

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2011
WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10822 WILSHIRE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Board members in attendance were Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Lisa Chapman, David Crew, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Toni Gray, Mark Herd, Stephen Resnick, Clinton Schudy, Kurt Smalberg, Steve Somers, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members absent were Brent Gaisford, Mark Rogo, Michael Stajura, and George Torbay. There were also 15 stakeholders and guests in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Crew moved to approve the June minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jerry Brown, and carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Eric Norton of Councilmember Koretz's office reported that a group of people including Stephen Resnick testified before the Board of Airport Commissioners on behalf of the FlyAway. The Board decided to extend the FlyAway route for another six months. The FlyAway will now run on the hour instead of on the half hour. Ridership numbers need to improve or it could get cut after the six month extension. UCLA volunteered to dedicate 25 spaces in Lot 32 for FlyAway parking. Eric also reported that the DWP is doing outreach for proposed rate increases. Two upcoming sessions are a web session on July 20th at 6 p.m. at ladwp.com, and a meeting at DWP headquarters on July 28th. No rate increase will happen until the ratepayer advocate is in place. Regarding the I-405 closure on the weekend, Metro buses will be free all weekend and the Hammer Museum in Westwood Village will have free admission over the weekend.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stakeholder Manaf Mansure from UCLA's Division of Student Affairs spoke about UCLA Welcome Week September 15 - 22, 2011. He requested support from WWNC in terms of building community ties. He was advised to advertise the FlyAway to UCLA students.

Stakeholder Greta Couper, representing the Brentwood-Westwood Symphony Orchestra, explained that the orchestra puts on free concerts in Brentwood and Westwood, and offered its services to WWNC. She said that whereas the orchestra used to be able to use LAUSD schools for free, they now have to pay for those venues. She was advised to apply for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the fall.

Stakeholder Andy Shrader spoke about how Ballona Creek is polluted. Upcoming State Assembly bill SB 568 addresses this issue and he requested a letter of support for this bill from WWNC. The bill will not be voted on until August 15, 2011. Jerry Brown requested agendaization of this item for the next meeting.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES STATUS REPORTS

The Executive Committee has not met.

The Budget Committee submitted the budget for approval via email. The budget needs to be approved in order to pay monthly expenses of room rental and recording secretary. Mark Herd moved that "WWNC approves the budget as recommended." Kurt Smalberg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Land Use Chair Connie Boukidis received notice that Native Foods, a vegan restaurant in Westwood Village, wants to expand. Connie also explained that requests regarding residential projects that WWNC has received have been forwarded to HOA's. There followed a discussion of what threshold to set for action on renovations & other projects. Connie requested agendaization of this item for the next meeting.

The Outreach Committee has not met since the last board meeting but members are continuing to update the website.

6. AD HOC GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Stephen Resnick thanked Clinton Schudy and Stakeholders Brant Feldman and Carole Magnuson for serving on the committee. A DONE representative was also present at the committee meeting. Stephen presented the Grievance Committee's report and stated that by the time the committee met to deal with the grievances filed by Stakeholder Roxane Stern, they had already been taken care of for the most part. After some discussion of the Grievance Committee's recommendations in the report, Jerry Brown requested agendaization of a vote on recommendation 4a in the report for the next

meeting. Kurt Smalberg moved to accept the Grievance Committee Report, which was seconded by Clinton Schudy and carried unanimously.

7. VACANCY OF BOARD SEATS #10 AND #12 (BUSINESS)

A discussion was held about whether the candidates running for the two vacant seats should be voted on at this meeting. Laura Winikow moved that “WWNC votes on the candidates to fill the board vacancies tonight.” Clinton Schudy seconded and the motion carried with 11 votes in favor. Richard Armida, Joseph Gillard, and Tom Schneider, the three candidates for the vacant seats, gave their public statements and answered questions. The board then voted by secret ballot which was counted by Secretary Stephen Resnick and Stakeholder Brant Feldman. Joseph Gillard and Tom Schneider were declared the winners.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY OF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Jerry Brown opened a discussion on a policy of email confidentiality for all email addresses that WWNC has collected from its website and other places. Jerry moved that “WWNC will keep all email addresses it possesses confidential.” Scott Whittle seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. BROXTON GARAGE

Toni Gray was part of the group that made a proposal to the DOT for the Broxton garage. Toni reported that the proposal lobbied heavily against validation and requested two hour free parking all day, including in the evening. The proposal also mentioned diagonal parking in Westwood Village as a way to increase the number of parking spaces but that is not under the jurisdiction of the DOT. Diagonal parking is an interagency matter so contacting Councilmember Koretz is the proper way to advance that proposal.

Stakeholder Steve Sann was also part of the group that met with the DOT. He reported that the DOT suggested validation as a way to prevent fraud but there is no evidence of any fraud. He felt that validation is a barrier to the customer which businesses would rather avoid.

10. BYLAWS

Jerry Brown announced that the approved amendments to the bylaws which have been sent to DONE have not been acted on, and it has been six weeks since they were submitted.

Mark Herd suggested as an amendment to the bylaws a change in how a vote to fill vacant board seats should proceed. His suggestion was to have candidates speak at a board meeting, post the candidates' statements on WWNC's website for 30 days, and then vote on the candidates at the following meeting.

Stephen Resnick suggested changing some of the posting locations for board meetings. Jerry Brown requested agendaization of the changing of posting locations for the next meeting.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Scott Whittle moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.