenda item 4. Christopher Baker, Senior Lead Officer (SLO) LAPD [33796@lapd.online](mailto:33796@lapd.online)** WNC has two SLO's. The other SLO for the area is Ric Ballesteros, [33652@lapd.online](mailto:33652@lapd.online). Officer Baker publishes a weekly crime report and it is available online at [www.lapd.online](http://www.lapd.online). Overall crime is down but vehicle crimes are up. The department encourages residents to "Lock it, hide it, keep it." Catalytic converter crimes are up. Residential burglaries are up in some areas. In areas with robust Neighborhood Watch programs the neighborhoods see benefit. In reference to street takeovers, West LAPD did a task force with the West traffic division and they had moderate success. Individuals involved in the street takeovers are very savvy in counter surveillance.

**Zac Gadziak, Supervisor Sheila Keuhl's office, z.gaidzik@bos@lacounty.gov**

The vaccination phase is currently for those over age 65 and health care workers. Visit [www.vaccinatelacounty.com](http://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) to sign up. The second dose of vaccine is getting prioritized. The distribution is going from the Federal government to the State and the state is distributing to LA County. LA County received 200,000 per week and the number of doses is expected to increase a lot and vaccinations for front line workers and teachers are next. In LA County there are 1.4 million that are eligible, currently administering 200,000 doses per week. It's important to utilize the basic tools, wear a mask, social distance, etc. Schools are not allowed to open until after we reach 25 new cases /100,000 people/day for 5 consecutive days. Previously the State approved schools and the schools that are open can stay open. LA County is still in the Purple tier but it is anticipated we will reach the target soon. Elementary schools can open when we hit the target. Other schools will open when we hit the red tier. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is illustrating a reduction in deaths and severe illness.

**Angel Izard, Councilman Paul Koretz Field Deputy, angel.izard@lacity.org**

The Councilman presented a motion to LA City Council to start a conversation for a COVID19 Memorial. The City has allocated 98% of vaccines received. As of today, we are out of vaccines but more doses are expected soon. Small Business Grant Round 2 is closed and another round is expected to open soon. The City established the first ever Director of Climate Emergency Mobilization office. LA Police Protective league and the City have reached a tentative agreement. LAPD will delay raises and the City will not proceed with LAPD officer layoffs. The motion addressing the increase in violent crime is currently going through the Safety Committee. The tenant rights violation/eviction prohibition motion asks the LA City attorney to review the municipal code and draft amendments to strengthen tenant rights and determine if tenant rights have been violated. This motion is in the COVID 19 committee. LA City Council is also working on a motion regarding DASH bus drivers who have been impacted by COVID 19. The Councilman entered a motion for a "new food ware accessories by request" ordinance.

**Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager's office, Jamie Kennerk, jamie.kennerk@asm.ca.gov** Bills that were introduced recently: AB553 regarding insurance coverage for the cost of pet spaying and neutering, a bill intended to reduce the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Californians to import them from abroad, a bill to innovate how MediCal delivers services to the homeless by allowing street medicine to qualify for medical reimbursement and waive certain requirements for referrals. Visit the Assembly Members website and FaceBook page. Currently the state is in vaccine phases 1b and 1c. There could be a shift for rollout to be more age based. Phase 1c might be more age based priority. Updates are available on the State and County COVID websites. The State passed SB91 extension of eviction moratorium and it also provided relief for landlords and tenants. Applications are due by March 15, 2021.

**Freddy Cupen-Ames, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE),**

**freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.com** This is Freddy's last meeting with WNC. Freddy will email a report to WNC Board members. Our new DONE Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate NEA representative will be Lorenzo Presenio. The DONE annual Congress is Saturday, September 25, 2022. Selection departmental special by-law amendment changes were made and when the changes are approved, they will be added to the Empower LA website. Freddy will address a few council files in his email to Board: CF 20-00990 Diversity Equity and Inclusion, 21-0182 Olivia Mitchell Youth Council, and CF 21-2000 resolution to clarify CIS filings. Going forward Lorenzo will be our main point of contact. There

was a discussion to clarify the process for agenda items, funding vs. budgetary items and procedures for posting by-law changes.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **5.a. WNC Chair, Terri Tippit**

Next month there will be an update and review of the bylaws regarding specific boundaries for specific WNC seats. The next Selection Townhall will be March 10, 2022. The WNC by-law change is not ready to be posted on the WNC website. Remember to Vote March 2, 2021 for the State Senate seat that was vacated when Holly Mitchell was elected to LA Board of Supervisors.

