

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2018

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Roozbeh Farahanipour (arrived 9:10 p.m.), Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Trent Jolly, Mitchell Keiter, Naomi Kisel, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board member excused was Chantelle Eastman. A quorum was present. There were 32 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes, seconded by Angus Beverly, and carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner announced that there will be a VA public hearing on April 26th for a principal developer to oversee all development, which should speed up construction, and that the Congressman was one of the sponsors of the bipartisan Music Modernization Act.

B. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian announced that a short term rental ordinance with a cap of 120 days per year was approved yesterday. Jasmine presented certificates to Angus Beverly, Caroline Conway, and Trent Jolly for their service, as they are leaving WWNC's board. A cake was presented as well.

C. UCLA representative Marco Perez announced that Bruin Day for admitted freshmen will be April 14th so there may be some traffic. An enforcement program for scooters has been started on campus.

4. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Gibson Nyambura reported that the City Clerk will be handling the subdivision election and has reserved six hours on May 22nd for the election. There will be voting by mail, but no online voting. There will be two polling places and Westwood Recreation Center has been reserved for one of them. Vote by mail ballots will be available on April 23rd. There are still two more town halls to be held before the election. Tentative dates announced for these were April 25th and May 8th.

President Lisa Chapman stated that Mike Fong said he would talk to both WWNC and Westwood Forward about the election date but never talked to WWNC. Sandy Brown stated that there was no due process. Gibson said he understood that the process was unsatisfactory.

5. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Executive Director Andrew Thomas announced a concert series in conjunction with UCLA. On April 19th a representative from Bird Scooters will attend the BID meeting. Feedback is requested on a proposed plaza on the south block of Broxton.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

UCLA student John Colarusso spoke about organizing a music festival tentatively to be held on June 2, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m and is looking for venues in Westwood Village.

7. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION WITH Q & A: UCPD POLICE CHIEF LEE AND LT. KEVIN KILGORE

Marco Perez introduced UCPD Chief Tony Lee and Lt. Kevin Kilgore. They discussed the enforcement program at UCLA for scooters and answered questions.

8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: "THE WWNC AGREES TO CONTRIBUTE ANY UNALLOCATED LEFTOVER MONIES TO THE BUDGET ADVOCATES, BY JUNE 1, 2018, RATHER THAN HAVING LEFTOVER FUNDS BE SWEEPED INTO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND"

This item was tabled until the May meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive – see agenda item 10

B. Land Use & Planning

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Tocaya Organica

Case number: ZA-2018-453-CUB

Project Address: 1140 S. Gayley Ave , Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Margaret Taylor (818) 398-2740

Project Description: Application to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption, in conjunction with a proposed 2,890 SF restaurant with 64 interior seats, a 260 square-foot outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way with 24 seats and no alcohol sales proposed in the outdoor patio area, having hours of operation from 11:00am to 10:00pm daily.

Tocaya Organica representatives Andy Lugo, Jillian O'Connor and Margaret Taylor presented the project. A discussion about Tocaya Organica's parking and whether Tocaya Organica has the correct parking form followed. The discussion was about whether a covenant should be filed, or whether the affidavit, which is the document Tocaya Organica has, is sufficient.

LUPC Chair Marcello Robinson read the following motion, which was passed by the LUPC at its meeting unanimously: "The WWNC Board of Directors approves Tocaya Organica's, located at 1140 S. Gayley Ave., application to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption with the following conditions:

1. Tocaya Organica, [1140 S. Gayley Ave](#), be in compliance with the Westwood Village Specific Plan as a restaurant meeting all 5 requirements to be considered a full service restaurant, as agreed to by applicant and their representatives.
2. Approval is conditional upon a parking covenant being recorded.
3. Notices be posted on windows, menus and interiors notifying the public that off-site parking is available at [10866 Wilshire Blvd](#) which entrance is located on Glendon Ave.
4. Signs be posted on the off-site and on-site parking spaces that read "exclusive use for Tocaya Organica customers."
5. Tocaya Organica obtains a Director of Planning determination of Specific Plan project permit compliance.

Naomi Kisel moved to amend the motion by striking condition 2, seconded by Trent Jolly. The amendment carried by a vote of Yes: 8 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Angus Beverly, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Trent Jolly, Mitchell Keiter, Naomi Kisel, David Lorango), No: 7 (Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Scott

Whittle, Laura Winikow), and Abstain: 2 (Philip Gabriel, Marcello Robinson).

Marcello Robinson moved the amended motion, seconded by Naomi Kisel. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 14 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Ann Hayman, Trent Jolly, Mitchell Keiter, Naomi Kisel, David Lorango, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 1 (Stephen Resnick), and Abstain: 1 (Philip Gabriel). Sandy Brown did not participate in the vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

2. Motion to support Group Home/Community Impact Statement #17-1426 to come before L.A. City Council

No action was taken on this item.

C. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow moved to change the amount to be reimbursed to Lisa Chapman for set up from \$75 to \$100 and to amend the budget amount for set up from \$75 to \$100, seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried unanimously. The reimbursements to Lisa Chapman to be approved were: \$100 for the December 2017 meeting's set up, \$100 for the January 2018 meeting's set up, \$100 for the March 2018 meeting's set up, and \$100 for tonight's April meeting set up, seconded by Scott Whittle, and carried unanimously. Other April expenditures were \$75 for facility rental, \$296.07 for temporary staffing services, \$64.13 for printed material, and \$34.77 for tonight's cake, seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried unanimously. Laura moved to approve a reimbursement to Lisa Chapman for the cake, seconded by Trent Jolly and carried unanimously. February's MER included a beginning balance of \$39,466.53 and ending balance of \$36,146, seconded by Philip Gabriel and approved unanimously. There is \$1,831.61 left in the budget and the estimated costs for the rest of the year are \$1,200, leaving \$631.

