

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10822 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA
90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Angus Beverly, Sandy Brown, Connie Boukidis, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Trent Jolly, Mitchell Keiter, Shelby Kretz, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Marcello Robinson and Scott Whittle. A quorum was present. There were 18 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roozbeh Farahanipour moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting. Sandy Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian announced that Parks & Recreation is holding a meeting tomorrow about the dog park scheduled to be installed at Westwood Park. It will be installed on the Veteran side where there is currently a playground. That playground will be removed and equipment for older children will be installed on the other side near Aidan's Place. Tree planting on Westwood Blvd. between Wilshire and Santa Monica will be done in about two weeks. Tree wells have been cut.

B. West Bureau LAFD Deputy Chief Charles Butler reported that in the death of Aaron Friedman an ambulance and fire truck were dispatched after the 911 call but the drivers could not find the incident. They called back the cell phone number that the 911 call came from but no one answered. The call was therefore canceled. The caller had said they were on the on-ramp but it's

possible that the information was not relayed to the ambulance driver.

C. West LAPD SLO Chris Ragsdale reported on two related knock-knock burglaries which took place recently on Holmby Avenue, one in the 600 block and one in the 1300 block. Officer Ragsdale

recommended that residents install surveillance cameras in side yards in addition to a front door camera.

D. Brian Adams, the representative of State Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, reported that the Assemblymember is working on the Stream Act of 2017, a consumer protection bill which will put off any tax that cities want to levy on streaming services for five years.

E. UCLA USAC President Danny Siegel gave the board an update about what is going on at UCLA and expressed interest in working with WWNC in order to help students be an economic stimulus in Westwood Village.

4. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Megan Furey announced Valentine's Day movies in the Village and an upcoming Seniors Night Out for UCLA seniors on February 28th. The BID's next board meeting is Thursday February 16th and homelessness will be a topic of discussion. Nikki Svava announced that the Ambassadors now have expanded hours and will be working Sunday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Ryan Shimizu announced that he has a new website helping people to park near UCLA. He requested assistance with connecting to property managers in the area. Stakeholder Steve Sann volunteered to help.

B. Charlie Melvoin, brother of school board candidate Nick Melvoin, urged people to vote for Nick in the upcoming March election.

C. Stakeholder Steve Sann announced a free concert at the library on March 5th by the Fiato String Quartet.

6. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

A. Discussion

Mike Eveloff, who is a member of the advisory board, explained that it is a roundtable which advises the park director and meets infrequently. The park director selects the board members. He invited anyone interested to apply for a position on the board.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee had no report.

B. Budget

Treasurer Laura Winikow listed the February monthly expenditures: facility rental \$150, facility set-up \$75, staffing services \$254, postage \$2.41, and printing \$68.23; and upcoming payments to webmaster Kevin for \$249, and \$134.99 for new Excel software for Laura's computer. The monthly expenditure report included a total spent of \$549.75. All expenses and the monthly expenditure report were approved unanimously.

C. Land Use & Planning

1. 540-550 South Landfair Avenue

Case Number: DIR-2016-3673

Project Title: 540-550 South Landfair Avenue

Project Address: 540-550 South Landfair Avenue, Los Angeles, CA
90024

Contact Info: Jamie B. Myer, [310-424-9421](tel:310-424-9421)

Project Description: Project permit compliance for Westwood Design Review Board and North Westwood Village Specific Plan. Filing haul route with Dept. of B & S, and applying the Environment Assessment Form (EAF). Demolish 21 apartment units and replace with 22.

Supporting Documents: <http://www.wwnc.org/540-50> Landfair Avenue

Representatives of 540-550 South Landfair Avenue presented their project.

Chair Connie Boukidis moved,

“Be it resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed 540-550 Landfair Project as currently designed due to its lack of compliance with the NWVSP and the WCP; and be it further resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) calls on the Westwood Design Review Board to oppose the project as currently designed; and be it further resolved that the WWNC calls on the CD5 Council Office to oppose the project as currently designed due to its clash with the intent and requirements of the NWVSP and expressed in the City Council motion 09-2587 dated October 20, 2009; be it further resolved that the project comply with the NWVSP, in particular, Sections 3.B., 5.B.3., and 5.C.; and be it further resolved that a condition be imposed on the owner, as set forth in Condition 14 under Section C. Other Conditions as imposed on the Akhavi 632 Landfair Avenue project (DIR 2009-1968-SPP-DRB), i.e. requiring that all tenants of a unit be on a single lease sharing liability for same jointly and severally; and be it further resolved that the WWNC calls on the Applicant to design a project to the absolute height limit of not more Than 45 feet across the entire project, and reduce the bedroom count to not more than 4 bedrooms per unit, which is already more than the North Village standard, with a cap of 12 occupants per unit; and be it finally resolved that the WWNC will communicate this position to the City of Los Angeles Departmentsof Building and Safety and

Planning, and Councilman Paul Koretz.”

The motion was defeated by a vote of No: 9 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Angus Beverly, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Mitchell Keiter, Shelby Kretz, David Lorango, Mark Rogo), Yes: 4 (Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Philip Gabriel, Stephen Resnick), and Abstain: 0.

2. EXOTICAR

Case Number: ZA-2016-4366

Project Title: EXOTICAR

Project Address: 1621 Pontius Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Contact Info: Marc Levun, [213-481-6567](tel:213-481-6567)

Project Description: The proposed installation and use of auto spraying equipment in the M1 zone. Total floor area is 5,210 sq. ft.

Supporting Documents: <http://www.wwnc.org/EXOTICAR>

Chair Connie Boukidis moved, “WWNC supports the Applicant’s request for automobile spraying equipment in an M1 zone”, seconded by Ann Hayman. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 15 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Angus Beverly, Sandy Brown, Connie Boukidis, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, Shelby Kretz, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Laura Winikow) No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Philip Gabriel).

D. Outreach & Communications

Chair David Lorango announced that he has a flyer for the City Council Fifth District candidates forum on February 21st at St. Paul’s.

E. Homeless Task Force

The homeless count took place on January 25th.

F. Budget Advocates—no report

G. Public Safety—no report

H. Transportation & Parking

Chair Angus Beverly is collecting addresses for pothole repair and will give them to Lisa Chapman to be added to the master list.

I. Bylaws—no report

J. WRAC

WRAC representative Mitchell Keiter reported that WRAC discussed funding proposals for the Board of Education. WRAC sponsored two school board candidate debates.

K. Zoning & Violations—no report

8. STREET VENDING

A. Update

Sandy Brown reported that the ordinance under consideration will let residents opt in or opt out by street, neighborhood, Council District, or by petition.

9. WESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER

A. Pool Renovation

Mitchell Keiter reported that the pool renovation was completed on time.

10. HOMELESS COUNT

A. Update

Lisa Chapman thanked those board members who participated and reported that the count was a success. No official numbers are available yet, but homeless numbers are up in Westwood Village.

11. NEIGHBORHOOD BLITZ

A. Discussion

The Bureau of Street Services has scheduled a pothole repair truck for the neighborhood on March

9th. Addresses where repairs are needed should be submitted to WWNC.

12. CD5 DEBATE

A. Update

Stephen Resnick is waiting to hear from St. Paul's.

B. Introduction of motion: "The Westwood Neighborhood Council will pay up to \$300 for a sound system/microphones for debates and community events."

Mark Rogo moved the above motion, seconded by Chantelle Eastman, and carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.