

Westside Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2021 6:00 PM  
Los Angeles, CA via ZOOM

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

Call to Order 6:06 PM Chair Terri Tippit opened the meeting. The meeting was moderated by Jane Wishon.

Roll Call: Present were 15 seats:

Seat 1-Jae Wu-present  
Seat 2-Lisa Morocco-present  
Seat 3-Jeff Hronek-absent at roll call. Arrived late  
Seat 4-Kim Christensen-present  
Seat 5-Louis Schillace-present  
Seat 6-Vicki Curry-absent  
Seat 7-Barbara Broide-present  
Seat 8 – Terri Tippit-present  
Seat 9-Sean McMillan-present  
Seat 10-Mary Williams-present  
Seat 11-Mary Kusnic-present  
Seat 12 - Margaret Gillespie (appointed board member Item 2c.)  
Seat 13-Jane Wishon-present  
Seat 14-Shannon Burns-absent / Alternate Ira Newlander-present  
Seat 15-Caryn Friedman-present  
Seat 16-Karriann Farrell Hinds-absent  
Seat 17-Joanne Dorfman-present  
Seat 18-Joseph Roth-present

Absent:2 --Seat 6, Seat 16

Vacant:2 -- Seat 12, Seat 19

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**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Review of minutes of September 9, 2021 WNC meeting minutes-Motion:** Barbara Broide, Seat 7 to approve minutes as corrected. **Second** Jae Wu, Seat 1 **Vote:** No: 0 **Abstain:** 3 (Seat 8, 12, 14) **Yes:** 13 (Seats 1,2,4,5,7,9,10,11,13,14,15,17,18. Approved. (11?)

**Monthly Treasurer's report-** Lisa Morocco, Seat 2 presented the monthly expenditure report and monthly Purchase Card's statement for September. **Motion:** to approve monthly expenditure report: Lisa Morocco, Seat 2. **Second:** Jane Wishon, Seat 13. **Vote:** Abstain: 1 (Seat

14 ineligible to vote), No: 0, Yes: 14 seats 1,2,3,4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10,11,13,15,17. Seat 12 not yet seated. Approved.

**Selection for Seat 12 – Margaret Gillespie-** Current Seat 12 alternate Margaret Gillespie, introduced herself to attendees outlining her background and interests in serving as the representative for the Cheviot Hills area. Motion: Sean McMillan, Seat 9. Second, Mary Williams, Seat 10 to seat Margaret Gillespie in Seat 12 representing Cheviot Hills HOA area residents (replacing Mark Sedlander who earlier resigned). Vote: Abstain: 0, No: 0, Yes: 15 seats: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9,10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18. Approved.

**3-PRESENTATION** – No scheduled presentations for this meeting

**4-COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Angel Izard, CD 5** presented updates on the 4118 Ordinance re: encampments indicating that the two WNC locations to be included in the first CD 5 resolution to operationalize 4118 will be at the Military & 10 underpass and on Pontius Ave. The measure will likely be heard 11/3. Data will be presented to demonstrate the need for clearing at these locations. Public comment on this is open. After adoption, signage will be posted at least 14 days prior to any scheduled action. Outreach staff must be available to make contact with those scheduled to be removed prior to any clearing. Angel expressed her thanks to all those who volunteered and supported the Connect Day where over 100 unhoused neighbors were assisted by over 30 community organizations. LADOT chartered vans to pick up homeless and bring them to the event so that they could access the showers and many services offered. Finally, Angel mentioned that she is now an appointed member of the Hollywood United NC and was congratulated by the Board.

**Zac Gaidzik, Supervisor Kuehl's office** thanked all those who volunteered for the Connect Day. He kept his comments short and referred to his written report submitted to the Board. Contact: [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)

**Armine Sargsyan, Supervisor Mitchell's office (SD2)** reported that the Board has called for the reassessment of the County's Homeless Initiative. Hearing to be held 10/21, 9 am. Mitchell's office is accepting nominations for Veterans of the Year. Submit by 10/26. There is an opportunity for youth ages 16-24 interested in becoming lifeguards to apply to participate in a lifeguard training program in LA County pools in the Second District. Armine also reported on the motion presented (Mitchell, Kuehl, Hahn) to phase out oil drilling in the County noting that 73% of residents living near oil wells are people of color. For further info:

[ASargsyan@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ASargsyan@bos.lacounty.gov)

**Lorenzo Briceno, DONE** indicated that he had emailed DONE's monthly report to the Board. He further noted that:

--NC Planning Committee members must take the Planning 101 training on Cornerstone. NCs must submit a roster of Planning Committee members and if not submitted, the entire board must take the training.

--Code of Conduct feedback sessions planned for 10/19 at 6:30 pm, 11/6 at 1 pm. Go to: [tiny.cc/codeconduct.rsvp](http://tiny.cc/codeconduct.rsvp) to attend.

--Board members need to change their Cornerstone sign in info with a new user name.

--Module 2 training 10/28, 6:30 pm on NC Bylaws. Module 3 details still to be arranged. Look for email announcements with info.

-- ABLE training for all NC members has a deadline for completion of 11/30. It is a 1 hour training in sections. Jane commented that it focuses on uncovering your bias; and dealing with them.

For more info, contact Lorenzo: [Lorenzo.bricerno@lacity.org](mailto:Lorenzo.bricerno@lacity.org)

## **5. BOARD REPORTS**

**A) Chair, Terri Tippit: Redistricting:** Indicated how fortunate we are to have Joseph Roth who was able to file WNC CIS statements with the Commission(s) allowing WNC rep to speak for 2 minutes (rather than one). She gave an update as to the most recent maps under consideration indicating that the County Commission is one month behind the City Commission in map consideration. Map 2.5K has moved forward at the City Commission. They are not accepting any new maps. It was suggested that notices go out to stakeholders to invite and encourage their participation in the process. It is the desire of the WNC community to remain whole and treated as a single community of interest with nearby communities that share similar attributes to the north, and not be split among multiple districts on any of the maps (city, county, state) being created.

Joseph Roth, Seat 18 added a clarification: It is important to note that the most current version of the map K2.5 is known as K2.5- Amendment 1. Motion : To approve the allowing the filing of a CIS to authorize Chair Tippit or her assigned representative to speak on behalf of the WNC community to advocate for our being kept whole, at any / all redistricting meetings. Detailed motion posted on website with amendment noted: Add: "or the Chair's designee" to speak on behalf of the WNC. VOTE: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, 17,18. Adopted.

--**ABLE/ Anti-bias training** - Covered by Lorenzo

--**Selection Townhall:** Chair presented the problem related to our upcoming board election in 2022. Our WNC bylaws stipulate that our election is conducted as a "SELECTION" process in an in-person townhall format. Despite the very clear language in our bylaws, DONE is now telling WNC that we must hold our election by mail. Great concern was voiced over the fact that DONE is recommending that we violate our bylaws – bylaws that they have approved. It has been the WNC's intention to host an in-person selection townhall in March 2022. It is, however, unclear as to whether NCs will be permitted to have in-person meetings at that time.

Lisa Morocco, Seat 2 asked if we have the in person meeting, who would be checking people at the door? WNC or DONE? She indicated that if our selection is to be held in March, then we must know from DONE very soon as the Stipulation Sheet must be approved by December and the WNC does not hold a meeting in December. It is unclear as to when decisions will be made

by the City and/or DONE regarding in person meetings, hybrid meetings, etc. Chair Tippit reiterated that the WNC cannot violate its bylaws and that if we are unable to get adequate notice to hold the selection in March then we will need to go to the City Council (again) to change the date. Also noted: When the City required NCs to hold their elections by mail ballot, it was the CITY that covered the cost. Now, if required to have our election by mail, there is no such provision and the WNC would have to assume the costs which would have a significant impact on our budget. This was deemed to be unacceptable. Barbara Broide, Seat 7 asked whether we had requested permission to hold the selection outside – out of doors where there is a greatly diminished risk of communicating disease. The WNC has asked and was told that an outside event would not be permitted to be planned as of now. Lisa Morocco, Seat 2 indicated that the decision appears to come down to an issue of liability and an insurance issue.

