

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 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 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Marcy Agmon, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder, Michael Telerant and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Connie Boukidis, Stephen Cropper, Samantha Goldstein and Scott Shelton. There were approximately 18 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Chapman announced that she is moving to Arizona so April's meeting will be her last. Congratulations to Roozbeh Farahanipour, who has been all over the news cycle regarding Iran.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the February 11, 2026 minutes, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and approved unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin gave a legislative update.
- B. State Senator Ben Allen's representative Samantha Gallegos gave a legislative update.
- C. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that the quarter ends on March 20<sup>th</sup> and spring quarter starts on March 30<sup>th</sup> and announced upcoming campus events.
- D. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil announced that this is his last meeting because he has a new job and it has been a joy working with everyone.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Erica Gatica-Doughty thanked Lisa Chapman for her strong leadership skills and announced upcoming DONE workshops and events.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2026  
Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the February 2026 MER had a beginning balance of \$33,444.93, \$53.14 spent, a \$5,000 commitment and a net available balance of \$28,391.79. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and approved unanimously.
- B. Motion to amend the budget to move the community improvement funds allocation (\$3K) to the NPG allocation  
Laura Winikow moved to transfer the \$3,000 from community improvement funds to NPGs, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and approved unanimously.
- C. Motion to approve \$2,898.95 to Axiom Suite for web hosting and maintenance  
Laura Winikow moved to approve Axiom Suite's contract for \$2,898.95, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced an upcoming free concert at the Westwood library on March 14<sup>th</sup> and future concerts in April and June.

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

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

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$1,000 to Beautify LA.” Ann Hayman seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 6 (Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Michael Telerant, Laura Winikow), No: 4 (Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder), and Abstain: 1 (Marcy Agmon).

B. 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.

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

C. 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.

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

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

There was no quorum for the vote on this because after Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick and Laura Winikow recused themselves and left the room, there were only seven board members left and eight are needed for a quorum.

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

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

F. Salvation Army – To provide funding for a summer camp experience for 16 homeless children, 7 – 12 years old. Request up to \$5,000.

Diane Good made the presentation.

Laura Winikow moved, “WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Salvation Army.” Ann Hayman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

## 9. SB 79 – PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT

A. Discussion and introduction of motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports Option C1.”

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the Citywide Implementation Option C1 which would delay implementation of SB 79 in low-resource areas, high fire severity zones, HPOZs, and low sea level areas until 2030. Option C1 also proactively “incentivizes” qualifying single-family neighborhoods to allow three story apartment buildings with 4-16 units, rather than the seven-story apartment buildings mandated under SB 79. This option would still permit SB 79 compliant developments near existing rail stations. The Planning Department clearly stated that rezoning/upzoning was not the intent of the C1 option. Our support for C1 is expressly conditioned on the following:

1. The proposed density changes must be clearly defined as an “incentive” program, not a rezoning or upzoning of these neighborhoods allowing the incentives to be withdrawn if SB 79 is amended or repealed.

2. All existing setback requirements of the underlying zoning must be maintained.

3. All affected property owners and residents must receive mailed notification of the proposed changes to ensure robust outreach beyond online notifications.”

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Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Lisa Chapman and carried unanimously.

10. OHIO SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT

A. Report on the meeting with community leaders, the Department of Transportation, and CD5 on concerns and needed improvements

Philip Gabriel stated that the project is riddled with bad design, bad decisions and used a misleading survey favoring bikers. Ohio will be a nightmare. The Veterans Administration (VA) put in 3,000 parking spaces by Sawtelle and will oppose no left turn there. The VA hasn't said anything yet but may not know the details. The VA should be apprised of what is being proposed. Stephen Resnick said that the DOT designed the bike lane but didn't consider anything else.

11. OHIO SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT

A. Discussion and introduction of motion

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports safety for all. Safety in our neighborhoods, safety when using a motor vehicle, safety for pedestrians, and safety for bicycle riders.

We have an established community of bicycle riders in Westwood. In this regard, the city is planning on installing protected bicycle lanes on Ohio Avenue (Ohio Safety and Mobility Project). We need to ensure that this project works for all: bicyclists, pedestrians, and cars.

The city's plan for Ohio Avenue is to eliminate left turns for eastbound traffic at all signals between Westgate Avenue and Westwood Blvd (except Sepulveda Blvd). No left turns at Barrington, Federal, Sawtelle (into the Veterans Administration campus), and Veteran Avenue.

We believe in its current form, with left turns prohibited, the project is a major issue for the Westwood and the Westside. Specifically, the elimination of left turns will cause cut-through traffic and major traffic delays all along Ohio Avenue. This is a safety issue. Additionally there has been no consideration of trash pickup and placement of bins, which may cause safety issues to the proposed bike lanes.

Further, it will harm veterans and those that work or use the VA campus as they will have to take a major detour to enter the campus from the north.

Therefore, the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the Ohio Mobility Project only if left turns are permitted at all the signal intersections between Westgate Avenue and Westwood Boulevard.”

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

12. OHIO SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT

A. Discussion and introduction of motion – no discussion or action took place on this item

13. CICLAVIA – APRIL 26

A. Discussion and introduction of motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council approves an expenditure of \$250 for a table at the event.”

CicLAvia representative Sarah explained what will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> when the event happens. Lisa Chapman said that the table price is now \$150. Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and carried unanimously.

14. BAD NEWS BEARS FIELD

A. Discussion and introduction of motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Yaroslavsky explain why all fees including parking generated at the Bad News Bears Field go to the Recreation and Parks general fund instead of going to our park.”  
Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Marcy Agmon and carried unanimously.

15. 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 to table this item, seconded by Marcy Agmon and approved unanimously.

16. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

A. Homeless Issues in the Park

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that the new park director is Juchell Wardlow. The director doesn't want to meet with the PAB until April or May. Lisa Chapman suggested inviting her to a WWNC meeting. Tracey found out yesterday that pickleball courts are being sidetracked by a new employee so a letter will be sent.

17. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Ann Hayman had a call with George Hakopian of CD5 about vendor issues at the park. Vendors are both in the park and on the sidewalk. Ann was told very little can be done though it is against ADA rules to block the sidewalk. She was promised that park rangers would come and observe the situation.

18. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

- A. WRAC – Report & Motions – no report
- B. Executive – no report
- C. Land Use & Planning – no report
- D. Ad Hoc Committee on WWNC Boundary Adjustments – no report
- E. Outreach & Communications  
Marcy Agmon reported that the committee had its first zoom meeting.
- 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 9:46 p.m.

