

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2024  
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING  
10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members in attendance were Amie Baron, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Doug Mark, Stephen Resnick, and Michael Telerant. Members excused were Connie Boukidis, Lucas Dickey, Tracey Fitzgerald, David Lorango, Laura Winikow, and Jonathan York. There were approximately 12 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the March 13, 2024 minutes, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously by all board members eligible to vote. The exceptions were Amie Baron and Doug Mark because they were not present for the March meeting.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. LAFD representative Brian Petty discussed rain and landslides.
- B. LAPD SLO Pete Ojeda, filling in for SLO Allen, gave a crime report. Incidents are down in most categories except robberies are up due to Estes robberies and burglaries in Holmby have gone up. Burglaries were committed by South American burglary crews and arrests have been made.
- C. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias reported that RAP will make safety improvements at Westwood Gardens Park, including replacing the gate, extending the mesh around the gate, and installing higher fencing by residential property and the cemetery. LAPD is providing additional enforcement. A hostile homeless individual who has been living there was arrested. The park survey is now closed; more than 1,000 responses were received. Women Life Freedom Square at Westwood and Rochester will be dedicated on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. In answer to a question, RAP has said that pickleball will move forward.
- D. State Assemblymember Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil gave a legislative update.
- E. UCLA representative Marco Perez gave an update on upcoming UCLA events. Construction on the cogeneration power plant will last until fall 2025.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Joel Gonzalez introduced DONE NEA Vincent Autiero and gave an update on DONE programs and new training. Budget Day will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2024  
Stephen Resnick reported that the March 2024 MER had a beginning balance of \$35,818.39, \$72.18 spent, \$10,000 outstanding, a commitment of \$15,185.17, and a net available amount of \$10,561.04. Lisa Chapman moved to approve the March MER, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously.
- B. Recap and status of NPG presentations from March 13, 2024 meeting  
No report was given.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comment was made.

#### 8. LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ADVERTISING BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT PHASE 1

##### A. Project Presentation by Project Manager Nuraddin Sadr

Project Manager Nuraddin Sadr explained that there will be four phases of replacement for 40 aging bus shelters. Advertising the project will start in July. The project will start in September 2024 and finish in March 2025. Two bus stops at Wilshire & Bonsall and two bus stops at Wilshire & Veteran will be part of the project.

#### 9. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW: 10756 WILKINS

##### A. <https://wwnc.org/10756-wilkins>

##### B. Discussion and Introduction of Motion

Stakeholder and St. Paul's parent Michael Woods reported that they are working with the developer after 15 months of no contact and there have been some improvements. The DRB didn't support the rooftop deck. The Planning hearing will take place April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's isn't against the development, just the project as proposed because the density of it is wrong for the corner and there are safety concerns. The developer is asking for more than is allowed. Sandy Brown recommended requesting that the file be left open for at least three weeks, meaning that no decision will be made.

#### WWNC MOTION RE PROPOSED 10756 WILKINS PROJECT

#### WHEREAS IN RE THE PROPOSED 10756 WILKINS PROJECT:

- The proposed project sits on Ohio Avenue at the intersection of Ohio and Selby Avenues which have voluminous pedestrian and vehicle traffic due to two schools located on Ohio - Fairburn Avenue Elementary School and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School (K-8), and a third school, Emerson Charter Middle School (6-8) located on Selby; as well as two places of worship located on Ohio, parishioners at St. Paul Church and the Los Angeles California Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints traverse and park on these streets all days of the week; Ohio Avenue is a highly traversed street for residents and commuters due to its lengthy east-west reach that feeds into Westwood and Sepulveda Boulevards and crosses under the 405 connecting West Los Angeles to Westwood and beyond; stakeholders have legitimate concerns regarding traffic, and automobile and pedestrian safety at this project's location;
- Street parking is at a premium at this project's location due to its proximity to St. Paul, Church of Latter-Day Saints, Emerson Middle School, and the commercial businesses located on Westwood Boulevard; all of these entities generate a lot of foot and vehicle traffic, and street parking is at an absolute premium;
- Visibility issues for motorists already exist at this three-street intersection such that the proposed smaller setbacks will increase the potential for accidents by further deteriorating drivers' vision;
- Smaller setbacks and the requested 56' height will contribute to the project's visual massing which at this location is undesirable from the community's standpoint; and
- Climate change is real and less open space and smaller setbacks translate into less green space for landscaping.

#### THEREFORE, WE, THE WWNC, SUPPORT THE PROJECT, ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- Avoid eliminating spaces that are currently available on Ohio and Wilkins;
- Landscaping does not interfere with motorists' visibility at the three-street intersection; and
- Maintain the height at 45' to keep the project in line and in character with its neighbors."

Ann Hayman moved to amend the motion by removing “That a minimum of seven parking spaces be provided in the lot and every effort be made to provide additional spaces and” from the first bullet point at the end, seconded by Michael Telerant. The amended motion carried by a vote of Yes: 6 (Amie Baron, Sandy Brown, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Doug Mark, Michael Telerant), No: 1 (Stephen Resnick), and Abstain: 1 (Lisa Chapman).

#### 10. WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK STATUS

Stephen Resnick reported that he is in contact with CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias about getting another play structure installed in the park. The Fairburn survey will be used to advocate for this too.

#### 11. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

##### A. Status of pending projects

There was no report. Philip Gabriel and Amie Baron will work on recommendations for pickleball.

#### 12. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Ann Hayman reported that she needs CD5’s help in contacting RAP to set up a meeting of the new PAB.

#### 13. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive – no report

B. Land Use & Planning – no report

C. Outreach & Communications – no report

D. Homeless Task Force – no report

E. Budget Advocates -no report

F. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report

G. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness – no report

H. Bylaws – no report

I. WRAC – Report and Motions

1. Discussion of alternate representatives and possible motion

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.