

## WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2018

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. A quorum was present. There were 22 stakeholders and guests present.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chantelle Eastman moved to amend the July 11, 2018 minutes in agenda item 10E by clarifying one sentence, seconded by Philip Gabriel. Approval of the amended minutes was unanimous.

### 3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's representative Shannon Louis gave an update on actions taken by the supervisors and the quarterly report on Measure H outcomes.
- B. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Ragsdale was welcomed back by the board. There are no trending crimes currently. There have been random robberies of pedestrians by perpetrators driving by in vehicles.
- C. New CD5 Planning Deputy Hagu Solomon-Cary introduced herself.

### 4. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE representative Semee Park told the board that WWNC's board structure will not change until the 2019 elections. When asked about board members no longer meeting the criteria, Semee replied that it is an exception to the rule and that the eligibility criteria won't apply temporarily. This raised the question of board members who recently resigned because they no longer met the criteria according to the current bylaws and if they can stay on the board. WWNC was not told until this meeting about the suspension of eligibility criteria so these board members didn't know that they could have remained on the board. Semee stated that she will get clarification on this matter and see if there is a remedy.

### 5. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- A. Westwood Village/UCLA Block Party – September 23  
Executive Director Andrew Thomas announced that the block party for new community members will be held on Broxton and on Weyburn on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will feature 23 vendor booths, dance floors and DJs, and student performances.

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

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that next year is UCLA's centennial and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Westwood Village so a joint celebration is in the early planning stages.

### 7. DISCUSSION: LA DEPT. OF CITY PLANNING/WESTSIDE COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES

Senior City Planner Jonathan Hershey and two staff members gave an overview of what the update entails and a timeline for a three year revision, which has never been done before. Four blocks in WWNC's area are in the Westside Community Plan's area. The update needs a lot of community participation and is counting on neighborhood councils to help connect with the community.

## 8. SELECTION OF RESILIENCE LIAISON

A. The WWNC will select a Resilience Liaison for the Mayor's Resilient Los Angeles program (<https://www.lamayor.org/Resilience>)  
Ann Hayman nominated Marcello Robinson as the liaison. Marcello accepted the nomination and was approved unanimously.

## 9. INVENTORY REPORT

A. Review and approve the WWNC Inventory Report for 2017/2018  
Lisa Chapman reported that the only inventory item is a sign, and that is the report. The inventory report was approved unanimously.

## 10. ELECTION WORKSHEET

A. Discussion and vote in regard to the 2019 election  
Marcello Robinson moved, "WWNC will hold a six hour election from the hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m." seconded by Mitchell Keiter, and carried unanimously. Lisa Chapman moved, "WWNC will hold its election at the Westwood Recreation Center," seconded by Scott Whittle and carried unanimously. Lisa Chapman moved, "WWNC will have ballot translations in Farsi, Korean, and Spanish in addition to English," seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried unanimously. Connie Boukidis moved, "WWNC will not have staggered election terms," seconded by Marcello Robinson, and carried by a vote of Yes: 13 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow.), No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Mitchell Keiter). Lisa Chapman moved, "WWNC will have poll voting and vote by mail," seconded by Scott Whittle. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 12 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow.), No: 1 (Mark Rogo), and Abstain: 1 (Chantelle Eastman). Lisa Chapman moved, "WWNC will not donate \$5,000 to vote by mail," seconded by Scott Whittle and carried unanimously. Roozbeh Farahanipour and Philip Gabriel volunteered to be Election Commission Co-Chairs, and Lisa Chapman volunteered to be secondary chair.

## 11. ONSITE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

A. Discussion in regard to a proposed city ordinance creating an administrative process for on-site alcoholic consumption subject to standard set of operational standards  
Sandy Brown reported that the City wants to simplify the CUB process and covenant all restrictions. This is an approach relying heavily on enforcement, which is problematic.

## 12. DONE DETERMINATION

A. Discussion and vote on response to DONE's Determination of Boundary Adjustment, Sharing of Boundaries, and Bylaw Revision  
Sandy Brown went through points 1 through 6 listed on the response from DONE, which was only received 20 minutes before the start of the meeting and is not the final determination. Point 1 should be challenged as the commercial part within WWNC's boundaries doesn't contain a market or any place that residents regularly shop. Point 2 should also be challenged, as Westwood Village contains 46 significant historical resources and four monuments, and no good reason was articulated as to why it shouldn't be considered as an area. Stakeholder Steve Sann pointed out that both City Planning and the DRB consider Westwood Village as an area. Point 3 should be challenged

too. DONE representative Semee Park said that BONC might be open to having Westwood Blvd. as a shared resource. Stakeholder Steve Sann stated that Wilshire Center-Koreatown NC and Rampart NC share a commercial area. The final determination will be issued on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The BONC hearing will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sandy Brown moved to further advocate for the shared resources plan to BONC, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried by a vote of Yes: 13, No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Chantelle Eastman).

B. Motion to request that Councilmember Paul Koretz introduce a “245” motion at a future City Council meeting, should that be required by the Determination and outcome of the BONC hearing

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

C. Motion to authorize all members of the Westwood Neighborhood Council to speak at the BONC hearing and with Councilmember Paul Koretz, per Agenda item ‘9A’

There will be a meeting with Councilmember Paul Koretz on August 14<sup>th</sup>. No vote was taken on this item.

### 13. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive - no report

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow listed the expenditures to be approved: for August \$75 facility rental, \$100 facility set-up and reimbursement to Lisa Chapman, and \$45.45 printed material and for July staffing services \$160.93 and \$92.01. All expenditures were approved unanimously.

C. Land Use & Planning

1. **1121 Glendon Ave. – Violet Restaurant**

**Case Number: DIR-2018-4219-DRB-COA-SPP**

**Project Address: 1121 S. Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024**

**Contact: Tony Russo, 408-655-0998**

**Project Description: Historic restoration, redevelopment of a new full service sit down restaurant with interior seating for approximately 30 patrons and interior patio seating for approx. 36 patrons. This project will also include a cooking school and retail shop.**

Steven Somers and Dana Slatkin presented the project.

Chair Marcello Robinson moved, seconded by Ann Hayman, “The WWNC Board of Directors supports Violet Restaurant’s, located at 1121 S. Glendon Ave., application as presented.” The motion carried unanimously.

D. Outreach & Communications – no report

E. Homeless Task Force

Co-chair Chantelle Eastman reported that she attended a Homeless Alliance meeting and listed a number of upcoming volunteer opportunities to help the homeless.

F. Budget Advocates – Nominations for Committee Chairperson

No action was taken on this item.

G. Public Safety

Co-chairs Chantelle Eastman and Mitchell Keiter will meet next week.

H. Transportation & Parking

Co-chair Philip Gabriel reported that he has received contact information from former Chair Angus Beverly.

I. Bylaws – no report

- J. WRAC - no report
- K. Zoning & Violations - no report

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.