

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2019

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Member excused was David Lorango. A quorum was present. There were 14 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marcello Robinson moved to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes, seconded by Scott Whittle, and approved unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave an update on legislation. A draft EIS meeting for the VA will be held on January 16th at the Brentwood Library.

B. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's representative Erin Schneider gave an update on plans for Camp Gonzales, changing the West L.A. Armory from a winter shelter to year-round Bridge Housing, and the expansion of Safe Parking L. A.

C. UCLA representative Marco Perez announced that the public is welcome to help with a clean-up in the North Village on January 12th and that UCLA's Blood & Platelet Center is in need of donors for both blood and platelets and would like help in getting the word out.

D. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that a short-term rental ordinance was passed by the City Council. An earthquake warning app, ShakeAlertLA, is now available.

4. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE representative Jose Galdamez reported that the City Attorney received complaints about the posting of the agenda and asked that agenda item 11, the 900 Hilgard Project, be tabled due to not enough information presented for the public.

President Lisa Chapman moved, "The WWNC will not table agenda item 11 because it was posted correctly and there is a page of information about the project posted with the agenda." Scott Whittle seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Several board members commented on the blatant double standard when the City Attorney's office has given no response to grievances filed by WWNC more than two months ago but one filed against WWNC was acted on within 48 hours.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

6. LIME SCOOTERS (DOCKLESS MOBILITY DEVICES)

Lime representative Karla Owunwanne gave an overview of Lime's business model, upgrades to its system, safety issues, City permits and rules, and answered questions.

7. WWNC BOARD MEMBERS DOCUMENTATION

A. Board members in new seats to present appropriate documentation, with possible removal of board members with no confirmation of seat status

Documentation can either be given or emailed to secretary Stephen Resnick. Chantelle Eastman announced her resignation from WWNC due to no longer being a stakeholder in WWNC and read a statement.

8. WWNC POSTING LOCATIONS

A. New posting location needed for the WWNC agenda

Scrubs in Westwood Village is where WWNC's agenda used to be posted but it is no longer within WWNC's boundaries so a new location is needed. DONE representative Jose Galdamez recommended that the poster of the agenda take a photo with a time stamp on it as proof that it was posted correctly. Roozbeh Farahanipour volunteered to ask Shamshiri Grill if the agenda could be posted there. Lisa Chapman moved, "WWNC approves Shamshiri Grill as the new posting location." Marcello Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9. NORTH WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GRIEVANCES

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion

President Lisa Chapman introduced the motion below. Board members commented that NWWNC should not have been allowed to hold its meeting tonight at the same time as WWNC's meeting when a number of WWNC board members have interests in both Councils.

Lisa Chapman moved the motion below, seconded by Marcello Robinson, and carried unanimously.

NORTH WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - Ralph M. BROWN ACT VIOLATIONS

Whereas, the Westwood Neighborhood Council board has filed grievances against the North Westwood Neighborhood Council for multiple Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act") violations, including the non-posting of the NWWNC Land Use Agenda of December 5, 2018. The WWNC has also filed grievances against DONE and the Neighborhood Council City Attorney Division for non-enforcement of the Brown Act by the NWWNC.

Now, therefore, The Westwood Neighborhood Council demands that all votes on Land Use items of the NWWNC heard on December 5, 2018, be vacated and re-agendized for a future date.

10. LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

A. Update and details for the evening of January 23, 2019

Lisa Chapman announced that training will be held at 10 p.m. at the Westwood Presbyterian Church and the count will begin at 11 p.m. Volunteers can sign up online.

11. 900 HILGARD PROJECT*

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion

Sandy Brown explained that the Agora, a proposed project at Hilgard and Le Conte, is a 16 story dormitory with 216 bedrooms in 64 units which is four times the allowed height and three times the allowed square footage according to the specific plan, and would require spot zoning. Project representative Aaron Green of Afriat Consulting was invited to this meeting but declined to come although he attended both NWWNC's and Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association's (HWPOA) meetings. Several members of HWPOA made the points that the numbers don't pencil out for a dormitory and the only project that would be luxury housing; that this large project is proposed for a small street; and that the developers have already bought one adjacent house and will try to buy others. Lisa Chapman reported that she posted comments on the Agora's Facebook page which were deleted and filled out a form on the page twice but never got a reply. The Agora

also posted WWNC's agenda and asked for people to attend the meeting in support of the project but nobody came to support it. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian stated that Councilmember Koretz has not taken a position on the project.

Sandy Brown moved the motion below, seconded by Marcello Robinson, and carried unanimously.

900 HILGARD PROJECT

The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Paul Koretz vigorously oppose:

1. The proposed development project at 900 Hilgard Ave., and
2. Any amendment to the General Plan necessary to approve the Proposed Development project, and
3. Any change in the Zoning designation necessary to approve the Proposed Development project, and
4. Any change in Height District, Specific Plan or Westwood Multi-Family Specific Plan necessary to approve the Proposed Development project

Resolved further that Councilmember Koretz provide written proof that:

1. Emergency service response times are adequate, and
2. Infrastructure is adequate in the Westwood Multi-Family Specific Community Plan area, specifically north of Wilshire, and
3. The leasing by-the-bed proposal (not by the dwelling unit) conforms and complies with the Affordable Housing regulations.

The Westwood Neighborhood Council will support redevelopment at 900 Hilgard Ave. provided such redevelopment stays within the stated Westwood Multi-Family Specific Plan which was adopted specifically to prevent future incompatible projects, such as the Proposed Development Project, from being developed in the Plan's area.

It is important to note that the same developers who purchased and submitted this development application at 900 Hilgard, also purchased the home east of it (behind it) at 901 Malcolm Ave., a single family residence within the WWNC boundary.

12. TREE REMOVAL—1727 WARNALL

A. Discussion and possible motion

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian explained that a driveway is being redone and a tree must be removed so that the garage can be accessed. The tree will be replaced.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive – no report

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the December MER included \$37.13 in expenses and \$39,366 available in the budget. The expenditures to be approved were \$93.17 for staffing services in December and \$43.81 for tonight's printed material. Both the December MER and the expenditures were approved unanimously. March Neighborhood Purpose Grants are coming up so board members should think of organizations that could apply. Laura will contact Fairburn, Emerson, and the library about applications.

C. Land Use & Planning

Discussion/Action

1. 660 CLUB VIEW

Case number: ZA-2018-4633-ZV-F

Project Address: 660 South Club View Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Rosemary Medel, (213) 228-5303

Project Description: Project of adding a second kitchen to the main house within the staff area. Then add an over in height fence, pedestrian gate and vehicular gate at a height of six feet within the front yard setback. Finally, new hedges will be planted and will not exceed 8 feet in height.

Chair Marcello Robinson moved, "The WWNC BOD supports 660 South Club View's project as presented and supports waiving a public hearing." Ann Hayman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. 2930 WESTWOOD BLVD PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Project Address: 2930 Westwood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Information: Kevin Kohan, (818) 451-3298

Project Description: Proposing an approximately 50-unit affordable housing development at the project site

This item was removed as it is not within WWNC's boundaries.

D. Outreach & Communications – no report

E. Homeless Task Force

A meeting will be held in February.

F. Budget Advocates – no report

G. Public Safety

Since Chair Chantelle Eastman is resigning, the committee will temporarily be merged with Transportation & Parking until another chair is found.

H. Transportation & Parking – no report

I. Bylaws - no report

J. WRAC – no report because there was no December meeting.

K. Zoning & Violations – no report

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

* Due to a complaint about the agenda description and per the City Attorney's request, this item was heard again and voted on at the February 13, 2019 meeting.