

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2016

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 Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Trent Jolly, and Mitchell Keiter. A quorum was present. There were 20 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting. Philip Gabriel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. SARAH LEONARD JEWELERS

President Lisa Chapman, along with Philip Gabriel and Mark Rogo, talked about the tragic death of Aaron Friedman, the son of the owners of Sarah Leonard Jewelers. He had a seizure while in his car on the Wilshire freeway onramp and an ambulance didn't come after the 911 call was mishandled, possibly due to a jurisdictional dispute. An investigation is ongoing with the help of Councilmember Koretz's office and SLO Chris Ragsdale.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. LA Fire Department Deputy Chief Charles Butler stated that he was unaware of the mishandled 911 call that resulted in Aaron Friedman's death but offered to help investigate what happened. He

announced that the Fire Department offers community training, such as CERT classes, disaster preparation training, and fire safety.

B. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that students moved out over the past weekend and will be moving back around January 8, 2017. UCLA will be closed from December 22, 2016 to

January 2, 2017. A one day strike will be held by the Teamsters Clerical Workers Union on January 10, 2017. Students are planning a protest on Inauguration Day.

C. State Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas' representative Brian Adams reported that the Assembly Member is sponsoring AB 23, which eases the way for LAUSD to have more single-gender schools. A new constituent service center will open in January on Crenshaw Blvd.

5. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

President Lisa Chapman read Megan Furey's report as she was not present at the meeting. A Request for Information (RFI) has been sent to the BID members about a line item in the budget for \$50,000 for PATH services for the homeless over the past five years.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Mark Herd, who is running for the Council District 5 seat on the City Council, made a statement about his candidacy and the issues he considers important.

B. Zuma Dogg, who is running for mayor, made a statement about his candidacy.

C. Stakeholder Rex Lorenzo is trying to get a "Taste of Westwood" event going to be held in the spring quarter. The proceeds would go to a charity and he requested suggested names of charities to donate to. Stakeholder Steve Sann said that Friends of the Library has been thinking about this type of event also.

D. Stakeholder Steve Sann announced several new restaurant openings in Westwood Village. A Foot Action store will be opening in the old Aahs space on Broxton.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee had no report.

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow listed the expenditures for last month to be approved: \$74.77 for

printed material, \$100 facility rental, \$75 facility set-up, P.O. box renewal \$134, postage \$1.15, and staffing services (from August) \$104.72. The monthly expenditure report (MER) left about \$40,000 unspent in the budget. All expenditures and the MER were approved unanimously.

C. Land Use & Planning

1. Case Number: ZA-2016-2962 CUB

Project Title: D1

Project Address: 10959 Kinross Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Sherrie Olson, 909-519-1816

Project Description: CUP for the sale and dispensing of full-line alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with proposed 3,126 sf restaurant with 73 indoor seats operating 6 am - 2 am daily.

Supporting Documents: <http://www.wwnc.org/D1>

Action(s) Requested: Reconsideration of recommendation by WWNC LUPC to WWNC BOD to support Request for CUP for the sale and dispensing of full-line alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with proposed 3,126 sf restaurant with 73 indoor seats operating 6 am - 2 am daily.

Proposed Motions: The WWNC rescinds its Motion regarding ZA-2016-2962 CUB passed at its Board of Directors meeting on November 9, 2016 and instead replaces it with the following Motion:

In reconsideration, the WWNC opposes D1's request for a CUB to permit the sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption and instead supports D1's project for a Conditional Use Beverage permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing 3,126 sf 62 seat restaurant with an 11 seat bar area during business hours on Sundays-Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., on Fridays-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m., subject to D1 filing a Petition for a Conditional License (due to the undue concentration of on-site consumption alcohol licenses within the subject Census Tract) with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control relative to their sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages that incorporates the following conditions:

1. Alcohol sales shall be limited to their business hours on Sundays-Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. All alcohol sales limited to the interior of the premises.

