

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2013 - 7:00 PM

**Westwood Presbyterian Church
10822 Wilshire Blvd, Hoffman Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90024**

1. Call to Order –

Meeting began at 7:09 pm with a quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2013 meeting

Motion to approve minutes.

APPROVED.

3. Comments were heard from by Public Officials

Daniel Tamm, Westside Representative for Mayor Garcetti; Christopher Armenta, former mayor of Culver City and current Candidate for the 54th Assembly District; Senior Lead Officer Christopher Ragsdale; Rachel Brashier, Assistant Director, Community and Local Government Relations at UCLA; Katherine Hennigan, Economic Development Director, Westwood Deputy for Councilman Koretz; John Jakes, Candidate for 54th Assembly District

Audience member Veith said that Westwood park is getting short shrift. Ms. Hennigan said we can set up a meeting. An audience member said it would be good to put a committee together about Westwood park to find out what it needs. Chair Brown sought volunteers. Five people volunteered. Including Veith and Brown.

4. Public Comments – (2 minutes per speaker)

5. Standing Committee Status/Reports

A. Executive

Regarding the Strategic Plan, Treasurer Laura Winikow said that she picked the best of what had been submitted at the last meeting as instructed by the Board. She offered a Motion to approve the Strategic Plan as submitted.

Board Member Boukidis seconded the Motion to approve the 2013-24 Strategic Plan. Vote 9-0-2

Motion PASSED

B. Budget

Treasurer Winikow said the Neighborhood Council has spent \$3,000 of its \$37,000 budget. Chair Brown said a vote is not required for monthly recurring expenses.

July Expenses:

\$2,400.00	Webmaster
\$ 33.78	Copies
\$ 57.72	Secretarial

Motion to approve passed 9-0-2

August Expenses:

\$ 70.48	Copies
\$ 1.32	Postage
\$ 34.73	Secretarial
\$ 10.42	????

Motion to approve passed 9-0-2

There was no September meeting.

October Expenses:

\$ 225	Rental Set-Up
\$ 412	Facility rentals
\$ 54.06	Printing

Motion to approve passed 9-0-2

C. Land Use

1. ELYSEE CAFÉ AND BAKERY PRESENTATION

This discussion was tabled because there was no representative present.

2. Recap of meeting with Deputy Planning Director Alan Bell re: SB1818

Board Member Boukidis spoke about legislation SB 1818 which grants concessions to build more dense projects with less parking when affordable housing is included in the project.. Hennigan said that the cut off date is October 31 for the Governor to sign things in current legislative session.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to deem this an emergency agenda item, since information was not available in time to post, and legislation is pending approval before the next meeting.

Boukidis made a Motion to urge Governor Brown to veto AB1229 regarding zoning. Michael Stajura seconded the Motion.

Motion PASSED.

D. Outreach and Communications

Winikow discussed funding training and urged all who have not taken the training to do so.

E. Public Safety

Stajura discussed the 3rd annual disaster preparedness fair. He offered special thanks to Rob Gannet, building engineer at Wilshire House, and Chris Brooks of Comstock Hills. Next week's shake-up will be the 5th annual Great California Shakeout. Schools will be participating.

F. Traffic

Board Member Angus Beverly said we had our first meeting today and that he would like to see us work with UCLA.

Audience Member Veith said that there needs to be a North-South transit route between Westwood Boulevard and the Expo line. (i.e. Bus lanes, bike lanes.) A transit corridor is necessary but this can't be Westwood Boulevard. That street is too busy. Sepulveda Boulevard could be a good idea.

G. WRAC

Board Member Ryan Krebs said that the DWP rate payer advocate said it was \$250 million over budget so in the end we didn't vote on that specific measure.

6. Appointments – Jerry Brown

A. The following appointments were made for liaisons to City Departments/agencies, with Board approval:

- .Marcello Robinson- Budget Advocacy Committee
- Connie Boukidis-City Attorney
- Connie Boukidis & Wolfgang Veith -Planning
- Steve Resnick and Marjan Jamshidi (if she is willing)-DWP

- Ryan Krebs- Transportation

* Motion to consider a non agenda item on an Emergency basis because of its recent discovery and because it is scheduled for City Committee action on Nov. 12, before the next WWNC meeting on Nov. 13. Passed.

The Board then discussed a paper entitled “Educational Equity and Achievement for All Title 1 Students (For Action November 12, 2013)”. This would affect Emerson Middle School which could lose major funding to feed students from poor families because it might not meet the requirement that 50% of students live in poverty for a school to qualify for funding. For years, schools that had 40% or more of their students living in poverty were eligible for funding.

Boukidis moved that: “Whereas San Diego Unified School District and Santa Ana Unified School District, both of which are similar large urban school districts in California, have a Title I threshold of 40%, now therefore be it Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to lower the Title I eligibility threshold back to 40%, with three tiers of funding that increase with need: 40-50%, 50-65%, and 65%-100%. Winikow seconded the Motion.

Vote Unanimous
Motion PASSED.

7. Term of Office – Bylaw Amendment – Jerry Brown

A. Discussion and possible vote on a bylaw amendment to modify board member term of office:

Discussion of the possibility of amending the WWNC Bylaws so that not all Board seats need to be contested at election every 2 years. The subject was deemed too complex for action at this time. The Bylaws ad hoc committee will meet and make recommendations to the Board for possible bylaw amendment during the next bylaw amendment period.

8. Reorganization of LA City Departments of Planning and Building and Safety – Jerry Brown

This item was discussed earlier by CD5 Representative Hennigan, The proposal has been placed on hold by the Mayor, and therefore Board discussion vote were deemed unnecessary.

Adjournment
The meeting ended at 9:17pm.