

## WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2017

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10822 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, Shelby Kretz, Marcello Robinson, Stephen Resnick, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Angus Beverly, Caroline Conway, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Trent Jolly, David Lorango, and Mark Rogo. A quorum was present. There were 23 stakeholders and guests present.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ann Hayman moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting, seconded by Shelby Kretz, and approved unanimously.

### 3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner reported that the Congressman is one of the sponsors of bipartisan legislation to counter hacking. On June 16th there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the VA for the first 54 units of veteran housing, and afterwards a Community Veterans Engagement Board town hall meeting will be held. The USPS is looking for a temporary space to house the post office, with several possibilities in Westwood Village.

B. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the resurfacing of Sunset Blvd. is done, and announced that Beverly Glen will also be resurfaced. Santa Monica Blvd. in Century City will have a street closure on July 4th for the L.A. Freedom Festival.

C. UCLA representative Marco Perez gave updates on commencement, construction on campus, and the demolition of a building at 885 Levering Avenue. For student move-outs this year, UCLA is partnering with American Textile Recycling Services to reuse or recycle castoff items.

D. Congresswoman Karen Bass's District Director Maral Karaccusian reported that the

Congresswoman is working on post office issues and will be holding a Congressional Conversation with constituents at Emerson on Saturday, June 17th.

E. LAPD Officer Veloz, filling in for SLO Ragsdale, reported that LAPD is moving away from sending out crime reports but instead using crime mapping and only notifying the community if there is a crime trend. From July 14 - 16, 2017 the West LAPD Community Police Station will be holding a fundraising carnival on Pico Blvd.

#### 4. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

President Lisa Chapman read a report from Megan Furey and Nikki Svava, as they could not attend the meeting.

#### 5. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Ana Huizar reported that the department runs the myla311 app, which is for reporting graffiti anonymously, and works with the Bureau of Sanitation. Clean-up tools can be borrowed for free from the department.

#### 6. CITY OF LOS ANGELES SAFE SIDEWALK L. A.

Trisha Murakawa reported on this new program which started in December 2016. It is about mobility disability and has \$1.4 billion to spend over 30 years to fix sidewalks. Part of the money will be used for rebates for residential and commercial property owners who fix their sidewalks.

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A number of UCLA students spoke about how Westwood could be more student-friendly, including complaints about the high cost of rent in the area.

#### 8. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive

President Lisa Chapman announced that Shelby Kretz has tendered her resignation due to a move out of Westwood. She was occupying a renter's seat and the vacancy will now be posted on the website.

#### B. Budget

Treasurer Laura Winikow announced that the fiscal year is finished and all NPGs were approved. There was one May expenditure, staffing services \$115.89, and the May MER included that plus the facility rental and set-up charges, copies, and three NPGs funded, leaving \$757 in the budget. Laura Winikow moved to approve the May expense and MER, seconded by Ann Hayman, and approved unanimously.

#### C. Land Use & Planning

##### 1. Appointment of Mary Chiu to LUPC

Mary Chiu made a statement to the board.

Philip Gabriel moved to appoint Mary Chiu to the LUPC, seconded by Ann Hayman, and carried unanimously.

##### 2. 10725 Ashton

Case number:

**Project Title:** 10725 Ashton

Project Address: 10725 Ashton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Majid Nael, [323-882-6666](tel:323-882-6666)

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**Project Description:** New four unit, four story condos with subterranean parking structure.

**Supporting Documents:** <http://www.wwnc.org/10725> Ashton

Chair Connie Boukidis moved, seconded by Ann Hayman,

THE WWNC BOD supports Applicant's project as proposed and makes the following recommendations to the DRB:

-ensure exterior articulations/design remain consistent with authentic Mediterranean style

-require permanent landscaping on balconies

-maintain roof as mechanical access only/non-occupied space

The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. 10664 Kinnard

Case Number:

**Project Title:** 10664 Kinnard

Project Address: 10664 Kinnard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Majid Nael, [323-882-6666](tel:323-882-6666)

**Project Description:** New four unit, four story condos with subterranean parking structure.

**Supporting Documents:** <http://www.wwnc.org/10664> Kinnard

Chair Connie Boukidis moved, seconded by Stephen Resnick,

THE Westwood Neighborhood Council does not support Applicant's project and recommends that the DRB require the following changes to the project:

-expand the width of the tower

-add authentic wrought iron details

-add more clay tiles

-move location of the balconies in the front to add more impact to facade

-ensure that design remains consistent with authentic Mediterranean style

The motion carried unanimously.