There was a discussion about the homeless encampment at the Military/10 Freeway underpass. One of the individuals got housing, a new element took over and now there are issues of drugs and crime at that encampment. Pacific Division of LAPD got involved. There have been several narcotics arrests and LAPD is issuing stay away orders but with the back up in courts and no bail rule, they are returning to the site. The problem keeps increasing. Officer Chris Baker commented that the location is on the border of West LAPD and LAPD Pacific Division. LAPD is not letting up. Two arrests were made and the individuals were released within hours. LAPD sent out an enforcement team to check for compliance with ADA rules. Parking enforcement issued a citation on a car for expired registration. CARE sanitation has been reduced so spot clean ups have been scaled back to one day per week on the largest encampments. Please make sure that CD5 knows that it is a priority to address issues at the encampments. It's important for residents to register bikes online so that LAPD knows if a bike that someone has in their possession is a stolen bike [www.bikeindex.org](http://www.bikeindex.org)

There is a violent homeless person that has been causing problems in the Westwood/Olympic/Glendon/Pico area. If you have a hostile encounter with this individual, please file a police report so that we can get a Stay Away order. His name is Dwayne McKenzie.

**Agenda item 5.d. Schools, Caryn Friedman.** Caryn introduced Kristin Lonner from the Friends of Overland Committee and made a request for a NPG for Overland School for \$4,800 for teacher expenses and library supplies. **Motion** to approve the NPG to Friends of Overland School for \$4,800 for teacher and library supplies. **Second** Lisa Morocco, Seat 2. **Vote: No: 0 Abstain: 0 Yes: 17** Seat 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13- Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

### **b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco** Update on Business Community.

The situation for the business community has been very dire with instances of shoplifting, damaged windows, and minimal foot traffic. The Pick Pico team met to create a plan to support local businesses. There will be a Shop Local banner hung on Westwood Blvd. and Pico Blvd. March 16 - May, 2021. There will be signage provided to stores and a Sidewalk Sale event to revitalize the streets again. The Shop Local Plan was shared on the screen. Without Pick Pico, the outreach for WNC business outreach is not happening. The proposed expenditures of \$4800 are: \$2000 for banners, \$500 printing for shop local signs, \$500 for event cleaning and cleaning supplies, \$500 for outreach items for WNC mid April sidewalk sale, \$500 door hangers, \$500 design services, \$300 for balloons (optional).

**Motion:** Seat 2 Lisa Morocco: for WNC to approve up to \$5000 for an outreach and publicity campaign for a "Shop Local" and the Support Local Businesses Plan. **Second** Seat 1 Jae Wu. There was a

discussion about a friendly amendment to approve a shift of funds by up to 20% per line item. This was deemed not necessary by Lisa as the expenditures have been researched and the plan covers all anticipated expenditures. **Vote:** No: 0 **Abstain:** 1 - Seat 17 Joanne Dorfman **Yes:** 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**Motion:** Lisa Morocco Seat 2, Second 1 - Jae Wu. NPG to FOWLA for \$1,500 to support the "Tea for the Soul" event at Westwood Plaza Senior Living Center. Funds will provide desserts and sweets from local businesses for this weekly event @ \$75/ week x 20 weeks until June 29th, the end of fiscal year for WNC. **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Yes:** 17 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**c. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan**

Report on WRAC Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Homeless Committee meeting. Homelessness impacts all sections of the city. Extensive meth use has led to fires and increased violence in some local encampments. WRAC's mission statement is to work in a collaborative way with CD5 and CD11 to provide leadership and services to address the destructive impact of the homelessness on the Westside of LA. Encampment clean ups are helpful but some of the encampments are really dangerous. LA City Attorney Mike Feurer stated today that under LA City Municipal Admin Code 8-30 Mayor Garcetti can use eminent domain to secure property. Judge Carter is considering the use of consent decree to execute his order. Biden has guaranteed that FEMA will fund Project RoomKey.

