



**MINUTES OF THE WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013
WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10822 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90024
7:00-10:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:08 p.m. The following Board Members were present at Roll Call and produced a quorum for this meeting:

Sarah Austerlitz	Jolie Duhon	Michael Stajura
Angus Beverly	Ryan Krebs	Scott Whittle
Connie Boukidis	Stephen Resnick	Laura Winikow
Jerry Brown (<i>President</i>)	(<i>Secretary</i>)	(<i>Treasurer</i>)
Lisa Chapman	Mark Rogo	
Carole Cohen	Clinto Schudy	

The following Board Members were absent: Dean Abell, Roosbeh Farhanipour, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Samuel Hawks and Mark Herd.

2. SPECIAL COMMENT

President Brown announced that former WWNC Vice President Toni Gray passed away. He and Secretary Steve Resnick attended the funeral; over 550 people were there. Toni was very active in the Community and will be greatly missed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle/Michael Stajura moved to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2013, meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- a. CD5 Field Deputy Sarah Mallory was not present, however sent message that there would be street resurfacing at Beverly Glen/Wilshire on April 20-21.
- b. Senior Lead Officer Ridesdale announced that crime was down overall, but there continued to be break-ins of cars and theft of personal property. He advised everyone not to leave anything visible in the car and to place personal property in the trunk *before* getting to his or her destination. He said the Division had been dealing with the prank calls causing SWAT to respond to celebrity homes. President Brown asked what the interaction was between the LAPD, Beverly Hills Police and other local law enforcement; response, quite a bit. Sometimes the UCPD will handle smaller calls that the LAPD cannot. Michael Stajura said there was a recent incident that caused a 9-1-1 call to go to LAPD dispatch rather than UCPD dispatch, which caused confusion. Officer Ridesdale will look into it. President Brown further mentioned that stakeholders told him they had been asking for reports from the Division but not getting them; response, Officer Ridesdale will look into that as well.



5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. City Attorney Candidate Mike Feuer introduced himself and spoke of his past accomplishments, including that of Assemblymember, Los Angeles City Councilmember and Director of legal aid organization Bet Tzedek. Mr. Feuer said that as City Attorney he wants to focus on neighborhoods, particularly their safety and residents' quality of life. He has thousands of individual endorsements and hopes others will join. The election is May 21.
- b. Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that the 4th Annual Westwood Organized Mega Project (WOMP) has been re-scheduled from April 21 to May 19, which is after Mother's Day. WOMP will include tree planting and other green beautification projects.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS/REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee: President Brown stated that there was no report.
- b. Budget: Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that there would be a new Budget soon. Outreach and copy costs are down. It looks like there will be \$3,000+ remaining for the year and it could be used to pre-pay rent so that it does not get swept back to the City.
- c. Land Use
 1. Discussion and possible motion for the City's Mobility Element Plan
Chair Connie Boukidis said that she would update everyone after the Neighborhood Grant Presentations.

7. UCLA TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

Campaign Chair Linda Sara and its Co-Chair Michael Ong announced that all UC campuses would be going Tobacco-Free on Earth Day, April 22. There will be banners and flags all around Westwood. The ban will apply to all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, and there will be no designated smoking areas. Stakeholder Wolfgang ___ said that this should include the areas off-campus because he is concerned about cigarette butts; Sara said that 1/3 of litter in the State is attributable to cigarette butts and it is difficult to clean. Ong added that the ordinance applies if the property is owned by UC, even if it is technically off-campus. Member Lisa Chapman said there is no way to enforce this ordinance in the parking lots; Sara responded that there will be bus cards announcing that UCLA is a tobacco-free campus. Ong said that they are aware of the parking lots, which is why signs will go there first. Stakeholder Steve Sann said businesses are concerned that smokers will congregate outside their stores; Ong responded that they intend to monitor this. Sara also announced there would be a School of Nursing fundraiser on May 21, which will be included in the overall campaign.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS/REPORTS (continued)

- g. WRAC (Western Region Alliance of Councils)
 1. Westfield Parking – Revised motion – To follow
 2. "Live Within Its Means" Proposed City Charter Amendment – Motion (attached hereto)
WRAC Representative and Chair of West LA Neighborhood Council Jay Handal presented a Motion proposing an amendment to the City Charter mandating that the City "Live Within Its



Means.” He said that there is an anticipated \$300m budget deficit and services have already been lost. President Brown asked how the amendment would affect the bottom line if the incoming Mayor renegotiates the pensions; Mr. Handal responded that they would not be able to touch existing employees’ pensions, but would affect those of new employees. Land Use Chair Boukidis asked how that was addressed in the Motion; response, it’s in the narrative of the Motion. Member Michael Stajura asked how they would avoid laying off LAPD/LAFD just to rein in the budget; Handal responded that there are many fees (e.g. ambulance) that are not be collected that should be. The Motion seeks to stop the giveaways and hold the City accountable. There is no budget if you cannot operate. Stakeholder Wolfgang ___ said it seemed anti-government, anti-union. Member Mark Rogo liked that it would put the electeds’ feet to the fire. Mr. Handal pointed out that it is not anti-union; Mayor Villaraigosa publicly admitted he made a mistake of raising salaries when the economy was tanking. Stakeholder Steve Sann urged the WWNC to support the Motion. He knows that Jack Humphreyville authored it; he is a solid guy who has successfully fought the DWP and has been a watchdog on City Hall. Mike Stajura/Clinton Schudy moved to approve the proposed Motion. Motion passed 12-1-1 by hand vote.