D. Outreach and Communications – no report

E. Homeless Taskforce

Chair Lisa Chapman reported that the committee is working with St. Joseph's and the Shower of Hope to connect with area churches. The committee has the relevant electricity and drainage requirements.

F. Budget Advocates – nominations accepted

Marcello Robinson agreed to stay on as the representative until a replacement is found.

G. Public Safety – no report

H. Transportation and Parking – no report

I. Bylaws – no report

J. WRAC – Mitchell Keiter has been filling in and attending meetings but Naomi Kisel will resume being the representative.

K. Zoning and Violations – no report

10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: "THE WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVISION" – Required full board vote to add boundary areas to the existing Westwood Neighborhood Council due to the North Westwood NC subdivision application approval and upcoming election.

Sandy Brown explained that a letter was sent to DONE regarding shared resources and the reply was that Westwood Village doesn't qualify as a shared resource because the City

Attorney's opinion is that it doesn't. Stephen Resnick asked Gibson Nyambura if he was at the meeting with the City Attorney where he gave his opinion that Westwood Village was not a shared resource and Gibson replied that he was. Sandy Brown and Lisa Chapman requested documentation from the City Attorney delineating the reasoning behind his decision. The board requested Gibson Nyambura to facilitate the attendance of Grayce Liu and Mike Fong at a WWNC meeting to address the issue of shared resources, along with Darren Martinez from the City Attorney's office.

Sandy Brown moved the following motion, seconded by Ann Hayman, and carried unanimously. Roozbeh Farahanipour moved to amend the motion to add Persian Square, seconded by Sandy Brown and carried unanimously.

Westwood Neighborhood Council Boundary Revision April 11, 2018

Whereas the North Westwood Neighborhood Council formation committee has proposed boundaries that would divide established Westwood neighborhoods now within the boundaries of the Westwood Neighborhood Council, and

Whereas the Westwood Neighborhood Council was directed by DONE to take action to change its boundaries at its April, 2018 meeting, and

Whereas the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association has requested that the community of Westwood Hills remain within the boundaries of the existing Westwood Neighborhood Council.

Now therefore,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council has agreed to keep the boundaries of Westwood Hills within the boundaries of the existing Westwood Neighborhood Council and,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council has agreed to expand its boundaries to include the Los Angeles National Cemetery for which Fire Station # 37 on Veteran Ave. is a shared resource and,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council will continue to keep the boundary of the entire Specific Plan area amended October 6, 2004, of the Westwood Village Specific Plan (shared resource, major thoroughfare, landmark or facility with historical significance), and

The Westwood Neighborhood Council will continue to include as shared major thoroughfares the boundaries of Westwood Blvd. south of Wilshire on the east and west side to Santa Monica Blvd. (major thoroughfare), and to specifically include Persian Square and the Persian retail community, and

The Westwood Neighborhood Council will continue to include as shared major thoroughfares the boundaries of Wilshire Blvd. on the north and south side from Malcolm Ave. on the east to the I 405 on the west.

These shared areas will not impact negatively on the proposed North Westwood Village Neighborhood Council boundaries since all boundaries included in the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, including the shared resources, will be "compact and contiguous."

See attached *:

From the Charter of the City of Los Angeles:

*** "Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils," approved May 30, 2001, last amended December 18, 2013:**

*** Article III Certification of Neighborhood Councils Boundaries**

(a) The boundaries of two or more Certified Neighborhood Councils may not overlap with one another, unless the area for proposed inclusion into each Certified

Neighborhood Council is designed for a public use such as a park, school, library, police or fire station, major thoroughfare, or contains a landmark or facility with historical significance.

The boundaries of the Westwood Neighborhood Council include:

*** Westwood Village Specific Plan area – all boundaries**

Fire Station # 37 on Veteran Ave. that serves the boundaries of Westwood Hills, and Westwood Blvd. located south of Wilshire Blvd. on the east and west sides, as well as Wilshire Blvd. east from Malcolm to the I 405 on the west.

Westwood Blvd., a major thoroughfare north and south of Wilshire Blvd. Westwood Blvd. has 940 public Metro, Green, Big Blue, Santa Clarita bus lines traversing between Wilshire Blvd. and LeConte Ave. on a daily weekday basis as well as 30,000 car trips, and three (3) access points to the Purple line Metro.

Wilshire Blvd. - a major thoroughfare from Malcolm Ave. to the I 405 on the north and south side, public transportation including Metro Purple line, Culver City green bus, Santa Monica Big Blue bus, Metro red express and local buses

*** Numerous landmarks and facilities within Westwood Village that have historical significance. See Westwood Village Specific Plan.**

Based upon the above stated uses, the boundaries of the Westwood Neighborhood Council and the North Westwood Village planned neighborhood council overlap in some areas. Boundaries for both councils are “compact and contiguous” as per Mike Fong's letter of March 2, 2018.

The Westwood Neighborhood Council has retained within its boundaries the public use areas in Westwood Village, on Wilshire Blvd. and Westwood Blvd. as allowed by Article III of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles. These areas constitute allowed overlapping areas shared by the existing and the proposed Neighborhood Councils.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.