

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2016

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10822 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA
90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members in attendance were Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Ian Cocroft, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, Mitchell Keiter, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Eugene Tseng, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Dean Abell, David Burke, Jacob Finn, and Marcello Robinson. A quorum was present. There were 14 stakeholders and guests present.

2. SEATING OF THE NEW WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD

A. Neighborhood Council Oath

This did not take place since the elections results have not been certified yet.

3. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

A. Board designation of Purchase Card Holder & Second Signatory

This did not take place since the new board has not been seated.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting. Ann Hayman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. Ray Verches from SoCalGas announced that hydrotesting work on Sepulveda Blvd. will

commence on June 13th and last for eight weeks.

B. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian announced the reopening of Westwood Gardens Park on June 25th at 10 a.m. with Councilmember Koretz. The Councilmember will also attend a Board of Public Works meeting on June 13th at Cheviot Hills Recreation Center. Sunset Blvd. will be repaved the weekend of June 18th and 19th from Ladera to Beverly Glen.

C. UCLA representative Carmen announced that graduations are taking place this coming weekend, June 10th to 12th. The Geffen Academy EIR was released on June 6th and can be commented on until July 20th. There will be a public hearing on it at the Faculty Center on June 30th from 6 to 8 p.m.

D. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner reported that they met with the Los Angeles postmaster, who has agreed to attend a community meeting. President Jerry Brown was presented with a certificate of Congressional recognition from Congressman Lieu.

6. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Megan Furey reported that the board approved two bike share hubs, the cost of which will be shared between the BID and UCLA. Sites on Broxton and Glendon are being looked at.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stakeholder Steve Sann thanked President Jerry Brown for his six years of service to the community

and announced a free concert at the Westwood branch library on June 26th.

Scott Whittle reported that he spoke about sober living facilities in residential neighborhoods with a staff member in the City Attorney's office who would be willing to come to a WWNC meeting to discuss the issue.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee had no report.

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow listed the May expenditures: printed material \$98.10, Apple One \$135.83, facility rental \$150, and facility setup \$90. The May expenditure report included spending \$31,610. The June expenses were \$149.03 for food for the election staff, printed material \$319.15, postage \$1.57, Microsoft Office \$89.99, printer ink \$78.89, website hosting \$240, website maintenance \$1,500, facility rental \$100, and facility setup \$75. The expenses and report were approved unanimously.

There is \$4,339 left in the account.

Laura Winikow moved that \$500 be spent for Ian Cocroft's Community Improvement Project if it comes through, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

NPG grant applicants were awarded \$4,417 but now that could be increased to \$5,000.

Laura Winikow moved that the NPG grant to Fairburn Elementary be amended to \$5,000, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

Laura Winikow moved that the grant to Warner Elementary be amended to \$5,000, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

Laura Winikow moved that the grant to Emerson Middle School be amended to \$5,000, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

Laura Winikow moved that the grant to the Los Angeles Conservancy be amended to \$5,000, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

Laura Winikow moved that the grant to West LA Little League be amended to \$5,000,

seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously with the exception of Mitchell Keiter, who recused himself from the vote.

Laura Winikow moved that the grant to the Friends of the Westwood Library be amended to \$5,000, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously, with the exception of Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow, who recused themselves from the vote.

Alternatively, Laura Winikow, seconded by Scott Whittle, moved that \$3,000 should be given to the Disaster Preparedness Fair, in partnership with the Westwood Presbyterian Church, if allowed, and \$1,300 to the Budget Advocates. The motion carried unanimously.

If giving money to the church for the Disaster Preparedness Fair isn't allowed and it can't

be given to NPGs or a CIP, then Laura Winikow moved that \$4,000 be given to the Budget

Advocates. Lisa Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Land Use

1. Basic Mansionization Ordinance (BMO)

THE WWNC remains in support of our Councilmember Paul Koretz's May 16, 2014 motion, CF 14-0656 and City Planning's first draft of proposed BMO amendments dated December, 2015 because they provide the blueprint for a simple, effective, and reasonable fix that would allow renovations, expansions and new construction, while protecting our treasured neighborhoods from being ravaged by unchecked, short-term real estate speculation and reckless development.

Connie Boukidis moved the above motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 12 (Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick,

Eugene Tseng, Scott Whittle, Laura Winikow), No: 2 (Mitchell Keiter, Mark Rogo), and Abstain: 0.

D. Outreach & Communications

1. Ethics & Training

Chair Lisa Chapman said that this will be discussed at the July meeting along with the election and Vote-By-Mail.

E. Homeless Task Force - no report

F. Budget Advocates - no report

G. Public Safety - no report

H. Traffic - no report

I. WRAC

Sandy Brown met with State Senator Ben Allen and discussed the handicapped placard bill, AB 2602, which was not passed.

9. BYLAW COMMITTEE

A. Organization - tabled until the July meeting

10. VOTE-BY-MAIL

A. Motion to request a refund from the City Clerk of the \$3500 paid for the Vote-By-Mail option for the June 5th election due to a variety of problems

This item was tabled because Marcello Robinson was not present.

11. 611 S. GAYLEY AVENUE

A. Discussion in regard to the decision of the Area Planning Commission (APC) and possible motion to support the appeal that was continued to July

Sandy Brown reported that the APC said that the fact that there was no notification of the hearing sent

to HOAs or other community organizations was unprecedented. The appeal will be heard July 6th.

12. CANDIDATE FOR DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

A. Discussion and motion to support the candidacy of Alex Wuo, AIA, to the Design Review Board

Alex Wuo made a statement to the board about his qualifications and interests.

Jerry Brown moved that WWNC enthusiastically supports Alex Wuo's candidacy, seconded

by Scott Whittle, and carried unanimously.

13. IMPACT OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

A. Discussion of how to assess the impact/success (or lack thereof) of Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system

President Jerry Brown spoke about the need for WWNC to be proactive instead of reactive.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Jerry Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.