

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2025  
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING  
10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman began the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Board members in attendance were Marcy Agmon, Amie Baron, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Stephen Resnick, and Michael Telerant. Members excused were Ann Hayman, David Lorango, and Laura Winikow. There were approximately 14 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Chapman announced that the homeless count was postponed due to the fires and will now take place on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the October 9, 2024 minutes, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and approved unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. LAFD Station 37 Battalion Chief John Ignatczyk discussed 911 calls and different ways fires start.

B. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave a legislative update. The VA will have 500 units open by May, and 700 by February 2026. Construction is ongoing.

C. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil reported that Assemblymember Zbur is focused on fire relief in the district and said a bill package is coming out soon.

D. UCLA representative Marco Perez talked about the new chancellor who started on January 1st and some of the actions he has taken since. He announced that Broxton Plaza will have its grand opening on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and events to be held at the Fowler Museum on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

No report was given.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2024

Stephen Resnick reported that the November 2024 MER had a beginning balance of \$47,001.00, \$3,123.81 outstanding, and a net available amount of \$43,877.19. Stephen moved to approve the MER, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

B. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2024

Stephen Resnick reported that the December 2024 MER had a beginning balance of \$47,001.00, \$3,034.20 spent, \$89.61 outstanding and a net available amount of \$43,877.19. Stephen moved to approve the MER, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

C. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2025

This was not approved because there was no financial information for the month.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced a free concert at the library on February 23<sup>rd</sup> that was postponed from January. He also reported that there were several vandalism incidents at the library in December, with glass being broken, violent threats and battery against a librarian.

#### 8. SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANT HOMEOWNER SEAT

A. Introduction of Motion to approve Marcy Agmon to fill the vacancy  
Marcy Agmon introduced herself. Tracey Fitzgerald moved, "The WWNC approves Marcy Agmon for the open homeowner seat," seconded by Lisa Chapman and approved unanimously.

#### 9. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT PRESENTATIONS & AWARDING OF GRANTS

A. Emerson Arts & Education Foundation – To fund two field trips (entrance fees, buses, educational materials) for all 459 students in the PACE program for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Request up to \$5,000.

Sima made the presentation.

Tracey Fitzgerald moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Emerson Arts & Education Foundation." Roozbeh Farahanipour seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Fairburn Elementary School - To help fund the physical education program.

Specifically, the grant would help fund the physical education instructor, who teaches all students, twice a week. Request up to \$5,000.

Haley McIntosh made the presentation.

Tracey Fitzgerald moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to Fairburn Avenue Elementary." Roozbeh Farahanipour 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.

Steve Sann made the presentation. Roozbeh Farahanipour and Stephen Resnick recused themselves and left the room during the presentation and vote.

Marcy Agmon moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Friends of the Westwood Library." Lisa Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Terry Tegnazian made the presentation.

Philip Gabriel moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Los Angeles Music Salon." Roozbeh Farahanipour seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. The Salvation Army – To purchase new equipment (powered stair climbing hand truck, sinks, cabinets, ladder) to be used at both the transitional village and the Bessie Pregerson child development center. Request up to \$5,000.

Diane Good made the presentation.

Philip Gabriel moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Salvation Army." Roozbeh Farahanipour seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Warner Avenue Elementary School - To create an outdoor science and explorers experimental garden. The grant will be used to purchase items such as a shed, microscopes, an exploration set, etc. Request up to \$5,000.

No Warner representative attended. Lisa Chapman read the request. Tracey Fitzgerald moved to table this item. Stephen Resnick seconded. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 9, No: 1 (Lisa Chapman), and Abstain: 0.

#### 10. EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION DUE TO THE RECENT L.A. WILDFIRES

A. Introduction of Motion to approve an expenditure of \$999.99 to Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen to feed those displaced by the fires

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the donation amount of \$999.99, seconded by Amie Baron,

and carried unanimously.

11. SIDEWALK AND TRANSIT AMENITIES PROGRAM (STAP) PROPOSED LIST OF YEAR 3 LOCATIONS

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion to Oppose the proposed list of recommended digital ad structures in the Westwood and Century City areas

“The WWNC opposes the proposed list of recommended digital ad structures in the Westwood and Century City areas on the YEAR 3 list for the following reasons:

The Board of Public Works failed to release this list to the public and to our

Neighborhood Council for adequate and meaningful review before voting on it;

Many people, and in particular, City Council staff, have little or no knowledge of the

program's Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) environmental document adopted on

9/20/22 and do not know where program structures must comply with existing overlays,

community plans, and/or the Mobility Element of the General Plan;

This Board needs to take a step back to consider the establishment of some guidelines

related to the numbers of STAP structures located at, for example, a SINGLE

intersection. It is pure visual pollution to locate electronic/digital transit shelters on four corners of an intersection AND have added urban panels at the same intersection.

It is a poor decision to install digital changing ad structures of any kind directly adjacent

to our City's high schools where new young drivers are more vulnerable to danger from distractions; and

Some structures are listed on designated Scenic Highways which is a violation of the

City's Mobility Element of the General Plan which clearly states that no advertising

structures may be placed within 500 feet of the center line of a designated Scenic

Highway.

The WWNC requests that staff circulate this LIST OF YEAR 3 LOCATIONS to all Neighborhood

Councils whose areas have proposed shelters for meaningful review at least sixty days prior to

the Board voting on it; and further, the WWNC requests that, in the future, the Board of Public

Works' staff circulate these proposed lists to the Neighborhood Councils at the time they are

distributed to Council District offices.”

Tracey Fitzgerald moved the above motion, seconded by Lisa Chapman and carried unanimously.

12. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT BRIEFING FORM

A. Discussion regarding DONE form

Lisa Chapman will send the form to the board. Tracey Fitzgerald moved to table this item, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

13. DISCUSSION AND INTRODUCTION OF MOTION REGARDING PICKLEBALL AT WESTWOOD PARK

A. Introduction of Motion to Support Pickleball at Westwood Park

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests assistance in developing an active pickleball

program at Westwood Recreation Center. The Westwood community has requested the

program multiple times to the Park Advisory Board, in council meetings, and through public

comment. Furthermore, the Westwood Recreation Center has submitted a plan for pickleball to

the Department of Parks and Recreation through a subcontractor, TNT. This contract will

provide programming, instruction, and soundproofing. Not only is this of no cost to the park, but

it will provide significant revenue to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Therefore, the WWNC requests that Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky direct the Department

of Parks and Recreation to implement Pickleball at Westwood Recreation Center.”

Amie Baron moved the amended motion above, seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried

unanimously.

14. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that the 150 displaced people from the Palisades who were staying at the Westwood Recreation Center have been replaced by homeless people, of which 39 are still there. It needs an end date because nobody else can use the park. There is no programming so Jason was sent to Felicia Mahood. The Rec Center is not a shelter; this was a temporary situation. A motion on this is needed.

15. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given.

16. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

- A. WRAC – Report & Motions – no report
- B. Executive – no report
- C. Land Use & Planning – no report
- D. Outreach & Communications – no report
- E. Homeless Committee - no report
- F. Budget Advocates -no report
- G. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report
- H. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness – no report
- I. Bylaws – no report

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.