

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 14, 2025
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING
10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were Marcy Agmon, Alexis Blum, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder, Michael Telerant, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Amie Baron, Connie Boukidis, and David Lorango. There were approximately 20 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes, seconded by Sandy Brown and approved by all with the exception of Tracey Fitzgerald who abstained.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. LAFD Battalion 9 Chief Shin Black announced that Fire Station 37 held its first pancake breakfast on May 10th, with 300 people attending.

B. LAPD SLO Rick Ballesteros reported that he is spending most of his time on homeless issues. He gave tips on securing license plates against theft, homes and businesses against burglaries, and said that commercial burglaries and vandalism are related to homelessness. The homeless also make money by stealing copper wire. The best way to contact him is through email.

C. 3rd District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin gave an update on projects in the 3rd district.

D. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil presented a certificate of recognition to Roozbeh Farahanipour on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Delphi Greek restaurant.

E. UCLA representative Marco Perez listed a number of upcoming UCLA events, including the inaugural Clarkia festival at the Mathias Botanical Garden on May 17th and graduation ceremonies on June 13th.

F. Stephen Resnick read a report sent by CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Vincent Autiero announced that Neighborhood Council budgets will be reduced to \$25,000 in the next fiscal year and gave an update on what is happening at DONE.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2025

Treasurer Laura Winikow announced that all NPGs were approved. Laura reported that the April 2025 MER had a beginning balance of \$27,548.48, \$9,644.01 spent, \$5,000 outstanding, and a net available amount of \$12,904.47. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and approved unanimously.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann reported on the Westwood library's successful 20th anniversary celebration on May 10th.

8. VACANT BOARD SEAT

A. Motion to select Philip Gabriel to open Owner Residential Area 2 Director Seat

Lisa Chapman moved, ““The WWNC approves Philip Gabriel for the open homeowner area 2 seat.” Marcy Agmon seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. This item was taken out of order, right after agenda item 3.

9. SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANT BUSINESS GROUP DIRECTOR SEAT

A. Introduction of Motion to approve Chris Schroeder to fill the vacancy

Lisa Chapman moved, “The WWNC approves Chris Schroeder for the open business group seat.” Ann Hayman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. This item was taken out of order, after agenda item 3.

10. SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANT RENTAL RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR SEAT

A. Introduction of Motion to approve Alexis Blum to fill the vacancy

Lisa Chapman moved, ““The WWNC approves Alexis Blum for the open rental residential seat.” Tracey Fitzgerald seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. This item was taken out of order, after agenda item 3.

11. DISCUSSION IN REGARD TO AN ENTERTAINMENT ZONE IN WESTWOOD VILLAGE

A. Introduction of Motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the establishment of an entertainment zone in Westwood Village. A Community Impact Statement is to be filed for CF 18-1101.”

During the discussion the facts that there have been problems in the past with alcohol in Westwood Village and enforcement is lax were brought up. No vote was taken on the motion.

12. DISCUSSION OF CALL WITH DONE RE: SHARED BOUNDARIES WITH NORTH WESTWOOD NC, INCLUDING NEXT STEPS AND POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF MOTION TO EXPAND WESTWOOD NC BOUNDARIES

After discussion, Lisa Chapman moved, “WWNC will create an ad hoc committee to look at asking for boundary expansion south of Wilshire.” Stephen Resnick seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 10, No: 1 (Tracey Fitzgerald), and Abstain: 1 (Sandy Brown).

13. WESTWOOD VILLAGE TRAFFIC ISSUES

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion to examine and improve traffic issues in Westwood Village

This a discussion that CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias should participate in but she couldn't attend. Stephen Resnick moved to table this item, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

14. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that RAP sent out a survey and will hold meetings about what parks need. Westwood Park did a survey last fall and gave the results to CD5 but nothing has happened. The garden project is ready to go. Tracey will ask Jason about when PAB elections will be held. The next meeting is May 28th.

15. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Ann Hayman reported that the board is working on bringing back the golf course and off-leash dogs are still a problem.

16. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. WRAC – Report & Motions

1. Oppose SB 79

Oppose SB 79 (Wiener / Support CF 25-0002-19)

Refers to City Council file 25-0002-S19

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes SB 79 (Wiener), which further erodes local control over land use and zoning decisions, requires streamlined approval of very high multifamily buildings near certain bus stops and rail lines in single-family neighborhoods even when municipalities such as Los Angeles already have a state-approved and compliant Housing Element, and compromises public safety by failing to include an unconditional exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council further supports the resolution in City Council by Councilmember John S. Lee, second by Councilwoman Traci Park (CF 25-0002-S19), for the City Council to add to its State Legislative Program for 2025-26 opposition to SB 79 unless amended to exempt municipalities with a state-approved and compliant Housing Element.”

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and carried unanimously.

B. Executive – no report

C. Land Use & Planning

1. Beverly Hills Porsche project presentation

a. Introduction of Motion: “The Westwood Neighborhood Council moves to approve the Beverly Hills Porsche Automobile Dealership Project.”

Jessica Pakdaman presented the project. Because there were still some questions, Lisa

Chapman moved to table the motion, seconded by Ann Hayman, and approved unanimously.

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 10:23 p.m.