MOTION: If DONE is unable to approve our WNC Selection Townhall by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, WNC votes to seek advancement of a City Council motion to postpone our Board Selection to a date when the selection can be held in compliance with WNC bylaws. {Full motion posted on website} Moved by Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Second by Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

## **5B) No Outreach Report**

### **4) Government Report (late attendee)**

**Michelle Persoff, Assemblymember Bryan's office:** Reported on her recent meeting with Chair Tippit and Vice Chair Morocco. Updates: Saturday Food Drive with a Child's Dream in Culver City. Participating in Annual Arts Festival which will be a drive-through event featuring distribution of art supplies and produce. Their office has received a generous book donation from Children's Book World for distribution. Tour of Ballona wetlands planned with the Ballona Institute. Last week the Assembly office toured Fox Studios. Monday they participated in a tour of various affordable housing/assisted living facilities. They are working on their legislative package for the coming January session and invite ideas to be forwarded for consideration. Joseph Roth, Seat 18 commented to Deputy Persoff that the NC process makes it difficult for Neighborhood Councils to communicate directly with electeds outside of LA City due to rules that govern our conduct. We will, however, share CIS statements with the office that have been adopted that comment on State legislation, for the Assembly office's information.

**5.c- Sean McMillan update on Connect Day** held September 28, 2021 at Westwood Rec Center where unhoused individuals could access free haircuts, showers and access to services. It is hoped that the event can be repeated in approximately 6 months.

Mary Williams, Seat 10 added that the WNC provided the funding for the showers offered at Connect Day and that the event brought in more homeless than any other similar event in the city. She thanked Brad Fingard (from the Mayor's office, Angel and Zac for their role in and support of the event. She added that WNC will receive copies of the reports by the WLAH outreach workers.

Sean reported on the work of the WLAH.org nonprofit org outreach workers that have been hired and who are in the field making contact with our area's homeless in efforts to connect them with family, to help them seek housing, etc. Over 400 contacts have been made in the

past 60 days or so. The Homeless Committee is looking to add people to their ranks. Volunteering provides an opportunity for community folks to engage in the efforts to house and help the homeless.

MOTION: Moved by Sean McMillan, Seat 9. Seconded by Lisa Morocco, Seat 2. As written on agenda attachment re: designation of locations to be part of sidewalk encampment removal. VOTE: Abstain 2 (Seats 9, 12), No 0, Yes: 14. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,10,11,13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**5.d-WRAC Motions** as reported by WNC Rep. Jane Wishon, Seat 13. See agenda attachments for full text

1) CF 21-0929: MOTION to support made by Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Seconded by Lisa Morocco, Seat 2. VOTE: Abstain 2 (Seats 9, 12), No 0, Yes 14: Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,10,11,13,14,15,17,18.

2) LAMC Sec. 41.18: Motion for Councilmembers to cooperate with member councils re: designation of sites under LAMC Sec. 41.18: MOTION by Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Second by Kim Christensen, Seat 4. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

3) Proposed amendments to Code of Conduct to request amendments to proposed document and to provide for due process in any consideration of elected member dismissal. Alternate Member Ira Newlander, Seat 14 asked questions re: the ability of DONE to allow non-elected staff to remove those of us who were elected to serve. He suggested that there be a process whereby allegations are made in writing on paper and under oath. MOTION: Moved by Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Seconded by Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

## **5e – Planning and Land Use Report, Barbara Broide & Kim Christensen-Co-Chairs.**

All motions appear in full text on agenda page.

**1)Housing Element Report:** Kim Christensen, Seat 4. Kim reported on today's hearing on the proposed Housing Element before the City Planning Commission who voted on moving the Housing Element forward to the Council's Housing and PLUM Committees. Kim noted a few surprises mentioned in the staff report as they described programs outlined in the City's plan to meet the State and SCAG's assigned RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment ) very ambitious housing goals whereby over 480,000 housing units must be zoned for (over five times the goal of the current 8-year housing cycle). The City has determined that they will not upzone in High Fire Severity Zones or in the Coastal areas subject to rising ocean levels/flooding. The plan also commits to protecting certain communities of color from gentrification.

