

Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

WNC Meeting Thursday November 11, 2021 via Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by chair Terri Tippit, moderator: Jane Wishon

15 board members in attendance: Seats #1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,15,16,17,18.

Seats #5, 11 & 14 absent.

Seat #19 vacant.

2) In Honor of Veteran's Day, Joseph Roth seat #18 read the poem "Veteran's Day by Cheryl Dyson.

a) The October meeting minutes would be held over until January, due to some corrections that will need to be clarified by Barbara Broide, who had taken those minutes.

b) Lisa Morocco gave the treasurer's report in Lieu of Shannon Burns. Expenditures for the month were \$268.96 for WNC phone, and basic website maintenance. WNC treasury has \$27,000 to spend by June 2022. All were asked to bring ideas to the January meeting on how best to utilize these funds. Some suggestions were: tree wells, homeless needs, community events, graffiti solutions, elections. DONE might not allow Pick Pico in 2022. Possibly move Pick Pico to September. Liability insurance had been paid by FOWLA.

Motion to adopt October 2021 MER by Lisa M. seat #2, seconded by Jae Wu seat # 1, **votes: No-0, Abst-0, Yes-15 Motion passed.**

At 6:19pm, seat #11 Mary Kusnic joined the meeting.

3) Presentation- 10381 Mississippi project: Mary Williams Seat #10 will meet with the applicant and other neighbors to come to an agreement. Barbara and Kim will not be going to meetings on SFR projects unless there is a precedent.

4) Community/Government Reports- LAPD SLO Rick Ballesteros Basic Car 35

Officer Ballesteros provided crime stats: property crimes down 16.1% over last year. Violent crime is down 15.5 % OLY. Aggravated assault is up + 6.7% OLY (two crimes). There was a report of a battery at the Pico/Prosser Subway restaurant location. Officer Ballesteros advises everyone to take your cell when you walk, keep it handy, call 911 for emergency, myLA311 for basic info, take photos to document anything suspicious, email office Ballesteros at **33652@lapd.online**

Michelle Persoff of CA State Assembly 54th Dist Rep Isaac Bryan's office: Michelle reported Rep Bryan has been attending Veterans events, and other community gatherings. Rep Bryan is currently planning a winter event, and is interested to partner with NC's.

CD-5 Kristina Pendleberry (intern) gave an update on Safe Pass LA to assist businesses with vaccines for covid-19, and checking proof of vaccination. Enforcement begins on 11-29-21. Kristina reported that Councilmember Koretz has called for legislation eliminating live guns on film and TV sets, in response to the "Rust" movie filming accident. Koretz is supporting the Empowerment Institute's Cool City Challenge that is funded with 300 million dollars. The goal is to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. This program encompasses energy efficiency, community empowerment, and assistance with LADWP bills. Kristina reported that the homeless anti-camping ordinance would be voted on Friday Nov 19 by the full city council.

5) Board Reports- a. Chair Terri Tippit seat #8, reported on Redistricting of the city council boundaries. So far it looks like the WNC will remain within one district. The county supervisor area may be split up. Joseph Roth Seat #18 said Congressional district looks like it will be kept

whole. Terri and others commented that the lettering on the proposed maps were not clear, and very hard to read. The next meeting of the commission is on Nov 17th. The Westside is not being supported to keep the county district whole. It looks like we may be split between districts 2 & 4. Barbara Broide Seat #7 concurred, and urged people to write more letters. Joseph Roth Seat #18 said the online portal (publiccomment.redistricting.lacounty.gov) is best as emails must be counted. It is recommended to indicate map D that keeps us together.

5a-Anti Bias Learning (ABLE) must be completed by Nov 30th. All board members are required to complete this 90 minute online class through Cornerstone. Contact kyle.stone@lacity.org if you need help logging in.

Selection Town Hall- We cannot hold a March 2022 Selection Town Hall. Mail voting goes against our bylaws. We need 3 months to prepare for elections. If board members have to leave the board, we will try and fill open positions.

Trammel Crow Funds-On 2/17/21 we asked how much money was left in the account. \$227,000 was the reply given. Terri thought it was around \$101,000. Barbara Broide seat #7 has a file and will dig it out to see what her records show. The T.C. money was put away for WNC to spend on traffic related issues. Possibly money can be used for streetscape, or traffic calming. Kim Christensen Seat #4 suggested a blinking pedestrian crosswalk at Westwood & Tennessee.

There are boundary limitations on where the money can be spent: SM Blvd-Sepulveda-Pico.

December meeting-Jane Wishon seat #13 made a motion to cancel the December meeting.

Motion was seconded by Jae Wu seat #1. **Votes: abs-0 no-0 Yes-16 Motion Passes.**

5b) Outreach- Lisa Morocco seat #2 reported on the Opening of the Azizi Art Gallery on Pico. The new boutique Gifted on Pico Blvd will be having a special event on 11-12-21. On Dec 10 & 11, Local Ceramic Potter Jane Tomlinson will be having a special promotional sale at her studio. Let's all shop local.