2. No "Happy Hour" type of reduced price alcoholic beverage promotion shall be allowed. This restriction does not apply to reduced food and beverage promotions for patrons. Reduced price food is allowed.
3. Any graffiti painted or marked upon the premises or on any adjacent area under the control of the applicant shall be removed or painted over within 24 hours of discovery.
4. There shall be no coin operated games or video machines or other amusement devices maintained upon the premises at any time.
5. The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the premises free of litter.
6. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, served or consumed on any property adjacent to the licensed premises under the control of the applicant.
7. There shall be no exterior advertising sign indicating the availability of alcohol in the premises.
8. Applicant shall not permit any loitering at the premises or in any outside dining area.
9. Applicant shall conduct the premises at all times with due regard for the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the surrounding community and adjacent property users.
10. All employees involved with sales of alcohol to customers shall be at least 18 years of age. Within 90 days of the issuance of the alcohol beverage license, applicant shall make arrangements for all employees who manage, supervise, dispense or are involved with the sale of alcoholic beverages to patrons to enroll in the Los Angeles Police Department "Standardized Training for Alcohol Retailers" (STAR). The training shall be conducted for all newly hired employees within 90 days of their employment. The applicant shall request written confirmation of completion of the initial training from the Police Department and shall submit a copy of such a request to any relevant governmental authority requiring same.
11. The telephone number of a responsible party representative of applicant shall be available from the cashier in the premises in the event of any disturbances or complaints regarding the operation of the subject facility.
12. Signs shall be prominently posted stating that California state law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons who are under the age of twenty-one years or intoxicated and no such sales will be made.
13. The premises shall at all times be operated in conformity with the Los Angeles Municipal Code and all other constitutionally applicable state laws and local codes.
14. The premises shall be maintained at all times as a bona fide restaurant. At all times during normal meal hours, during which the applicant is exercising the privileges of the ABC license, said applicant shall offer menus and meals consistent with what is customarily offered during said meal periods. Food service shall be available to customers at all times when alcoholic beverages are offered for sale.

15. The quarterly gross sales of alcoholic beverages shall not exceed 50% of total gross sales during that quarter. The applicant shall at all times maintain records which reflect said sales.

16. No pool nor billiard tables may be maintained on the premises.

17. No more than two television sets, screens or monitors, other than those used exclusively by employees for point of sale systems or company administrative business, shall be maintained on the premises and they shall be only inside the premises, not visible from the exterior.

18. There shall be no dancing permitted on the premises at any time.

19. There shall be no live entertainment consisting of a disc jockey, karaoke, topless entertainment or fashion shows. However, applicant reserves the right, in the future, to apply for a live entertainment permit to permit live music performance that would not consist of anything larger than a quartet, inside the premises only, but will not do so

unless properly licensed and permitted by all relevant government authorities.

20. Applicant shall insure that any use of the public right of way for any food or alcoholic beverage service is in full compliance with the L.A.M.C., including the Westwood Village Specific Plan and the applicable ABC regulations.

21. The sale or service of any alcoholic beverages in pitchers is strictly prohibited.

22. Beer shall not be sold or served in quantities of more than 22 ounces per serving.

23. The main purpose and use of the facility shall always be for a full service restaurant.

24. The approved conditions for this restaurant shall be retained on the premises at all times and produced immediately upon request of the Police Department or City Planning.

25. There shall be no admission charge for entry to the premises nor any cover charge nor shall there be a requirement to purchase a minimum number of alcoholic drinks.

26. Amplified or live music, if presented, shall conform in decibel level to the standards of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (Sound Ordinance).

27. The subject alcohol beverage license shall not be exchanged for a public premises-type license nor operated as a public premises.

28. Applicant shall comply with all relevant provisions of the California Code prohibiting smoking within any place of employment.

29. Applicant shall not sell any alcoholic beverage to any minor. When a bottle or carafe of wine is served, all I.D.'s of all patrons at that table must be verified as being over the age of 21 years.

30. Any future or successor owner or operator of the approved restaurant with full-alcohol service for onsite consumption, must file a new Plan Approval Application with notice to a 500 foot radius to allow the Zoning Administrator to review the "mode and character" of usage. Any change to the

mode or character of the existing restaurant to a different public hospitality use with on-site alcoholic beverage consumption would also require such

Plan Approval. Letters stating same shall be sent to both the Zoning Administrator assigned to Case Number ZA-2016-2962-CUB and to the California State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

31. D1 must come to WWNC for plan approval.

32. No hookah will be allowed.

Ann Hayman moved the above motion, seconded by David Lorango. The motion carried by a vote

of Yes: 9 (Sandy Brown, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 4 (Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo), and Abstain: 0.

2. 330 South Mapleton Dr

Case Number: ZA-2016-4162-ZAA, ENV-2016-4163-CE

Project Title: 330 South Mapleton

Project Address: 330 South Mapleton Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Tony Russo, 408-655-0998

Project Description: Convert existing storage space underneath the existing deck into a 2 story living quarter with a recreation room

Action(s) Requested: Recommendation by WWNC LUPC to WWNC BOD to support Request.

Proposed Motion: The WWNC LUPC recommends that the that that Westwood Neighborhood Council Board of Directors pass the following Motion: The WWNC BOD supports the proposed project.

Ann Hayman moved that the WWNC BOD support the proposed project, seconded by Marcello Robinson, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Euromart

Case Number: ZA-2016-3981-CUB

Project Title: EUROMART

Project Address: 10845-57 Santa Monica Boulevard and 1794 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Larry Mondragon, 310-621-2309

Project Description: West Side Euromart (present use: Gas Station/Convenience Store) - A CUP to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 925 square-foot gas station/convenience store with hours of operation of 24 hours daily in the [Q]C-2-1VL-O Zone.

