

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2012

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10822 WILSHIRE BLVD.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Lisa Chapman, David Crew, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Kurt Smalberg, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Toni Gray, Mark Herd, Tom Schneider, Clinton Schudy, Steve Somers, Michael Stajura, and George Torbay. There were also 16 stakeholders and guests in attendance.

President Jerry Brown ruled from the chair that, due to the prior resignations of two board members and as the board now consists of 17 members instead of the original 19, a quorum now consists of ten board members. As such, a quorum was present.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Laura Winikow explained that the budget had to be re-voted on because the amount of money in WWNC's 2012 - 2013 budget was changed from \$41,500 to \$37,000 since the June meeting when the budget was voted on. Neighborhood Purpose Grants have been reduced but everything else has remained the same. Scott Whittle moved, "WWNC accepts the revised budget." Kurt Smalberg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Rogo moved to approve the June minutes. Scott Whittle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### 4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mayor Villaraigosa's representative Joseph Hari announced an upcoming DONE Leadership Academy on July 18th and 19th, with venue yet to be determined. There is a Congress of Neighborhood Councils upcoming on September 22, 2012 and the Mayor's Budget Day will be held in October or November. Disaster Supply Lists were passed out. A question was raised regarding WWNC's bylaw changes which were submitted to DONE in June 2011 and which have not been returned yet, which he will look into.

L.A. Department of Transportation representative Eric Wright reported on the department's traffic and bicycle safety efforts. These include reaching out to NC's that are interested to donate 110 "Watch the Road" signs personalized with the NC's name and website to be placed on lawns within its area.

Councilmember Koretz's Westwood Field Deputy Sarah Mallory reported that the Councilmember's office together with the Bureau of Street Services recently viewed the intersection at LeConte Avenue and Westwood Boulevard in order to determine how best to fix the damage there. Wilshire Boulevard will be resurfaced from Comstock Avenue to Beverly Glen Boulevard this fiscal year. The Holmby Park Advisory Committee meeting is tomorrow night.

Stakeholder Wolfgang Veith commended the Councilmember's office, and Sarah in particular, for getting students' old furniture that was dumped on the streets removed and stopping flyers from being posted on lampposts in the North Village area.

Stakeholder Marlina Morris stated her concerns about the homeless near the Westwood Library and Westwood Gardens Park area. Stephen Resnick said that People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) is currently assessing the Westwood area south of Wilshire Boulevard.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Stakeholder Marlina Morris asked if businesses can be cited for a filthy entrance. Westwood Field Deputy Sarah Mallory answered in the affirmative and said Marlina could call her regarding this issue.

## 6. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee has no report.

B. The Budget Committee has no report.

C. Land Use and Planning Committee Chair Connie Boukidis reported that she attended the WRAC Land Use meeting. She also reported on the following issues. The Marines haven't sent in their letter to the federal government requesting an exemption to the Westwood Village Specific Plan yet, but Stakeholders Steve Sann and John Heidt are working with them. The Marines were not told by the landlord that their office didn't meet the Westwood Village Specific Plan's requirements. Target is appealing the denial of its application for

an off-site alcohol license. There is a project on Devon Avenue to add 270 square feet to an existing fourplex which will have a DRB hearing but no date has been set. The sale of UCLA's Japanese Garden is currently in court in Santa Monica.

Stephen Resnick reported that Sprouts Farmers Market will be moving into the old Ross building at 1751 Westwood Boulevard. A presentation on the Sprouts proposal was made to Westwood Homeowners Association, where the proposal was received favorably notwithstanding questions on issues such as deliveries, noise, parking, signage and lighting.

D. Outreach and Communications Chair Lisa Chapman attended the DONE election meeting with Kurt Smalberg and Toni Wilkerson and would like to put a link to Empower L.A., which has all the election information, on WWNC's website. She thanked Sarah Mallory for helping secure the Westwood Recreation Center for WWNC's election on October 28, 2012. Election posters and flyers are currently being worked on. Kevin has agreed to redo the website and be webmaster for the website's budgeted amount.

E. The Public Safety Committee had no report.

F. WRAC's next meeting will be held July 18th at 8:30 a.m.

## 7. VENICE BEACH ATTRACTIONS

Mark Herd was not at the meeting to make his presentation so the discussion was tabled.

## 8. COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES ORDINANCE

Due to a concern that the City Council may water down the ordinance, a motion to reiterate support for the ordinance was considered. There was no quorum because Kurt Smalberg left the meeting early, so no motion was put forward.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

President Jerry Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.