

## WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2015

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Jacob Finn, Aurelia Friedman, Stephen Resnick, Eugene Tseng, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Dean Abell, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Mitchell Keiter, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, and Austin Velez. A quorum was present. There were 11 stakeholders and guests present.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. Angus Beverly seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### 3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner reported that the Congressman met with members of WWNC to discuss the Purple Line extension last week. Metro will be making the final decision on the Century City stop. The VA will be developing a master plan and major changes are coming, including housing for veterans. Nothing has been

decided about the baseball field.

B. UCLA representative Rachel Brashear reported that a panel discussion on April 26th about the LA Times Book Club pick “Boys of Summer” will be held at UCLA and feature Mickey Kantor. UCLA has not made any decision regarding bicycle lanes.

C. Eugene Tseng, representing State Senator Ben Allen, reported that the Senator is a co-sponsor of SB 277, which is the bill to remove the personal exemption as a reason to obtain a vaccination waiver for your child. The bill was heard today.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that the Westwood Branch Library will be having a 10th

anniversary celebration on May 9th, with events all day long and a ceremony at 1 p.m.

Stakeholder Marlene reported that Chase Bank is concerned about the homeless woman living on the sidewalk in front of the building and that there are homeless living in the bushes in back of the building. The homeless count in January revealed 67 homeless people and 27 encampments in Westwood.

#### 5. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive had no report

## B. Budget

Treasurer Laura Winikow listed the expenses to be approved: \$97.56 for printed material for tonight's meeting and for March expenditures \$179.88 for the webmaster, \$2.66 for postage, and \$3,000 for the deposit on an earthquake simulator for the Disaster Preparedness Fair. The expenses were approved by a vote of Yes: 10 and No: 2, with Sandy Brown and Connie Boukidis voting no. There was \$1,689 left in the budget.

## C. Land Use

### 1. Gayley Fraternity Project

Chair Connie Boukidis announced that this project was tabled.

### 2. Interim Control Ordinance/Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Ordinance

A. Motion calling on Planning & Land Use Management Committee and LA City Council to extend the ICO/HPOZ ordinance from 45 days to a full 24 months and declaring WWNC's steadfast support of these measures.

Connie Boukidis introduced the motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick, and it carried unanimously.

## D. Outreach & Communications

Chair Lisa Chapman reported on the rules she learned at Ethics & Funding training.

#### E. Public Safety

Chair Angus Beverly reported that he and Armen Hadjimanoukian will be meeting with LADOT transportation engineer Mo Blorfroshan to discuss the Westwood/Weyburn intersection. UCLA Bicycle Academy representative Michael Cahn wants to partner with WWNC to promote bicycle safety. Angus and Armen will meet with him to discuss it.

#### F. Traffic

The report is the same as Public Safety.

#### G. WRAC

WRAC representative Sandy Brown announced that WRAC will be meeting with Mayor Garcetti on April 25th. WRAC has decided to focus on westside issues.

### 6. DISCUSSION & MOTION REGARDING ONLINE VOTING IN 2016 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2016 ELECTION PROCEDURES STIPULATION WORKSHEET

Lisa Chapman led the board through the questions on the worksheet. The completed worksheet was approved by a unanimous vote.

## 7. BUDGET DAY

Lisa Chapman asked for volunteers to attend the Mayor's Budget Day on June 27th. Nobody volunteered but Marcello Robinson had said that he would attend if no one else volunteered.

## 8. TRANSIT & INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A. Motion to approve letter of support for the purchase of heavy rail vehicles for the Westside Purple Line Extension and the Red/Purple Line Fleet Upgrade and Capacity Extension

President Jerry Brown said that the deadline has passed but he would send the letter anyway. The board approved his action unanimously.

## 9. DISCUSSION AND MOTION TO ESTABLISH A CROSSWALK AT LE CONTE & LEVERING DUE TO UNSAFE CONDITIONS

A. Motion: The WWNC highly recommends that the Department of Street Services/ Transportation add a crosswalk to help pedestrians cross safely and indicate to drivers

where to stop their cars.

Aurelia Friedman introduced the following motion, seconded by Lisa Chapman, which carried unanimously.

#### MOTION REGARDING THE INTERSECTION OF LE CONTE & LEVERING AVENUES

There is a large amount of foot traffic in the intersection of Le Conte Ave. and Levering Ave. Right now, there is a crosswalk connecting the Chevron Gas Station and the other side of Levering, but there is not a demarcated crosswalk from the Gas Station to the North Village on the east side of the street. The line at the STOP sign at this intersection is not clear enough and it proves to be dangerous to pedestrians crossing who cross this street to get to and from Westwood Village.

Due to this situation, the WWNC highly recommends that the Department of Street Services/Transportation add a crosswalk to help pedestrians cross safely and indicate to drivers where to stop their cars.

Aurelia Friedman will attend the meeting that Angus Beverly and Armen Hadjimanoukian will have with LADOT engineer Mo Blorfroshan and bring up this issue.

#### 10. WESTWOOD TORCH RUN FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Stephen Resnick announced that the Special Olympics Torch Run will go through Westwood on July 23, 2015 and will be a big event. Information about the route and maps were available.

#### 11. BICYCLE LANE COMMITTEE

##### A. Update

Sandy Brown reported that there are no facts or figures on the bicycle lane yet and it could be six to twelve months before they are available. False information is being put out but there is no reason for the committee to do anything before there are numbers to work with.

#### 12. IMPACT OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

This topic was not discussed.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

President Jerry Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.