3. Neighborhood Council Elections – Motion (attached hereto)

Mr. Handal further presented a proposed Motion regarding the Neighborhood Council Elections in response to the City’s proposal to have the Neighborhood Councils to pay for their own elections by way of a funding cut. Further, that the cutting of neighborhood council funds, sweeping annual excess funds, and failing to fund Neighborhood Councils in a secure account one year in advance, is a violation of the City Charter. Treasurer Winikow asked if Neighborhood Council Elections could be rolled into City Elections; Mr. Handal responded that the City Clerk says they cannot do it. Stakeholder Wolfgang ___ asked how much the last election cost WWNC; Mr. Handal responded that it cost \$680,000 for the elections of 85 neighborhood councils, however \$1.674m was also swept from the neighborhood councils. The swept monies were not put back into the elections. Members Michael Stajura/Scott Whittle moved to approve the proposed Motion. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

1. Westfield Parking – revised Motion (attached hereto)

Member Michael Stajura said that Westfield has gotten out of offering the free 3-hour parking. Previously, they only had to notice those residents within 50’ of the Mall. This Motion requests the City notice residents within 1000’ and lets them be part of the conversation. Members Michael Stajura/Laura Winikow moved to approve the proposed Motion, title amended as follows: MOTION REGARDING THE EXPANDED NOTICE TO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS/COMMUNITY COUNCILS REGARDING REGIONAL PLANNING ISSUES. Motion, as amended, passed unanimously by hand vote.

f. Public Safety

1. Community Disaster Preparedness Fair - Motion

Member Michael Stajura requested an allocation of \$3,000 for the Fair. Last year, CD5 had contributed \$1,000 and Target was also a partner. He and Chris Brooks will look to include additional partners this year and schedule the event in September on or about the date of the



Great California Shake-Out. Mr. Stajura said the shaker had to be reserved now. Stakeholder Wolfgang ___ asked how long residents would be on their own in the event of an earthquake; Mr. Stajura responded that it depended on their location and strength of the earthquake. Members Michael Stajura/Angus Beverly moved to allocate \$3,000 for the Community Disaster Preparedness Fair. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

e. Outreach and Communications

1. Artwork Project for Utility Boxes

Chair Lisa Chapman reported the Palms Neighborhood Council did an art project with the schools where they submitted ideas for mini-murals on the utility boxes. She thought this was a good idea. Emerson and Uni wanted to gauge interest. The Board Members are interested.

2. Mayoral Debate April 29, Sinai Temple

Chair Chapman, Angus Beverly, Land Use Chair Boukidis, Carole Cohen, Jolie Duhon, and Ryan Krebbs will be assisting at the Debate. Reminder: appear neutral, no wearing buttons of support of any candidate. Jim Newton of the Los Angeles Time and Jill Stewart of the LA Weekly will be drafting questions. The moderator is TBD. Chair Chapman/Connie Boukidis moved to allocate \$150 towards refreshments. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

3. Website

Chair Chapman reminded everyone to provide their biographies and pictures for the website.

h. Board Meetings/Administration

Secretary Steve Resnick announced that he may not be available for the May Board Meeting; Outreach Chair Lisa Chapman will assist. He may also be unavailable for the July Board Meeting. President Brown will take care of the Agendas. Treasurer Winikow announced that the church would not be available for the June 12 Board Meeting. Stakeholder Dara Williams said that Blair House would be available.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Board Members heard Neighborhood Purposes Grant presentations from Los Angeles Conservancy, Fairburn Avenue Elementary School, Warner Avenue Elementary School, Emerson Arts & Education Foundation (dba PACE), Friends of the Westwood Public Library and Brentwood Westwood Symphony Orchestra, and discussed each respectively. Members Jolie Duhon/Clinton Schudy moved to grant \$4,000 to the Los Angeles Conservancy. Motion passed 11-1-2 by hand vote. Members Connie Boukidis/Jolie Duhon moved to grant nothing (\$0) to the Brentwood/Westwood Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed 13-1-0 by hand vote. Afterwards, there was \$5,500 remaining that could be allocated. Members Clinton Treasurer Lisa Winikow, Secretary Steve Resnick and Member Mark Rogo recused themselves from discussion and voting on the remaining applications. Members Clinton Schudy/Lisa Chapman moved to split the remainder equally between the Schools and the Library (i.e., each receiving \$1,375). Motion passed 8-3-0 by hand vote.

9. RECONSIDERATION OF THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING AND REVIEWING NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS

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6. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS/REPORTS

c. Land Use

1. Discussion and possible motion for the City's Mobility Element Plan

Notice was received on April 4 re the Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The comment period will close on May 6. Land Use Chair Boudikis/Member Scott Whittle moved as follows:

MOTION RE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS - ENV-2013-911-EIR

The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that City Planning in its EIR re City of Los Angeles Mobility Element Update address the following issues:

Loss of business; decrease in sidewalk width; regional traffic impact; removal of parking spaces AM/PM; increase in travel time; number of bicycles v. number of cars; and urges with respect to the Westside and specifically Pico, Olympic, Wilshire, Santa Monica, and Westwood Boulevards, no removal of car lanes and parking spaces, and no bus-only lanes. We also urge City Planning to extend the Public Comment period to July 6, 2013 to provide all affected Community and Neighborhood Councils adequate time to file their comments.

Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.