### 4. 10401 Eastborne

Case Number:

**Project Title:** 10401 Eastborne

Project Address: 10401 Eastborne Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Bogdan Tomalevski, [310-437-0396](tel:310-437-0396)

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**Project Description:** Construction of 34 unit housing structure with affordable housing component.

**Supporting Documents:** <http://www.wwnc.org/10401> Eastborne

Bogdan Tomalevski presented the project.

Chair Connie Boukidis moved, seconded by Stephen Resnick,

THE Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the project and recommends that the

DRB:

- require Applicant to identify haul routes, where construction workers will park and staging will take place;
- consider the traffic and safety issues related to the Beverly Glen garage entrance and its possible relocation;
- require Applicant to identify an ombudsman that surrounding neighbors can call re unreasonable noise and congestion related to project;
- require Applicant to work with current tenants re relocation and with those qualified to rent the very low income units; and
- soften lighting in staircase on Eastborne.

In addition, the Secretary of the Westwood Neighborhood Council Board of Directors is directed to send a letter to the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation re possible relocation of garage entrance on Beverly Glen due to safety and traffic issues.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Sample Conditions Regarding Conditional Use Beverage Permits to be Posted on WWNC Website

Philip Gabriel moved that the sample conditions be posted on the Land Use page of

WWNC's website, seconded by Chantelle Eastman, and carried unanimously.

6. 10390 Ashton Update

Stephen Resnick reported that Councilmember Koretz was very supportive of the community's position on this and brought a 245 motion at the City Council meeting, which carried by a 10 - 0 vote, so the project is no more.

D. Outreach & Communications — no report

E. Homeless Task Force—no report

F. Budget Advocates—no report

G. Public Safety—no report

H. Transportation & Parking —no report

I. Bylaws—no report

J. WRAC

WRAC representative Mitchell Keiter reported that WRAC is thinking of incorporating and is looking into raising money for the incorporation, and possibly a monthly stipend. Nothing will be

decided until the fall.

K. Zoning & Violations—no report

9. LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN, OPEN SPACE ELEMENT—FULLY TRANSPARENT MEETINGS

A. Introduction of Motion

MOTION REGARDING LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN, OPEN SPACE ELEMENT – FULLY  
TRANSPARENT MEETINGS

Whereas the city has for months been working on a plan behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles, the **General Plan**, which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall;

And whereas Mayor Garcetti has said, residents must have "a sense of ownership over the

development of our communities," and City Councilman Jose Huizar, chair of the powerful PLUM committee, pledged to bring "accountability and transparency back into our General Plan and Community Plan processes";

And whereas Los Angeles is several years behind other Western U.S. cities in involving its citizens in a General Plan Update process that starts from the ground up;

And whereas public money and public interest are major factors in the earliest decision-making on our General Plan Update process, strategies, and dreams;

And whereas it is widely agreed the public cannot fully participate in General Plan Updating meetings, hearings and debates that unfold during the day downtown;

And whereas closed-door meetings on the fundamental debates and decisions about our dreams and goals for updating of the General Plan can only create more distrust and dismay over the city's broken planning system;

The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that now-underway, and upcoming, Planning Department Work Group meetings about our shared ideas and ideals for the Los Angeles General Plan and its many Elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; invite a representative from each neighborhood alliance; and in the case of the nearly completed Open Space Work Group, be expanded from the four meetings completed in closed-door sessions, to four extra meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

We further request, in the same vein, that the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation

Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan both be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand their closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

Sandy Brown moved to amend the motion by adding the wording, "all elements of the" in front of "General Plan" wherever it appears and adding: WWNC will send the motion to CD5 and ask Councilmember Koretz to create a council file with a number on this issue, with a copy of the motion to be sent to Mayor Garcetti also. Scott Whittle seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Sandy Brown moved to approve the amended motion, seconded by Scott Whittle, and carried unanimously.

#### 10. OUTSIDE INFLUENCE ON THE BOARD

##### A. Discussion

This was tabled by President Lisa Chapman.

#### 11. QUIMBY FUNDS

##### A. Discussion

Sandy Brown got an accounting of Quimby funds from the Department of Recreation & Parks.

A park has to request Quimby funds in order to receive any. Holmby Park and Bad News Bears Park have

received the least amount of Quimby funds.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.