Action(s) Requested: Recommendation by WWNC LUPC to WWNC BOD to support request.

Supporting Documents: <http://www.wwnc.org/Euromart>

Proposed Motion: The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the proposed project.

Ann Hayman moved,

“The WWNC BOD opposes the project based on the over-concentration of both off-site and on-site liquor licenses in the vicinity, including but not limited to, BevMo, World Market, Sprouts, and Bristol Farms, and opposes the concept of gas stations selling beer and wine.”

The motion was seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried by a vote of Yes: 11 (Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 1 (Mark Rogo),

and Abstain: 1 (David Lorango).

4. WESCOM

Case Number: DIR-2016-4038-DRB-SPP; ENV-2016-4039-CE

Project Title: WESCOM CREDIT UNION

Project Address: 10933 Weyburn Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Contact Info: Tom McCarthy, 949-698-1414

Project Description: Change of use of an existing tenant space (change of use from existing restaurant to Financial Services) for the creation of a new branch location for Wescom Credit

Union with interest of creating a 'third place' environment for local university attendees in addition to the financial services they provide.

Action(s) Requested: Recommendation by WWNC LUPC to WWNC BOD to oppose the project.

Supporting Documents: <http://www.wwnc.org/WESCOM>

Proposed Motion: The WWNC LUPC recommends that the WWNC Board of Directors pass the following Motion: The WWNC Board of Directors opposes this project based on its unfriendly pedestrian use and lack of parking.

Ann Hayman moved,

“The WWNC BOD approves the project subject to certain conditions including: 1. parking, 2. hours, 3. staffing, and 4. use of community space. The applicant must respond to these four issues in writing by January 4, 2017.”

The motion was seconded by Marcello Robinson and carried by a vote of Yes: 8 (Sandy Brown, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle) No: 5 (Lisa Chapman, Caroline Conway, Philip Gabriel, Stephen Resnick, Laura Winikow) and Abstain: 0.

D. Outreach & Communications - no report

E. Homeless Task Force

The homeless count will be taken in January.

F. Budget Advocates

Marcello Robinson reported that the next Budget Advocate Day will be held in February 2017.

G. Public Safety

The furniture dumping problem in the North Village can be a project for the committee.

H. Transportation & Parking - no report

I. Bylaws

Chair Sandy Brown reported that of the four proposed bylaw changes sent to EmpowerLA, only

one was approved. The one approved was about changing the number of ballots from three to one.

J. WRAC - no report

K. Zoning & Violations - no report

8. LOS ANGELES SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

A. Discussion

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian explained that the City will pay out \$1.4 billion over 30 years to fix

sidewalks in a rebate program where the City will cover 50% of the cost up to \$2,000 for a residential property

and up to \$4,000 for a commercial property. It is a first come, first served program.

9. 2017 HOMELESS COUNT

A. Discussion

Lisa Chapman asked for volunteers to assist in the count on January 25, 2017.

10. COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 DEBATE

A. Discussion

Lisa Chapman reported that the debate is scheduled for February 21, 2017. Councilmember Koretz and

two other candidates have agreed to the date, and WWNC is waiting for confirmation from the moderator.

11. VALET PARKING ORDINANCE

A. Introduction of Motion: "The WWNC shall write a letter to Councilmember Paul Koretz (and a copy to every councilmember, the City Public Safety Committee, and the City Attorney." "Further, the WWNC requests an immediate resolution in regard to amending the valet

ordinance to prevent valet companies from using Holmby Westwood as the parking lot for Bel Air

events by requiring a permit. And that any necessary ordinance be approved by council committee, police commission, and city council immediately.”

This item was tabled.

12. WESTWOOD HORIZONS (AKA VINTAGE WESTWOOD)

A. Introduction of Motion: “The WWNC joins our fellow stakeholders in expressing its outrage at the four month eviction notices recently served on the residents, ages 70 through 100, by the new owners (Watermark Retirement Communities) of the Vintage Horizons Senior Living facility located at 947 Tiverton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.”

“We applaud our Councilman Paul Koretz for his leadership on this issue and urge the new owners

of the Tiverton property to work with its senior residents to find a solution that is satisfactory and humane for all involved.”

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman. The motion carried unanimously.

13. SECRETARIAL SERVICES

A. Introduction of Motion: “The WWNC approves expanding the responsibilities of Recording Secretary Debby Wagger to include services to the Land Use & Planning Committee, such as agenda, minutes, and correspondence with parties and stakeholders, pending approval.”

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman. The motion carried unanimously.

14. IMPACT OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

A. Discussion of how to assess the impact/success (or lack thereof) of Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system - This was not explicitly discussed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.