

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2022
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE OR BY TELEPHONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members in attendance were Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Paula Rogers, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow. Member excused was Roozbeh Farahanipour. A quorum was present. There were approximately 19 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Chapman, Ann Hayman, and Stephen Resnick shared family news.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the February 9, 2022 minutes, seconded by Connie Boukidis, and carried unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that indoor masking is still required on campus, the Center for the Art of Performance is back to in-person events at Royce Hall, and Sunset Blvd. will be closed on March 20th due to the L.A. Marathon.

B. State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's representative Michelle Persoff reported that a town hall was held last month to discuss the legislative package and the Assemblymember's office participated in the homeless count, and gave an update on legislation.

C. SLO James Allen reported that Westwood Park and Bad News Bears Park were cleaned on March 7th. Now there is no camping within 500 feet of the park. Crime year-to-date was down in all categories except grand theft auto and theft, which is package theft and shoplifting. There was a string of commercial burglaries on Westwood Blvd.

D. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave an update on legislation and announced that non-profits can apply for Community Funding Projects, which has a March 18th deadline. She can be contacted at janet.turner@mail.house.gov.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames reported on an upcoming Community Impact Statement virtual town hall on March 31st and other dates for virtual training sessions.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2022

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that February's MER included a beginning balance of \$28,454.88, an outstanding balance of \$86.45 and a net available amount of \$28,268.43. Laura moved to approve the February MER, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously.

B. Motion to amend the budget to approve rollover funds of \$10,000

Treasurer Laura Winikow moved to amend the current budget by adding the \$10,000 of rollover funds to the Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) budget, seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried unanimously. This brought the NPG budget from \$22,000 to \$32,000.

B. Discussion and motion to approve letter to Jeff Brill of the City Clerk's office regarding contracts—no action was taken on this item

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT PRESENTATIONS & AWARDING OF GRANTS

Treasurer Laura Winikow stated that there is \$32,000 for NPGs and eight organizations so there is potentially \$4,000 to be awarded to each one.

A. Emerson Middle School - For Accelerated Reading Program. Request up to \$5,000

Meg Buzzi made the presentation. Sandy Brown moved to award \$4,000 to each of the schools: Emerson, Fairburn, and Warner. Connie Boukidis seconded and the motion carried unanimously

B. Fairburn Elementary School - For computer training program for students. Request up to \$5,000

Shlomy made the presentation. \$4,000 was awarded to Fairburn. (see vote in agenda item 8A)

C. Friends of Westwood Library - To purchase physical books. Request up to \$5,000

Chris Combs made the presentation. Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow recused themselves from the vote. Philip Gabriel moved to award Friends of Westwood Library \$4,000, seconded by Connie Boukidis, and carried unanimously.

C. Los Angeles Conservancy - To designate and preserve buildings within our boundaries. Request up to \$5,000

Steve Sann made the presentation. Marcello Robinson moved to award the Los Angeles Conservancy \$4,000, seconded by Connie Boukidis, and carried unanimously.

D. Salvation Army Transition - For online learning programs for children at childcare facility. Request up to \$5,000

Diane made the presentation. Tracey Fitzgerald moved to award \$5,000 to the Salvation Army Transition, seconded by Marcello Robinson, and carried by a vote of Yes: 7 (Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Tracey Fitzgerald, David Lorango, Marcello Robinson, Paula Rogers, Mark Rogo), No: 5 (Lisa Chapman, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Laura Winikow), and Abstain: 0.

E. Warner Avenue Elementary School - For student technology. Request up to \$5,000

Angel Rabbie made the presentation. \$4,000 was awarded to Warner. (see vote in agenda item 8A)

F. West L.A. Homeless (WLAH) - To fund a professional outreach team to serve the unhoused in our community. Request up to \$10,000

Mary Williams made the presentation. Philip Gabriel moved to award \$3,000 to WLAH, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

H. West L.A. Little League - For security guards for grounds to protect kids. Request up to \$5,000

Matthew Fiorello made the presentation. Recreation & Parks requires them to have a security guard at every gate but they have to fund it themselves. Philip Gabriel moved to award \$4,000 to WLALL, seconded by Connie Boukidis and carried unanimously.

9. COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 DEBATE

A. Discussion and Introduction of motion: "The Westwood Neighborhood Council will host and co-sponsor a Council District 5 forum / debate via Zoom on April 13, 2022, in place of the regular WWNC monthly board meeting. The WWNC will pay up to \$150.00 towards flyers for this event to be used for public outreach."

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

10. LOS ANGELES/WESTWOOD HOMELESS COUNT UPDATE

Lisa Chapman reported that the count was held on February 23rd. It was done on an app which was easy to use. There were 115 volunteers who participated.

11. BOARD RESIGNATIONS

- A. Discussion for a replacement as Owner Residential Area 4 Director
A candidate is still being sought.
- B. Discussion for a replacement as a Renter Residential Director
A candidate is still being sought.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

- A. Executive – no report
- B. Land Use & Planning – no report
- C. Outreach & Communications – no report
- D. Homeless Task Force – see agenda item 10
- E. Budget Advocates – no report
- F. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking
Philip Gabriel said that he will follow up on the email he sent earlier regarding traffic timing on Wilshire and in Westwood Village.
- G. Bylaws – no report
- H. WRAC – Report and Motions

Paula Rogers reported that WRAC's last LUPC meeting was canceled.

- 1. Support: Request Use of "Cool Asphalt" for Paving

REQUEST OF "COOL ASPHALT" FOR PAVING

WRAC requests that the City Bureau of Engineering uses "cool asphalt" for paving with the following recommendations:

- i. Request that StreetsLA prioritizes its program for cooling, including that the Bureau of Engineering coat roads and sidewalks with "cool asphalt."
- ii. Request that Council Districts allocate discretionary funding to StreetsLA to expand coating with cool asphalt in their areas.
- iii. Request that the City prioritize and implement the program by allocating sufficient funding.
- iv. Request that the City publicize the streets that are scheduled to be coated.
- v. Request that the City prioritize implementation based on areas with high heat temperatures, low tree canopy cover, high use transit stops and high pedestrian traffic areas.
- vi. Request that the City study the feasibility and cost of producing, installing and maintaining its own product (the cool street coating).
- vii. Request that the City plant street trees where coating is applied, to increase the effectiveness of the coating and provide a holistic approach.

Background Information

Tracey Fitzgerald moved to amend the motion by adding: "Request that potential funding sources for the project be included." Stephen Resnick seconded and the amended motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Support: Request for Revisions to SB330 (Affordable Housing)

This is not associated with any council file number so it cannot be acted on. Lisa Chapman moved to table it until the May meeting, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

I. Park Advisory

- 1. Discussion and Introduction of Motion: "In order for the public to be informed and participate in the park, the WWNC will post the PAB agenda and supporting documents on its website" Tracey Fitzgerald rescinded her motion. Lisa Chapman told Tracey that Kevin can make a PAB section on the website and she can send him the agendas to post.
- 2. Westwood Recreation Center "Wish List" development, staff update and public meeting
Westwood PAB member Tracey Fitzgerald reported that the last PAB meeting was open to the public for wish list items but was not as well-attended as she would have liked. There will

probably be another public meeting. Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month and the next meeting will be held March 23rd. Tracey suggested forming a wish list subcommittee to gather ideas and email them to her. Eric will be leaving and RAP General Manager Mike Shull will be retiring.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stephen Resnick. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.