

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2022  
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE OR BY TELEPHONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members in attendance were Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Michael Mahoney, Stephen Resnick, Paula Rogers, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Connie Boukidis, Roozbeh Farahanipour, and Marcello Robinson. A quorum was present. There were approximately nine stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the May 11, 2022 minutes, seconded by Ann Hayman, and carried unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor Garcetti's representative Vishesh Anand gave an update on city news including new water restrictions, and reported that the mayor signed the budget. Updates from the mayor's office can be found at [tinyurl.com/westarea22](http://tinyurl.com/westarea22). Sandy Brown requested information about Fix the City's lawsuit and wanted to make sure that the Planning Department has this information.
- B. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave a legislative update.
- C. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that UCLA has updated COVID protocols, requiring masks indoors and following county guidelines. Students will be moving out this weekend and Royce Hall will be dark in July for maintenance.
- D. State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's representative Michelle Persoff reported that the Assemblymember won the election for his new district, gave an update on legislation and events, and announced that interns are being hired for the summer

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

No report was given.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2022

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the May MER had a beginning balance of \$33,268.43, \$8,000 spent on two NPGs, an outstanding amount of \$4,000, and a net available balance of \$17,268.43. Four NPGs were incomplete and applicants have been unresponsive. Laura suggested possibly doing NPGs in February instead of March in the future. Laura requested someone to help her and Tracey Fitzgerald volunteered. Laura moved to approve the May MER, seconded by Lisa Chapman and approved unanimously.

B. Discussion & motion to approve letter to Jeff Brill of the City Clerk's office regarding contracts  
Laura Winikow moved to table this item until next month, Philip Gabriel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that the first in-person free concert at the Westwood branch library in two and a half years will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Masks will be required for those

attending. The LAPD band will be playing and the theme is Independence Day. An update on what is happening in Westwood Village was also given.

8. WWNC PARTNERSHIP WITH UCLA FOR UPCOMING CANDIDATE FORUMS

A. Discussion & Introduction of Motion: "WWNC joins with UCLA as an Official Partner for upcoming election forums for Council District 5 and Supervisorial District 3 forums; and will contribute \$500 to assist with planning costs"

Lisa Chapman reported that DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames recommended that this item be tabled until there is more specific information about the event. However, NWWNC passed the same motion and no concerns were raised. UCLA representative Marco Perez said that nothing has been decided yet. Possible venues are the Hammer Museum or Luskin Center. Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick, and carried unanimously.

9. WWNC & JOINING A COALITION

A. Discussion in regard to a request for a City attorney's opinion on joining a coalition

Lisa Chapman reported that she is still waiting on the City Attorney and has sent a letter to Vanessa at DONE. Comments made were that Raquel Beltran meets with the City Attorney once a week and the recommendation would be a straight yes or no.

10. WWNC WEBSITE

A. Discussion & Introduction of Motion in regard to a price change by Google for the WWNC website. Motion: "WWNC authorizes paying \$6.00 per month per user to continue the use of Google Gmail for board members using "wwnc" addresses."

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously.

11. OPEN RENTER RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR SEAT

A. Discussion for a replacement as Owner Residential Area 4 Director

A candidate is still being sought.

12. 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. Bylaws – no report

H. WRAC – Report and Motions

1. New representative needed

Ann Hayman volunteered to be the representative for the Land Use committee.

2. Support: Request for consideration re: Council File 22-0158("Shelters for the homeless")

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests the City Council and City Attorney, when drafting and considering the council file item CF 22-0158, take into account the below requests by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils:

–Consideration of automatically including LAMC 41.18 protections on any location providing a homeless shelter and authorized pursuant to a declared shelter emergency.

–Consideration of mandatory CEQA compliance.

-Consideration of consequences of "Cutting red tape" by removing the public's right to a transparent approval process including right to notification and the opportunity for public comment, including early notification to NCs and recognized CCs.

-Consider the differences and effects of allowing shelters in R1 zones as proposed versus the existing ordinances allowing them in R2 & R3 zones.

-Consideration of the effects of limiting shelters within a reasonable radius of sensitive sites such as parks, schools and daycares."

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

#### I. Park Advisory

##### 1. Discussion regarding WWNC joining the Holmby Park Advisory Board

Sandy Brown reported that Robert Ringler is fine with people attending meetings but doesn't want anyone else on the board. Meetings are on zoom every other month, six times a year. Keeping the public away seems to be the focus. Holmby Park doesn't have a director. Stephen Resnick reported that he emailed Robert Ringler about being on the PAB and was told no.

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that Westwood Park has a new director, Jason Liss. The next meeting is June 29<sup>th</sup> and a wish list is still being worked on. The PAB requested that the renovation of Aidan's Place be postponed until fall.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and unanimously approved at 8:54 p.m.