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**Westside Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
July 08, 2021
6:00pm via ZOOM**

1 WELCOMING REMARKS:

a. Call to Order at 6:04 pm. Terri Tippit opened the meeting and reviewed Zoom procedures. The meeting was moderated by Jane Wishon. **Roll Call:** Present were **12** seats: 1 - Jae Wu, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent:** **7** Seats 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 5 - Louis Schillace, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 16 - Karriann Hinds, 17 - Joanne Dorfman. **Ineligible to vote:** **0** Lorenzo Briceno from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was present for the meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

a. Secretary, Mary Williams Review and adoption June 10, 2021 WNC Meeting minutes. The minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting and corrections were made. **Motion:** Mary Williams, Seat 10 to approve June 10, 2021 minutes as corrected. **Second:** Seat 2 - Jane Wishon **Abstain:** **1** Seat 12 - Mark Sedlaner **Yes:** **11** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent:** **7** Seats 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 5 - Louis Schillace, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 16 - Karriann Hinds, 17 - Joanne Dorfman

b. 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 June 2021. Treasurer Shannon Burns, Seat 14 presented the treasurer's report. **Motion:** Shannon Burns, Seat 14 to approve monthly MER and treasurer's report. **Second:** Sean McMillan, Seat 9 **Yes:** **12** 1 - Jae Wu, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent:** **7** Seats 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 5 - Louis Schillace, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 16 - Karriann Hinds, 17 - Joanne Dorfman

3. PRESENTATION (discussion and possible action items):

a. NPG Westwood Greenway Inc. for \$2110 for Port a Potty 1 year maintenance - Annette Mercer, President of Westwood Greenway non-profit reviewed the project and request for \$2110 for a portable toilet. Sean McMillan recused himself. Louis Schillace joined the meeting during

the presentation. There was a discussion about the location of the portable toilet and if it would be locked. **Motion:** Jane Wishon, Seat 13 to table approval of Westwood Greenway NPG for \$2110 to fund a portable toilet if DONE and the City of Los Angeles allow it. The proposal is contingent on the resolution of whether or not it will be locked and/or ADA compliant. **Second:** Mary Williams, Seat 10 **Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes: 12** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 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, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent: 7** Seats 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 9 - Sean McMillan, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 16 - Karriann Hinds, 17 - Joanne Dorfman. **Ineligible: 0** Sean McMillan rejoined the meeting.

4. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Allen covering for Officer Ballesteros and Officer Baker who will be out for 3-6 months. This week crime in the area has been good but YTD robberies are up and stolen vehicles are up. Many stolen car thefts are due to key fobs left in vehicles. Common targets for catalytic converter thefts are Ford trucks and Toyota Prius for the precious metal. Last week a LAPD task force successfully resolved a case of an auto theft and a narcotic crime case. Next week the taskforce will target the drug and bicycle theft crimes in homeless encampments. Bikes should be registered on www.bikeindex.com.

Lisa Morocco joined the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Zak Gaidzik, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office, zgaidzik@lacounty.bos.org

A motion passed requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to increase programs and services offered to children in LGBTQ+ communities. Another motion passed requiring that the Department of Health Services focus on LGBTQ+ resources and gender affirming care and to create programs and policies that are inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community. Covid Delta variant is spreading rapidly in LA County. Today the case count jumped to 832 new cases in one day. Restrictions have not changed. The recommendation now is that no matter what vaccination status, all should wear a mask while indoors. All of the available vaccines are extremely effective. County strike teams will go out to provide vaccines in households where someone has tested positive. Pop up vaccination clinics are available. Contact the County to make arrangements. If someone is homebound, they can get a vaccination at home. There was a discussion about messaging and outreach to the unvaccinated and vaccine resistant individuals.

Armine Sargsyan, Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office, asargsyan@lacountybos.org

Supervisor Mitchell is partnering with LA City Parks for a "Parks after Dark" summer concert program on Saturdays from July 3 - August 7. The office is hosting a virtual small business academy with free legal consultations on July 25, 2021 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

Angel Izard, Field Deputy for CD5 Councilman Paul Koretz, angel.izard@lacity.org

"Connect Day" for the unhoused is set for September 28, 2021, 9 am - 1 pm. There was a groundbreaking for the CD5 HHH 50 unit supportive housing project at 11010 Santa Monica

Blvd. Costs for the project were revised to a lower per unit cost. Last week homeless issues were discussed a lot in LA City Council. The Council is in recess. There is a new ordinance that has been drafted defining where people can sit, lay and sleep. There will be a vote later this month or by special session. The motion should pass and the ordinance will go into effect ASAP. The motion states that it will be illegal to block a sidewalk, that one must provide the mandatory 3' ADA access, that one cannot sit/lie/camp within 10 ft of a driveway or loading dock, within 5' of a building entrance/exit, within 2' of a fire hydrant or fire department access, and in bike lanes. Sec 4118 of the code is aimed at public right of way. The next portion of the motion requires its own resolution stating where camping is allowed such as not within 500 feet of a property designated as sensitive use such as a public park, public library, a school, or daycare. We already have an ordinance to prevent camping in parks. That ordinance wasn't enforced during the pandemic. Other areas that would require a separate resolution would cover areas within 500 feet of an overpass, underpass, tunnel, bridge, a subway or metro station, within 1000 feet of a homeless shelter that was built since 2018. Once the resolution goes into effect, there will be a required public posting 14 days in advance. The ordinance is not quite finalized yet.