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

Land Use Reform/High Value Projects CF20-1044 was Introduced in response to PLUM corruption. Large high value projects will no longer be heard in PLUM but instead will go directly to City council rather through the PLUM. **Motion** Barbara Broide Seat 7 to oppose CF20-1044, **Second** Seat 4 Kim Christensen. **Vote:** **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Yes:** 17 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**CF20-1045 Increase Transparency/Processes and Procedures Ordinance.** To increase transparency, this motion would create new protocols to make sure that discussions between Council members and developers take place more transparently and with appropriate disclosures. **Motion** Barbara Broide Seat 7 to support CF 20-1045 to expand one aspect of transparency within policies and procedures. **Second** Jane Wishon Seat 13. **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 1 - Seat 5 - Louis Schillace **Yes:** 16 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**SB15 Portantino Housing Bill Bill Text** - SB-15 Property tax revenue allocations/Local-State Sustainable Investment Program. Neighborhood Council's don't have permission to communicate

directly with State legislatures. SB15 would allow property tax allocations to Cities that rezone former commercial/retail districts to housing to make up lost sales tax revenues. This motion would ask LACC to support and add SB15 to its Sacramento legislative agenda. **Motion** Barbara Broide Seat 7 whereas Westside Neighborhood Council urges LA City Council to include in its 2021-22 State legislative program support for SB15 Portantino which creates an incentive program for Cities to convert abandoned retail sites to affordable and workforce housing. **Second** Jane Wishon Seat 13. **Abstain:** 1 Seat 14- Shannon Burns. **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Yes:** 16 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**LA City Planning Policy, Processes and Procedure, update Recode Processes.** The first part is to gather up all the processes and procedures of the code. Trying to aggregate all the different policies and procedures (over 600 pages) into one chapter. In this process there are a lot of changes that are material. Comments: Kim - by changing processes for some of the entitlements, notice radius for a project may be changed and/or reduced. Notices should go to NCs. Assign Kim the task of writing a letter to address concerns. Require notice to NCs duration in time, changing the decision maker. **Discussion:** Chair asked that objections to those four points be included in the letter. We would like to have additional discussion. **Motion** Terri Tippit Seat 8 WNC Empowers Kim Chrsitensen and the WNC LUC to write an advisory letter and highlight other areas of concern for further discussion.

1. to ensure that discretionary entitlements, even those at the Director level require notification to Neighborhood Councils.

2. the notification radius requirements do not get reduced as a result of change in processes and that Neighborhood Councils are given notice on projects in their area

3. duration of time for notice should not be reduced and notice time for hearing is maintained

4. request more time to review and comment on the processes and procedures and allow for further discussion of any additional topics. **Second** Barbara Broide Seat 7. Public comment. Board

Discussion. **Vote - No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Yes:** 17 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

**Citywide Housing Element 2021-2029 Update and Safety Element Update CPC-2020-1365- GPA; ENV-2020-6762-EIR** Presented by Kim Christensen Seat 4. Brief overview of what the housing element covers and number of units to be constructed. 2021-2029 the Council must adopt their updated housing element by October, 2021. Webinar NOP of EIR letting the public know that the City is preparing an EIR on the housing element. Initial study screens out certain topic areas. Draft Concept Plan Housing Element link is in report. The Draft Element will be released in the next 2-3 months. (See Kim's attachment.) City Planning staff will be reaching out to NCs to provide presentations. Respond about what will be studied in the EIR and what alternatives should be studied and considered. Provide feedback to the City Environmental Consultant regarding agricultural, mineral rights, energy and wildfire; those areas will not be studied further. Deadline to submit a letter is Monday at 5 pm. Timeline for process. Late summer 2021 EIR reports will be reviewed. City Council has to vote. The numbers in the housing element will drive the Community Plan. This letter is to say what we want them to include in the EIR. **Motion:** Barbara Broide Seat 7 The WNC authorizes the WNC LUC to prepare and submit a scoping letter on the Housing Element EIR. **Second:** Jane Wishon Seat 13 **Vote:** **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Yes:** 17 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, 11 -

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There was a discussion about the upcoming Sign Ordinance hearing that is scheduled before the City Planning Commission on Feb 25, 2021. Barbara Broide will ask for support of Version B+ of the ordinance.

f. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), Jane Wishon** - all WRAC motions were passed at the last meeting.

**General Public Comment:** Opened

**Motion** to adjourn Seat 8 Barbara Broide, Second Kim Christensen Seat 4. **Vote: No: 0 Abstain: 0 Yes: 17** 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, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17- Joanne Dorfman, 18 - Joseph Roth. Seats 16 and 19 are vacant.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.