The upzoning that the City seeks to do via the Housing Element focuses upzoning on a) those communities currently undergoing their Community Planning Process. Those areas are the easiest to upzone because a formal process is underway and can be completed within the City's 3-year deadline to submit to the State, parcel by parcel maps that identify specific lots to be upzoned to meet the RHNA goal, b) New Citywide bonus density programs, and c) Expansion of entitlement rights under existing housing incentive programs. It was noted that the risk for our

area is that it could be subject to upzoning via ALL THREE of the proposed strategies layered one on top of the other. In addition, in the City's plans, our community has been identified as a "high opportunity area" which is one that has good access to transit, access to good jobs and good educational opportunities. Density will be focused on high opportunity areas. However, the plans do not make any effort to relate density plans with infrastructure capacity. They treat high opportunity areas as though they are UNLIMITED opportunity areas.

With the passage of SB 9 and the Governor having recently signed it, we await word as to how it may be implemented in LA and whether it is to be integrated into the Housing Element. It allows single family zoned lots to be split and developed with a duplex on each half and additional ADU and junior ADU structures. Our attention will be spent on monitoring and participating in the WLA Community Plan as it is used to upzone areas of our community. All should be aware and involved as nothing is sacred and there have been serious proposals made to allow for housing on parkland, on golf courses and on faith based institutional land. "The order of magnitude is phenomenal." Chair Tippit noted that in her conversation with our CD 5 planner that there was acknowledgement that the proposed mapping wasn't going to be anything anyone will be happy with as drafted. The City Planning Dept. Housing staff have stated that the maps included in the draft Element are not final and that properties identified in the mapping may not all be adopted for upzoning in the final analysis and that others may be added.

MOTION: WNC authorizes Kim Christensen and/or Barbara Broide to speak at Council proceedings regarding any and all points raised by the WNC in its written communications regarding the Housing Element; and 2) opposes the Council motion and the Housing Element until adequate notice for public comment and participation are provided.

The Board further directed the co-chairs to contact CD 5 office to obtain static maps by individual parcel to be provided to clarify what is contained in the Appendices 4.1 and 4.7. These materials should be made available to the Council at least one week in advance of any related hearing.

Moved Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Seconded Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**2) CF 14-1635-S11:** Home sharing program resolution to allow for the immediate suspension of a home sharing registration when criminal activity is found to have taken place at a residence while being used as a short term rental. MOTION moved by Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Seconded by Kim Christensen, Seat 4. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**3) CF 21-0002-S163:** Relative to including ACA 1 in the City's 21-22 legislative agenda. ACA 1 would lower the threshold for passage of financing of public housing or infrastructure from 2/3 to 55%. MOTION moved by Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Seconded by Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**4) CF 21-0002-S165:** Relative to including SCA 2 in the City's 21-22 legislative agenda. SCA 2 removes the requirement that public housing projects be approved by voters. Moved by Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Seconded by Jane Wishon, Seat 13. Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**5) CF 18-1246:** Re: Vacation Rentals Ordinance. Recommendation to oppose expansion of the short-term rental program to allow for use of second/vacation homes by some owners as short term rentals. (Supports conclusion drawn in Planning Dept. report.) MOTION made by Barbara Broide, Seat 7. Seconded by Kim Christensen, Seat 4. Vote: Abstain 1 (seat 10), No 0, Yes: 15. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**F. SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSPORTATION** as reported and moved by Joseph Roth, Seat 18

**1) CF21-0002-S164. RECYCLING / PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION**

Seconded by:

Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**2) CF21-1039 LA 100 / MUNICIPAL SOLAR & STORAGE PROGRAM**

Seconded by:

Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**3) CF21-1042- CARBON NEUTRALITY MOONSHOT GOAL**

Seconded by:

Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**4) CF21-0002-S173 – PRINTER CARTRIDGE POLLUTION**

Seconded by:

Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**5) CF21-0975- STREET RACING/ STUDYING POTENTIAL ORDINANCES**

Seconded by:

Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**6) CF 21-0984 – HATE CRIMES / REPORTING VIA 311 & MY 311APP**

Seconded by:

Vote: Abstain 0, No 0, Yes: 16. Seats: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.

**6-General Public Comment was opened and closed without comments received.**

**7- ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Tippit reminded all that redistricting is not a done deal until the maps are formally adopted. All were urged to submit comments. She thanked Lorenzo, our

DONE staff person, for being an advocate for our Council regarding the Selection issues discussed earlier.

MOTION to Adjourn: \_\_\_\_\_, Seat \_\_\_ at \_\_\_ pm. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Seat \_\_\_\_ .  
Abstain: 0 No: 0 Yes16: Seats 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,17,18. Adopted.