5c) Homeless Committee- Sean McMillan Seat #9 reported that the city will be voting on CF21-4118-S15 s41.18(c) . Sean motioned that WNC should support this vote. Jae Wu Seat #1 seconded. **Votes: Abst-0, No-1 Seat #16, Yes-15 seats #1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,17,18. Motion passes.**

5d) WRAC- Jane Wishon seat #13 stated that the WRAC motion pertaining to Cool Streets is postponed, due to questions about toxicity.

5e) Planning- Barbara Broide Seat #7 motioned for WNC to support **CF21-0002-S186.**

Motion was seconded by Kim Christensen seat #4. This CF was introduced by CM Koretz regarding SB9 and the housing element. **Votes: Abs-1 Seat #1, No-0, Yes-15. Motion passes.**

Housing Element-Kim Christensen attended housing commission & PLUM meeting. The 2121 Westwood Blvd. project had shown no changes, and has moved on to the city council.

(list of full detailed motions-wncla.org under agenda)

STAP Program- CF20-1536 -Barbara Broide seat #7 made a motion to oppose the mitigated negative declaration made by the Bureau of Engineering. Joseph Roth seat #18 seconded. It was discussed that the timeline for comments was too short. Digital ads on bus shelters were thought to be a safety issue; driver distraction. The details of much of the program were unclear as to bus shelter ownership, maintenance, consumer usage, and the probable vendor that had a limited track record in designing and maintaining bus shelters for such a big project of this scope, and long term service. **Votes: Abst- 1 Vicki Curry seat #6, NO-0, Yes-15. Motion passes.**

CF 21-0979 Coordinated Street Furniture Program Public Toilet Transition Plan-When this CF was brought up, the WNC had many questions. A motion was made by Karriann Hinds seat #16, to hold a special meeting to discuss and vote on this. Jane Wishon seat #13 seconded. **Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16. Motion passes.** A special meeting will be held on November 18th with a WNC quorum, and public notice.

5f) WNC CIS Motions (list of full detailed motions- wncla.org under agenda)

- Sustainability:

Shipping Industry Decarbonization/ZEV Corridor

CF #-0002-S175

This CF was approved by the LA City council, therefore no action is taken.

Coastal Waters Protection/New Leases & Old Structures

CF #21-002-176

Motion to support was made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Lisa Morocco seat #2.

Votes: Abst- 0, No-0, Yes-16

Sustainable Communities Exemption/2121 Westwood Blvd

CF #21-1190 (Dept of Planning) 10/12/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Barbara Broide seat #7.

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

Extreme Heat Preparedness

CF #21-1167 (Koretz) 10/12/21

This council file was approved by the city council, therefore no action is taken.

Recycling/Organic Waste Reduction

CF #21-1208 (Koretz/O'Farrell) 10/19/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Jane Wishon seat #13.

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

Solar Storage & EV Chargers at City Facilities

CF #21-1249 (General Services Department) 10/26/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Jane Wishon seat #13.

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

Zero Emission Transportation Infrastructure

CF #21-1132 (Krekorian/O'Farrell) 10/06/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth and seconded by Kim Christenson

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

Speed Enforcement/Speed Limit Reduction

CF#21-1223 (Bonin/Koretz) 10/20/21

Anticipating this motion will be approved by LA City council this week, therefore no action is taken.

Preferential Parking/Boundary District Change

CF #21-1242 (Koretz) 10/26/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Mary Williams seat #10

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

CIS - Public Safety

Vaccine Costs/Immunizing Seniors Via Medicare

CF#21-0002-S184 (Lee) 10/27/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Jane Wishon seat #13.

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

Live Guns & Ammunition/Ban from Entertainment Sets

CF #21-0001-S185 (Koretz) 10/27/21

Motion to support made by Joseph Roth seat #18, seconded by Mary Williams Seat #10.

The discussions lead to the desire of the WNC to ask Koretz to amend *his* motion.

The request would have the words “guns and” removed, so it would just read

“eliminate live ammunition” .

Votes: Abst-1 Vicki Curry seat #6, No-0, Yes-15

6) Public Comment: Two members of the public commented on using zoom, and its features to follow the meeting.

Jae Wu seat #1 announced that on Friday, November 19th there would be a free movie night at Cheviot Hills Park featuring the film “Home Alone”. Free for all, must pre-register at LAPARKS.org

Barbara Broide seat #7 urged everyone to get a booster covid-19 shot, stating they were easy to get now.

7) Adjournment- Jae Wu seat #1 motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Jane Wishon seat #13 seconded the motion in honor of Veterans Day.

Votes: Abst-0, No-0, Yes-16

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.