

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2011

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10822 WILSHIRE BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice president Toni Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members in attendance were:

-Lisa Chapman	-Kurt Smalberg	-Stephen Resnick
-Clinton Schudy	-Constance Boukidis	-Mark Rogo
-Brent Gaisford	-Laura Winikow	-Joseph Gillard
-Toni Gray	-Roozbeh Farahanipour	-Steve Somers
-Michael Stajura	-George Torbay	
-Mark Herd	-Scott Whittle	

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kurt Smalberg moved to approve the September minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Clinton Schudy and carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Councilmember Koretz field deputy, Sarah Mallory, states that city council motion on apron should not be cited until there is a definition provided. The community has been advised to park in their own designated area until further notice.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Hari, Westside Representative for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, is asking for two representatives from each neighborhood council to attend the Mayor's "Budget Day" on October 29, 2011. Brent Gaisford and David Crew volunteered to attend.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

Outreach & Communications Committee Chair Lisa Chapman has stated that there are website issues. Efforts are being made to resolve this matter. It has been requested that when visiting the website, if you notice an issue please write down the date and time the issue occurred. The major concerns with the website are accessing the agenda and the minutes page.

6. Westwood Village Business Improvement District:

Andrew Thomas, Executive Director, discussed that he has in place Hospitality Ambassadors for the Village. The Ambassadors will be wearing uniforms that will be easily recognizable and they will be providing a variety of services to the community. He also said that he has hired a crew to clean the village and they should be starting soon. The current BID budget is over 1.3 million dollars.

7. Jeff Young, Assistant Chief for the UCLA Police Department, discussed his efforts in the safety of

the college student attending UCLA. He advised that a group of officers will commit to educating students on safety and sexual assault. Michael Stajura suggested that the district regions be shared with other officers.

8. Neighborhood Team Program: Michael Stajura discussed the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP). The NTP is a flexible program adaptable to the needs, resources and interest of each community while improving disaster preparedness. Michael Stajura moved that the WWNC support the Program. Passed unanimously.
9. Public Safety Committee: Michael Stajura stated the need for the WWNC to have a standing Public Safety Committee and made a motion to that effect. Passed unanimously. Michael volunteered to chair the committee.
10. Neighborhood Purposes Grants: Lisa Chapman is concerned about the distribution of grant money. The deadline for grant applicants is October 26th. Mark and Laura have volunteered to review applications. It was discussed that once applications are received applicants will be given the opportunity to make corrections if needed.
11. Disaster Preparedness Fair: Michael Stajura advised there will be an event Saturday October 15th to educate the community on Emergency Preparedness. The event will start at 12:00pm and will end at 4:00pm.
12. WRAC meeting and the Congress of Neighborhood Councils reports: Michael Stajura requested an emergency agenda item to be added for timeliness. The agenda item was a WRAC motion put forward by the Venice NC regarding a new housing development being planned in Marina del Rey, which is outside the City of LA's jurisdiction. The WWNC unanimously voted to add the emergency agenda item for timeliness. The motion asks for a full EIR that assess the impact of the development on the surrounding areas. The housing development was increasing the occupancy of the area and decreasing the amount of parking. There were actually two motions, and the WWNC passed both of them. The first motion simply called for an EIR. The second motion, similarly worded, was a request from the Venice NC to make the review more comprehensive.
13. WRAC Town Hall: Lisa Chapman. Lisa Chapman provided a brief report regarding the WRAC-sponsored town hall meeting with DONE. Briefly, cuts to DONE's budget are leading to proposals for regional NC groups, such as WRAC, to take on a more formalized role to replace some of the tasks previously performed by DONE. These are only proposals, and it is still unclear how things might proceed.

14. Telephone and P.O. Box for the Council: Stephen Resnick.

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We are currently on the waiting list for a Google telephone number.

15. Bylaws: Stephen Resnick

Discussion continued until next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm