

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2022  
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE OR BY TELEPHONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Roozbeh Farahanipour, David Lorango, Marcello Robinson, and Paula Rogers. A quorum was present. There were approximately 14 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Brown talked about holding a forum for candidates for CD5, but it is not on tonight's agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ann Hayman moved to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that there has been a COVID surge on campus with about 1,500 students and 523 faculty and staff testing positive. Remote instruction will continue through January 28<sup>th</sup>. The bookstore and restaurants on campus have reduced hours and indoor sporting events are limited to players' family members only. The Gayley Heights student housing building on Le Conte is complete and being used as overflow housing for students who need to be isolated. Regarding the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, there is a coalition called the Sepulveda Transit Corridor For All, formed to support a campus stop. It has a website.

UCLA Associate Vice Chancellor Jennifer Poulakidas said that she is working with the BID on a possible forum for candidates for CD5 or Supervisor. UCLA may also hold its own forum. If done with the BID, it will be held in February.

B. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian announced that the City Council will be meeting virtually through the end of January and will be meeting twice a week. At the end of January, the situation will be revisited. CD5 staff is also working virtually.

C. State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's representative Michelle Persoff said that Assemblymember Bryan will try to attend WWNC's meeting next month. He will be holding a town hall the second week of February to discuss the legislative package. The office will be participating in the homeless count.

D. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner reported that money from the infrastructure bill will be available for bridges, freeways, public transportation, wildfire control, airports, and cybersecurity. The VA will be getting 120 tiny houses by February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tracey Fitzgerald heard complaints about changes in the fence line where the cemetery abuts houses and there is now no privacy. Janet replied that trees may have been removed.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames reported that there have been some problems with slower access and a convoluted process for Cornerstone trainings. Recordings of CORE modules are available. An update on training dates was given. The Digital Communications & Social Media Policy should be finalized by BONC in March. The Code of Conduct amendments are still being reviewed. Lisa Chapman stated that WWNC needs to file a CIS with BONC on the Code of Conduct amendments if it hasn't been done yet. Stephen Resnick will check on it.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. Motion to approve Monthly Expenditure Report for November/December 2021

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that November's MER included a beginning balance of \$31,412.66, \$133.98 spent on AppleOne, and a net available balance of \$28,454.88. The Media81 bill has been paid. Laura Winikow moved to approve the November MER, seconded by Ann Hayman, and approved unanimously. The December MER will be voted on next meeting.

There is a problem with paying Media81. Kevin waits eight months to get paid and he can't continue to do that. DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames stated that the problem is that the contract has to be renewed yearly by the City Clerk which takes a long time. Jeff Brill works on contracts at DONE. Lisa Chapman suggested that WWNC draft a letter to him and agendize and vote on it at the next meeting.

## 7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann reported that the Westwood library has lost staff and is now on reduced hours, from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Head librarian John Szabo made a visit to the Westwood branch and Roozbeh Farahanipour of Delphi Greek hosted a lunch for him. Delphi Greek also hosted lunches for LAFD Station 37 and the LAPD. Philip Gabriel stated that the Rotary Club donated \$2,500 to the lunches for the LAPD and LAFD Station 37.

## 8. UPDATE OF THE UNHOUSED IN WESTWOOD PARK AND WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES NEAR THE PARK

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that there are 36 homeless individuals living in 22 tents and a car in Westwood Park. Enforcement of no camping was supposed to begin February 3<sup>rd</sup> but it will be postponed because of the Covid surge. Philip Gabriel said that an 80 year old man was mugged by a homeless man with scissors in Westwood Village and it was the third mugging there within a month, so more LAPD presence is needed. Jasmine replied that the LAPD is understaffed and underfunded. Stakeholder Steve Sann reported that both Captain Tom and SLO Allen have been very responsive to concerns in the Village.

## 9. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES INITIATIVE: "LOCAL LAND USE AND ZONING LAWS OVERRIDE ALL CONFLICTING STATE LAWS"

### A. Introduction of Motion to Support the Initiative

Connie Boukidis stated that this is to go on record in response to the power grab by Sacramento. DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames said that a state law can only be addressed by NCs if the City Council does. This motion is not related to a specific bill but it could be tied to SB9 or SB10, linked to Councilmember Koretz's motion CF 21-1414. Connie Boukidis moved to table this item until February, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

## 10. LOS ANGELES/WESTWOOD HOMELESS COUNT

Lisa Chapman announced that the count was originally supposed to be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, but she received an email from LAHSA with possible alternate dates in February. Check-in will be held at the Westwood Presbyterian Church and will be done outside, participants must be vaccinated, and everything will be done on an app. Check-in will be at 10 p.m. and the count will start at 11 p.m.

## 11. BOARD RESIGNATIONS

### A. Discussion for a replacement as Owner Residential Area 4 Director

A candidate is still needed.

### B. Discussion for a replacement as a Renter Residential Director

A candidate is still needed.

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

- A. Executive – no report
- B. Land Use & Planning – no report
- C. Outreach & Communications – no report
- D. Homeless Task Force

Lisa Chapman is working with Angel at CD5. A drive for blankets, hats, and socks was held and many items were collected.

- E. Budget Advocates – no report
- F. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report
- G. Bylaws – no report
- H. WRAC – Report and Motions

Stephen Resnick reported that Paula Rogers attended WRAC's LUPC meeting on Sunday, where a sustainable building presentation was made.

### 1. Support Request for Revisions to SB330 (Affordable Housing)

Lisa Chapman stated that the motion doesn't tie into CF 21-1431 and it should be sent back to WRAC. Lisa Chapman moved to table the motion, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

### 2. Support: Council File CF 21-0002-S186 (Housing Element) (Koretz)

#### **SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 21-0002-S186 (Housing Element) (KORETZ)**

Refers to City Council file [21-0002-S186](#)

"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports Council File 21-0002-S186 which seeks to support any Sacramento legislative or administrative action that will allow the City to include SB 9 sites in an addendum to the Housing Element thus allowing for the inclusion of these SB 9 sites in the Adequate Sites for Housing inventory."

#### [Background Information](#)

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Connie Boukidis and carried unanimously.

### 3. Support: Council File CF 21-1115 (Ban Bicycle "Chop Shops") (Buscaino)

#### **SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 21-1115 (Ban Bicycle "Chop Shops" (Buscaino)**

Refers to City Council file [21-1115](#)

"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports Council File 21-1115 (Buscaino)."

#### **Background**

This motion calls for the drafting of an ordinance to ban bicycle "chop shops" from public property and the public-right-of-way in Los Angeles.

For background see: [Buscaino Motion](#)

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

## I. Park Advisory

Westwood PAB member Tracey Fitzgerald reported that no meetings were held in November or December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. Tracey asked Eric for an update and was told that winter programs for basketball and soccer will take place. New bathrooms will be installed on the Veteran side of the old soccer field in the center and in the northeast corner by Tommy's Field. Stephen Resnick mentioned that he only gets notices about PAB meetings two or three hours prior to the meeting and no minutes of the meetings are posted on the website. Tracey said that Eric doesn't post the minutes but will send them if requested. Tracey will agendaize both of these matters and send them out.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ann Hayman and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.