

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING, 10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Member excused was David Lorango. A quorum was present. There were approximately 50 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 8, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that LADOT authorized northbound and southbound right turn-only lanes at the intersection of Malcolm and Wilshire. The City Council approved scooter guidelines last week and Councilmember Koretz will be meeting with LAPD Chief Michael Moore to discuss scooter enforcement.

B. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's representative Stephanie Cohen gave an update on actions taken by the supervisors and homelessness issues. She introduced Erin Schneider as the new field deputy who will be attending future meetings.

C. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that the fall semester will be starting this month. UCLA students' move-in will be happening from September 20th to 23rd, and September 23rd is the Westwood Village Block Party on Broxton Avenue, which is open to the public.

D. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Ragsdale reported that both car break-ins and knock-knock burglaries are ongoing.

4. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE representative Semee Park reported that all board members have completed the necessary certification. The Congress of Neighborhoods workshops will be held on September 22nd.

5. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

There was no report and this will no longer be an agenda item as it isn't within WWNC's boundaries anymore.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The manager of the Wilshire Manning condominiums requested a traffic light at the Wilshire & Manning intersection because there have been several bad car accidents there. This request will be referred to the Transportation & Parking Committee.

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced the free Bob Baker Marionette Theater performance at the Westwood Library on September 30th at 2:30 p.m.

7. REMARKS FOLLOWING BONC MEETING

There was no report on this item.

8. WWNC BYLAWS

A. Discussion and possible action to amend WWNC's bylaws to reflect decision by BONC on 8/27/18 related to subdivision hearing for the North Westwood Neighborhood Council. Bylaw amendments to be discussed include: adjustment to boundary description, Board Structure Change, and other bylaw amendments.

WWNC's new bylaws were based on shared boundaries that didn't happen so they have to be redone. The bylaw amendments were referred to committee. Semee Park will work with a small group on the boundary description so discussion of that was tabled.

The demographics of WWNC's new boundaries contain mainly homeowners. Sandy Brown requested that Semee Park find out the percentages of homeowners, renters, and businesses in the new boundaries.

Lisa Chapman moved, "WWNC will have fifteen seats on the new board as follows: five homeowner seats, two renter seats, two business seats, two at-large seats, one Chamber of Commerce seat, and three non-profit (including education and faith-based) seats." Scott Whittle seconded. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 11 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Mitchell Keiter, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 1 (Chantelle Eastman), and Abstain: 0.

After discussion, Sandy Brown moved to amend the motion by changing the number of homeowner seats to six and the number of non-profit seats to two, "WWNC will have fifteen seats on the new board composed of six homeowner seats, two renter seats, two business seats, two at-large seats, one Chamber of Commerce seat, and two non-profit (including education and faith-based) seats." Stephen Resnick seconded and the amended motion carried by a vote of Yes: 10 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Mitchell Keiter, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 2 (Chantelle Eastman, Philip Gabriel), and Abstain: 0.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive - tabled

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the MER for August included \$40,529 available in the budget. Expenditures to be approved were copies for the September meeting \$109.50 and August staffing services \$145.15. The August MER and all expenditures were approved unanimously. An additional expenditure of a \$252.37 reimbursement to Sandy Brown for documents was approved by all board members present with the sole exception of Chantelle Eastman, who did not approve.

C. Land Use & Planning

1. Belmont Village Senior Living Project

Case number: ZA-2018-3422-ELD-CU-DRB-SPP-WDI-SPR

Project Address: 10822 W. Wilshire Blvd & 10812 W. Ashton Ave

Contact Information: Mark Armbruster, (310) 209-8800

Project Description: Demolition of existing Church preschool and administrative spaces; development of new Belmont Village eldercare facility over subterranean parking on north portion of site; development of new church preschool/administrative building on south portion of site.

Belmont Village CEO Patricia Will and Land Use Attorney Mark Armbruster presented the project. Petitions and handwritten letters in support of the project were given to LUPC Chair Marcello Robinson. Approximately thirty stakeholders spoke both in favor of and against the project. Marcello Robinson moved, "WWNC supports the Belmont Village project as presented." Roozbeh Farahanipour seconded. Connie Boukidis amended the

motion, seconded by Ann Hayman, “WWNC supports the concept of the project as presented on the condition that:

- this project seeks to achieve platinum leed status;
- this project seeks to provide a minimum of five affordable units
- provides a free meeting room available to the community like the Belmont location at Wilshire and Warner; and
- efforts are made to mitigate AC, delivery and playground noise, and kitchen fumes.

We request that the Applicant return to us with an update after their first meeting with the Westwood Community Design Review Board.” The amended motion carried by a vote of Yes: 10 (Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 1 (Mark Rogo), and Abstain: 3 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Chantelle Eastman, Philip Gabriel).

D. Outreach & Communications – tabled

E. Homeless Task Force -- tabled

F. Budget Advocates – Nominations for Committee Chairperson -- tabled

G. Public Safety -- tabled

H. Transportation & Parking -- tabled

I. Bylaws – tabled

J. WRAC – tabled

K. Zoning & Violations – tabled

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.