

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2026
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING
10475 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 Marcy Agmon, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Samantha Goldstein, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder, Scott Shelton and Laura Winikow. Member excused was Michael Telerant. There were approximately 16 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roozbeh Farahanipour mentioned the terrible accident last week at 99 Ranch Market on Westwood Blvd. when a driver hit a bicyclist, lost control of the car and drove into the market, killing three people. He suggested that Westwood Blvd. is not the safest place for a bike lane and more research is needed before deciding to put one there.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes, seconded by Laura Winikow and approved unanimously, with the exception of those abstaining because they weren't at the January meeting: Sandy Brown, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Stephen Resnick, and Chris Schroeder.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave a legislative update.
- B. 3rd District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin gave a legislative update.
- C. LAPD SLO Rick Ballesteros reported that year-to-date, grand theft auto and thefts from motor vehicles are up slightly.
- D. UCLA representative Marco Perez listed upcoming campus events. Stephen Cropper brought up the issue of graduate housing near UCLA.
- E. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil gave a legislative update.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Erica Gatica-Doughty listed upcoming DONE workshops and announced a change in the agenda deadline. It will now be Sunday at 2 p.m.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2026
Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the January 2026 MER had a beginning balance of \$33,588.64, \$143.71 spent, and a net available balance of \$33,444.93. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Ann Hayman and approved unanimously.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ankur Patel introduced himself and announced that he is running for LAUSD School Board District 4 and would like to get signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Andrej Selivra introduced himself and announced that he is running for mayor and would like to get signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Stakeholder Steve Sann reported that he attended a charter reform meeting and some of the proposals are to lower the voting age to 16, allow non-citizens to vote, and make the City Attorney appointed by the mayor instead of being elected.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT PRESENTATIONS & AWARDING OF GRANTS

The Salvation Army will be on next month's agenda due to a technical issue. Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that there are six organizations asking for \$5,000 and one asking for \$1,000 so to fund all of them \$31,000 is needed. Right now there is \$28,970 available but if the \$3,000 budgeted for Community Improvement is moved to NPGs they can all be fully funded.

A. Emerson Arts & Education Foundation – To fund two field trips (entrance fees, buses, educational materials) for all 448 students in the PACE program for the 2025– 2026 school year. Request up to \$5,000.

Sima Bosnjakovic made the presentation.

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Emerson Arts & Education Foundation.” Marcy Agmon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Fairburn Elementary School - To purchase smart boards. Smart boards allow teachers to present digital content like videos, images, and websites in an interactive and engaging way, keeping students focused and motivated. Request up to \$5,000.

No Fairburn representative was present so Lisa Chapman read the request.

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to Fairburn Avenue Elementary.”

Ann Hayman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Friends of Westwood Library - To purchase printed (physical) books. for the Westwood Branch's collection. Request up to \$5,000.

Lisa Chapman tabled this presentation because the application wasn't submitted by the deadline.

D. Los Angeles Music Salon – To fund a monthly series of free public concerts at the Westwood Branch Library. Request up to \$5,000.

Terry Tegnazian made the presentation.

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Los Angeles Music Salon.” Marcy Agmon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Warner Avenue Elementary School - To purchase an LG 75” multi-touch interactive display Bundle for classroom use. Request up to \$5,000.

Lindsey Garg made the presentation.

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to Warner Avenue Elementary.” Lisa Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Beautify LA – to host a garden and art event in Westwood Park. Request \$1,000.

Mark Ragan made the presentation. A number of questions were raised about this request. The date for the event is April 11th, when there already is another event at the park on that day and the PAB heard nothing about this. Tracey Fitzgerald said she would like to talk to the park director before a vote is taken. The event date can be changed but it means changing the insurance etc.

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$1,000 to Beautify LA.” Philip Gabriel seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 7 (Marcy Agmon, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper, Philip Gabriel, Samantha Goldstein, Laura Winikow), No: 6 (Connie Boukidis, Tracey Fitzgerald, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder, Scott Shelton), and Abstain: 0.

9. TELECONFERENCING FOR WWNC MEETINGS

A. Discussion and introduction of motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council authorizes the use of teleconferencing for committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 707.”

Authorization of the Use of Teleconferencing for WWNC Committee Meetings

Teleconferencing is required by the new WWNC Outreach Committee to facilitate member

attendance, to increase opportunities for community engagement, and to enable our web support agent, who resides in Florida, to attend committee meetings.

The Outreach Committee calls on the WWNC Board to authorize the use of teleconferencing for committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 707.

Marcy Agmon moved the above motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

10. LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION (LANCC) CHARTER REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Discussion and introduction of motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the Charter Reform recommendations approved by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition At their January 3, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting and authorizes a Community Impact Statement to be submitted.”

Lisa Chapman moved that this item be tabled, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

11. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

A. Homeless Issues in the Park

No report was given.

12. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. WRAC – Report & Motions

1. Support CF 25-1484 (Park): Regulation of Sober Living Density in Los Angeles

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports CF 25-1484 which seeks to regulate sober living density in Los Angeles. Currently homeowners and residents in the Del Rey neighborhood of CD 11 and beyond are experiencing the effects of a documented pattern of owners/developers over-developing properties intended as “senior living” and then filing a change of use and converting them to unregulated sober living homes with between 22 and 48 residents. Repeated requests by the community to abide by “good neighbor norms” have gone unaddressed.

Prior communities in CD 11, CD 5 and other areas citywide have also experienced issues with sober living over-concentration in residential neighborhoods and have supported previous efforts to regulate sober living density in Los Angeles.

Research and findings from prior communities who have experienced these conditions demonstrate that the best way to resolve many of the problems now stemming from these largely unregulated sober living facilities is by establishing minimum spacing requirements between facilities and to create thresholds based on facility size, modeled on the Costa Mesa ordinance upheld by the courts. The motion in CF 25-1484 seeks to allow the City to preserve the benefits of recovery housing while avoiding the drawbacks of excessive clustering.”

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Sandy Brown. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 10 (Marcy Agmon, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Philip Gabriel, Samantha Goldstein, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder, Scott Shelton, Laura Winikow), No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Stephen Cropper).

B. Executive – no report

C. Land Use & Planning – no report

D. Ad Hoc Committee on WWNC Boundary Adjustments – no report

E. Outreach & Communications – see agenda item 9

F. Homeless Committee – no report

G. Budget Advocates – no report

H. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report

I. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness – no report

J. WRAC – Transportation and Mobility Committee – no report

K. Bylaws – no report

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.