

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

October 17, 2016

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

1. CALL TO ORDER - Board members in attendance were Marcello Robinson, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Mark Rogo, Laura Winikow, Lisa Chapman, Philip Gabriel, Stephen Resnick, Mitchell Keiter, Connie Boukidis, Chantelle Eastman, Caroline Conway, and Angus Beverly. A quorum was present. Excused absences were Sandy Brown, Ann Hayman, and Scott Whittle
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Lisa Chapman moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Marcello Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. James Dragon, Chief Environmental Health Specialist, for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, addressed the Council. The department takes complaints from the public regarding the food and safety of the citizens. They have approximately 850 employees. He stated that several factors can influence the department's response to complaints such as the type of business, how frequently business are inspected, and the risk to the community. He discussed the inspection of Food Trucks as these have additional challenges that restaurants don't have. He also discussed restaurant risk levels such as those of low risk that handle pre-packaged food versus higher risk restaurants that handle and cook raw protein products.

B. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported on the June shooting incident at UCLA. She extended an invitation to the council and the public to attend the UCLA Gun Violence & Campus Safety Forum on June 3rd.

C. Marco Perez from UCLA Community & Local Government Relations mentioned Community events taking place this month. There will be a Bruin family weekend. They are expecting about 30,000 parents. They do not anticipate any disturbance. Also, the weekend of October 28, 2017, is homecoming week.

D. Samuel Appel, Regional Coordinator for Los Angeles Homeless Count, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, discussed next year's Homeless Count, which is scheduled for January 25, 2017. The components of the homeless count include: Street count, Shelter count, Demographic survey, and youth count. Volunteers will go out in the late evening and count the number of people that are on the street that can be observed. The Demographic survey is done differently. There are a number of experts who are involved in the Demographic survey. Within the LA area there are 28,464 homeless people. Within the Westwood area there are approximately 267 homeless people. Stephen Resnick made a motion to opt-in with the Homeless Shelter count process. Angus Beverly seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Lisa Chapman made a motion that the Council will co-chair the homeless activity,

with the Westwood Community Council and the Westwood Presbyterian Church, which was seconded by Marcello Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Daniel Tamm, West Area Representative for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Public Engagement provided an overview of his duties.

4. Megan Furey from the Westwood Village Business Improvement District gave a report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

6. Standing Committee Status/Reports

a. Executive – No report

b. Treasurer

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures – Approved unanimously

c. Land Use - Connie Boukidis stated that the Land Use items on the agenda have been tabled.

d. Bylaws – No report

e. Zoning & Violations – Roozbeh Farahanipour reported that many of the street trees that have been illegally cut down will be replaced. No timeframe was given.

7. MURALS IN WESTWOOD

Ata Tarki with Beautify Earth gave an overview of the company and their work with a number of communities to beautify utility boxes and public areas with murals. He indicated there is funding available from CD5 for cultural affairs for murals in either the Westwood area or the Palms area. The plan is to create a few murals within the area. In addition, they held a fair foundation. The Council did not indicate support for murals in Westwood Village, because of so many historical buildings that were identified. As an alternative, there could be support to paint crosswalks at Westwood & Wilkins (Persian Square), or murals in Westwood, South of Wilshire.

9. COUNCIL OPENINGS - Lisa Chapman

Lisa Chapman announced the resignations of Eugene Tseng and Ian Cocroft, both of whom held Renter Seats. Eugene Tseng Formally resigned as he has enlisted into the army in Taiwan, and he will start graduate school at Columbia University in January. Ian Cocroft will not be returning to Los Angeles because he decided to accept a position with the Democratic National Committee in Washington DC.

Lisa announced that the board must follow the bylaws, as the WWNC must notify the public regarding the openings. The position must go on the website and after 60 days, the council will make a selection from qualified renter applicants. There will be an application and at the December 2016 or January, 2017 meeting, they will be able to make a personal statement, answer board and stakeholder questions, and the board will make a selection. Angus Beverly

moved to set the selection for the January 2017 meeting as many UCLA students will be gone in December. Roozbeh Farahanipour seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ADJOURMENT - President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.