Drought conditions are getting worse. Councilman Koretz introduced a motion requesting reports from the LADWP and the Metropolitan Water District to analyze water utilization strategies. He also voted to support recommendations from the Controller to audit 311. New motion Koretz Blumenfield et al requesting the City Attorney to prepare documents to place a ballot measure on the 2022 ballot to amend the City Charter to give contractor preference to businesses within the City of Los Angeles.

Lorenzo Briceno, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. There is new training for onboarding new Neighborhood Council board members. Module 1 registration is open. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners took action to require Neighborhood Councils to meet virtually through December 31, 2021. Fiscal Year 2021/22 administrative packet is now available. By-law amendments are now being accepted until April 15, 2022. Westside Neighborhood Council amendments have been received. The Civic Youth program is back. Lorenzo will provide details by email.

5. BOARD REPORTS (including discussion and possible action items):

a. Chair, Terri Tippit - no report.

b. Outreach, Lisa Morocco

Landmark Theater has agreed to show a WNC "Shop Local" Public Service Announcement in the pre show on all screens. The "Senior Sweets" program is wrapping up. Last week there were 28 guests who attended. Overall the program was a huge success. Jae Wu provided an update on the WNC June 13 Shop Local event.

c. Homeless Committee, Sean McMillan

Sean announced the homeless Westwood Connect Day at Westwood Rec Center, 1350 S. Sepulveda on September 28, 2021, 9am-1pm. There will be a wide range of services that will

be available along with representatives from the DMV, the VA, and other government entities. There will be free haircuts, hygiene kits, showers, and vaccines. The event is a compassionate outreach event to provide resources to the unhoused. West LA Homeless (WLAH) has raised \$190,000 and will be mobilizing their taskforce on August 1, 2021. The City has organized a big clean up of the Venice boardwalk. Bulk items left at encampments can be reported on myLA311 and reports for the unhoused can be filed on www.la-hop.org.

CF21-0002S116 (Koretz) resolution introduced by Councilman Koretz to address resources dedicated to mental health was passed by the LA City Council and the Mayor has approved it. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0002-s116_misc_05-11-21.pdf **Motion** Sean McMillan, Seat 9 to support that resolution. **Second:** Mary Williams, Seat 10. Kariann Hinds joined the meeting before the vote. **Abstain:** 1 Seat 16 Karianne Hinds. **No: 0 Yes: 13** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent: 5** Seats 2 - Lisa Morocco, 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

CF21-0706 (Buscaino) motion that the City of LA considers withdrawing its support of LAHSA. Information about the motion will be distributed to the board and it will be on the agenda next month. The Poverty and Homelessness committee of the LA City Council is reviewing the motion.

d. **WRAC, Jane Wishon**

Motion Jane Wishon, Seat 13 The WNC supports Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7 (Muratsuchi/Glazer), which would place on the ballot for voter decision a Constitutional amendment to restore local governmental control over land use, zoning and planning decisions. WRAC has expressed support for local land use control in five of its adopted positions (Oppose SB 827, SB 50, SB 9 and SB 10; Support SB 15). **Second** Kim Chrstensen, Seat 4 **Abstain: 2** Seats 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry. **No: 0 Yes: 13** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 16 - Kariann Hinds, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent: 4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

Motion Jane Wishon, Seat 13 WHEREAS four different public entities are currently engaged in redistricting efforts following the completion of the 2020 U.S. Census; WHEREAS the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for the 15 City Council districts; WHEREAS the Los Angeles Unified School District Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for the seven (7) districts of the Los Angeles Unified School system; WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for the five (5) County supervisorial districts; and WHEREAS the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for: (a) the 50+ U.S. House of Representative districts in California; (b) the 40 California State Senate districts; (c) the 80 California State Assembly districts; and (d) the four (4) California State Board of Equalization

districts. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Westside Neighborhood Council hereby approves the following motion in regard to these efforts: 1. THAT the highest priority request to be submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council to each of the aforementioned entities is that the entirety of each and every residential neighborhood and business area within the Westside Neighborhood Council should be assigned on an integrated basis to the same, i.e., single, district, with no subdivision of any portion of the Westside Neighborhood Council between two or more districts being considered by the entity; 2. THAT an additional priority of the Westside Neighborhood Council be also to request that each entity, in its deliberations regarding boundaries to be established, consider the common interests of the area covered by the Westside Neighborhood Council with other neighborhoods to the north, including Westwood, Westwood Village, Bel-Air and Holmby Hills, as well as the neighborhoods located to the west, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Westside Village/Westdale/West Los Angeles, Sawtelle, Brentwood and Pacific Palisades communities; 3. THAT each of the four redistricting entities listed above be asked, in its deliberation regarding boundaries, to recognize the importance of maintaining a cohesive and holistic approach for the common interests – economic, commercial, cultural, educational -- of the aforementioned communities, acknowledging that these communities have in large part been influenced by the faculty, staff, students and alumni/ae of UCLA (and their families) wishing to live in close proximity to the Westwood campus since its opening in 1929; and 4. THAT the Chair of the Westside Neighborhood Council be authorized to: (a) transmit this motion, together with a specific description of the residential communities and business areas that comprise the Westside Neighborhood Council, to each of the aforementioned redistricting entities by formal communication; and (b) provide additional public comment on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Council at any public outreach session or public comment meeting conducted by any or all of such entities. APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Westside Neighborhood Council at its regular meeting of July 8, 2021.

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

Planning Committee, Barbara Broide and Kim Christensen

Barbara provided a review of SB15. **Motion** Barbara Broide, Seat 7 in support of CF#21-0002-S142 to have the City Council adopt SB 15 as part of its legislative agenda.

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

Barbara recapped CF 21-0665 (Koretz) **Motion** Barbara Broide, Seat 7 in support of the motion to “instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the Department of Building and Safety, and the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance that defines „Ghost kitchens“ and „Co-living“ residential facilities as an enumerated use with corresponding zones of the City where they can locate, inasmuch as these are land uses currently undefined in the Municipal Code, and part of emerging business models in response to consumer demand.” **Second:** Kim Christensen, Seat 4. **Abstain: 3** Seats 2 - Lisa Morocco, 9 - Sean McMillan, 14 - Shannon Burns. **No: 0 Yes 12** Seats: 1 - Jae Wu, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 16 - Kariann Hinds, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent: 4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

Barbara provided a recap of SCA 2. SCA 2 proposes removing a barrier enacted in California during a throwback era that stymied affordable public housing. This bill places on the California ballot the question of whether voters wish to repeal the outdated Article 34 of the State Constitution. Article 34 prohibits cities and counties from building or buying low-rent housing projects unless local voters approve the project in an election. **Motion:** Barbara Broide, Seat 7 to remove article 34 Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (SCA 2, Allen) **Second** Seat 4 Kim Chistensen. **Vote: No: 0 Abstain: 0 Yes: 15** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 16 - Kariann Hinds, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent:4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

The housing element has been posted on the City Planning website. There is also an update to the safety plan. This will guide policy for the next 8 years.

Joseph Roth recapped the Fireworks Regulation/Fire Prevention CF#21-0002-S140 (O’Farrell) 06/18/2021 Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations Committee **Motion** Joseph Roth, Seat 18 in support of including the City’s support for SB277 (Archuleta) as part of 2021-22 State legislative program. SB 277 (Archuleta) “would: expand the definition of a „dangerous firework;“ require that any seized dangerous or safe and sane fireworks be managed by the State Fire Marshal (SFM); require commercially viable, federally approved dangerous consumer fireworks or safe and sane fireworks that are seized and managed be made available for sale by any California licensed fireworks importer-exporter; and, requires the SFM to establish and collect an additional fee on permits for dangerous fireworks issued to licensees.” **Second:** Jane Wishon, Seat 13 **Vote: 0 No: 0 Abstain: 1** Seat 2 - Lisa Morocco **Yes: 14** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 5 - Louis Schillace, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 16 - Kariann Hinds, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent:4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

CF# 21-0002-S134 (Koretz) – 06/09/2021 Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations Committee **Motion** Joseph Roth, Seat 18 in support of including the City’s support for AB 43

(Friedman/Ting/Chiu/Quirk) as part of 2021-2022 State Legislative program AB 43 “would allow the City to thoughtful (sic) revise speed limits, as appropriate, to protect all. **Second** Barbara Broide, Seat 7 **Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes 15** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent: 4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

Motion Joseph Roth, Seat 18 in support of CF # 21-0003-S139 to include the City’s support for HR 3744 (Johnson) as part of the 2021- 2022 Federal legislative program. The “Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act,” would create a new formula grant program available to all transit agencies to increase transit service frequency. **Second:** Barbara Broide, Seat 7 **Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes: 15** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent: 4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda. The floor was opened for public comment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 8:23 pm Jane Wishon, Seat 13. **Second** Kim Christensen, Seat 4 **Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes: 15** Seats 1 - Jae Wu, 2 - Lisa Morocco, 4 - Kim Christensen, 6 - Vicki Curry, 7- Barbara Broide, 8 - Terri Tippit, 9 - Sean McMillan, 10 - Mary Williams, 12 - Mark Sedlander, 13 - Jane Wishon, 14 - Shannon Burns, 18 - Joseph Roth, 19 - Jose Lustre. **Absent:4** Seats 3 - Jeff Hronek, 11 - Mary Kusnic, 15 - Caryn Friedman, 17 - Joanne Dorfman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.