

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

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 Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Trent Jolly, Mitchell Keiter, David Lorango, Marcello Robinson, Stephen Resnick, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Ian Cocroft, Mark Rogo, and Eugene Tseng. A quorum was present. There were 27 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting. David Lorango seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner reported that Congressman Lieu arranged for USPS officials to attend the Westwood Community Council's September 20th meeting to discuss mail theft and other issues. The VA issued a press release with lease information.

B. State Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas' representative Brian Adams reported on a bill that was sponsored by the Assembly Member that gives small and disabled veteran-owned businesses new opportunities in bidding for Metro construction contracts. The Assembly Member has a new office opening on Crenshaw Blvd.

C. CD5 Planning Deputy Faisal Al Serri and Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian announced that the BMO ordinance will go to PLUM on September 20th. There is also a meeting at the Medina Building on the same date about the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative. The DRB has two new members. The project at 1777 Westwood Blvd. has been terminated because documents were not

received. Quimby funds have been revamped so that there is a larger radius than two miles for the

money to be spent in.

D. UCLA representative Marco Perez reminded everyone that UCLA's Volunteer Day is on September 19th, with three sites in Westwood, and that all are welcome to volunteer. Marco had a conference call with Lisa Chapman and Steve Sann, Co-Chair of WOMP to discuss UCLA's role. More

discussion on this will take place.

E. Jay Handal, Co-Chair of Budget Advocates, gave an overview of what the Budget Advocates do.

F. Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale reported that crime is still up. Westwood is being patrolled at night.

4. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

President Lisa Chapman read Megan Furey's report since she was not able to attend the meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stakeholder David Thompson announced St. Paul's upcoming Harvest Festival. Stakeholder Steve Sann announced a free concert at the library on October 9th by the Fiato String Quartet.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee had no report.

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported the September expenditures as \$100 for facility rental, \$75 for facility setup, and \$114.31 for printed material. Laura moved to approve these expenses, seconded by Roozbeh Farahanipour, and approved unanimously.

C. Land Use

1. Case Number: ZA 2011-186 CUB-ZV-PA1

Project Title: Soleil Restaurant

Project Address: 1386 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Terri Dickerhoff, 213-422-1450

Project Description: An Approval of Plan, pursuant to the provisions of Sec 12.24-M of the LAMC, to modify Condition No. 8 to continue the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcohol in conjunction with an existing 2,397 sq ft restaurant with 71 interior seats and 8 exterior seats with hours of operation from 11:30 am to midnight, Monday through Friday, and 10 am to midnight Saturday and Sunday, with approval for private parties.

Supporting Documents: <http://www.wwnc.org/SOLEIL>

Motion: The WWNC supports Applicant's request with conditions

Connie Boukidis moved the above motion, seconded by Sandy Brown, which carried unanimously.

D. Outreach & Communications

Chair David Lorango reminded the board about ethics training.

E. Homeless Taskforce had no report.

F. Budget Advocates had no report.

G. Public Safety had no report.

H. Transportation & Parking

Chair Angus Beverly reported that requests were put in to look at certain intersections and at recalibration of traffic lights because of delays.

I. Bylaws

1. Discussion and approval of changes

Chair Sandy Brown reported that the committee met and recommended four changes. One of them was changing eligibility for the Education Seat on the board to two possibilities: either a

parent who lives in the area and has a child attending school out of the area or a parent who has a child attending school in the area but lives out of the area. Scott Whittle moved to approve this change, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously. The other three changes will be on the October meeting agenda.

J. WRAC

1. Motion to withdraw from WRAC
2. Possible New WWNC Representative

Both of these items were tabled by WRAC Representative Sandy Brown.

K. Zoning & Violations had no report.

7. EMPOWER LA

A. Discussion of Empower LA and Neighborhood Councils

Jasmine Elbarbary gave out pins to the board and went through a list of good practices for NCs. She told the board that bylaw changes could take one to two years and that the Brown Act covers social media.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY INITIATIVE

A. Presentation of the Initiative with arguments for and against

Jay Beeber spoke in favor of the initiative and Luke Klipp spoke against the initiative. They took questions after speaking. A number of guests spoke both for and against the initiative.

B. Introduction of Motion to support or oppose the initiative

Stephen Resnick moved that WWNC supports the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, seconded by Ann Hayman. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 8 (Sandy Brown, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, Stephen Resnick, Laura Winikow, Scott Whittle), No: 1 (Angus Beverly), and Abstain: 7 (Connie Boukidis, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Trent Jolly, David Lorango, Marcello Robinson).

9. REGULATING AVAILABILITY: HOW ACCESS TO ALCOHOL AFFECTS DRINKING & PROBLEMS IN YOUTH AND ADULTS

A. Discussion—this was tabled because Ann Hayman left.

10. COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 DEBATE

A. Discussion and motion: Shall the WWNC sponsor a debate between Councilmember Paul Koretz and Candidate Jesse Creed?

No vote was taken on the motion.

11. ROCCO'S TAVERN

A. Update on the status of construction violations and a second restaurant under construction in the basement

Sandy Brown reported that the owner had to rip out part of what was built because it didn't meet the

requirements of the APC. A second restaurant or bar was being constructed in the basement which

was never mentioned and had no permit. The Department of Building & Safety and CD5 agree that no permit

will be issued until everything is discussed and clarified.

12. WWNC OCTOBER MEETING

A. Discussion regarding the scheduling of the October meeting

It was decided to reschedule the October meeting to Monday, October 17th. Lisa Chapman will check with the church to see if it is available.

13. WOMP UPDATE

Lisa Chapman reported that she is in preliminary talks and more discussion will take place.

14. WOMP

A. Introduction of Motion: Shall the WWNC sponsor one or more buses for UCLA Volunteer Day?

Scott Whittle moved that WWNC sponsor the cost of two buses to Emerson, seconded by David Lorango. The motion carried unanimously with 12 yes votes (Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Trent Jolly, Mitchell Keiter, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow)

15. SOBER LIVING HOMES

A. Reconsideration of Motion

Scott Whittle reported that Community Care Facilities is a defined legal term so it shouldn't be used in the motion passed at the August meeting. Scott moved to change wherever it says Community Care Facilities back to Sober Living Homes in the motion, seconded by Trent Jolly, and carried unanimously.

16. IMPACT OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

A. Discussion of how to assess the impact/success (or lack thereof) of Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system - this was tabled

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.