

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 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 7:13 p.m. Board members in attendance were Amie Baron, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Stephen Resnick, Chris Schroeder, and Michael Telerant. Members excused were Marcy Agmon, Alexis Blum, Ann Hayman, and Laura Winikow. There were approximately 15 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Chapman wished all the fathers a happy Father's Day.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sandy Brown moved to approve the May 14, 2025 minutes, seconded by Lisa Chapman and approved unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave a legislative update.
- B. 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin reported on a motion to form a partnership between the city and county on homelessness and announced a webinar on Thursday about wildfire preparedness.
- C. LAFD Battalion Chief Mario Garcia announced that Fire Station 37 received about 1400 calls last month and mentioned brush clearance.
- D. State Senator Ben Allen's representative Samantha Gallegos gave a legislative update and mentioned the upcoming wildfire preparedness webinar.
- E. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil gave a legislative update.
- F. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that the Chancellor's inauguration was last week, campus sustainable move-out starts tomorrow, and commencement is this coming weekend. Mario read a statement from the Executive Vice Chancellor supporting the immigrant community.
- G. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias reported that Metro released the DEIR on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and public comment is open until August 30<sup>th</sup> and said that curfews remain in place.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Vincent Autiero announced that all unused funds for this fiscal year will roll over and Budget Day is June 21<sup>st</sup>.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2025  
No action was taken on this item.
- B. Discussion of 2025-2026 Budget  
There was no discussion.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann mentioned the Westwood library's upcoming concerts and brought bookbags and bookmarks to give out.

A stakeholder mentioned issues on Comstock Avenue and was directed to speak with CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias.

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

A. Introduction of Motion to approve Stephen Cropper to fill the vacancy

Lisa Chapman moved, "The WWNC approves Stephen Cropper for the open rental residential seat." Tracey Fitzgerald seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9. CREATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WWNC

Volunteers were requested for an ad hoc committee to discuss areas south of Wilshire and other random buildings that NWWNC took from WWNC. Amie Baron, Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper, Stephen Resnick and Chris Schroeder volunteered to be on the committee. Lisa Chapman moved to approve the formation of the ad hoc committee, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously.

10. WESTWOOD VILLAGE TRAFFIC ISSUES

A. Report of meeting with Council District 5 to examine and improve traffic issues in Westwood Village

Stephen Resnick and Philip Gabriel reported on their meeting with CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias and CD5 's Transportation Deputy to visit specific areas which need improvement.

11. DISCUSSION AND INTRODUCTION OF MOTION TO AMEND THE STATE MANIONIZATION ORDINANCE

Sandy Brown introduced Dennis Rosenblatt, who is working on a motion for HWPOA, and gave some background information on the motion. This has been discussed with State Senator Ben Allen. The motion needs to go to WRAC. Sandy will provide the motion at the next meeting.

12. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

A. Introduction of a motion to request that the Park Director implement Park Advisory Board elections

No vote was taken on this motion.

13. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given.

14. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. WRAC – Report & Motions

1. Oppose SB79 – this was already voted on

2. Amend LAMC 56.15 – No Ridding E-Bicycles on Sidewalks

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians.

"To accomplish this objective, the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in italics/underlined):

"1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

(Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)

"2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard.(Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)

"3. No person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle use, any bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above."

Philip Gabriel moves to amend the motion to request enforcement from LAPD, seconded by Michael Telerant. The amended motion carried by a vote of Yes: 7 (Boukidis, Cropper, Fitzgerald, Gabriel, Resnick, Schroeder, Telerant), No: 1 (Baron), and Abstain: 2 Brown, Chapman).

### 3. Support Postponing Caltrans 405 Repaving

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urgently requests that Caltrans delay the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project ([https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavementrehabilitation-project](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near%20me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavementrehabilitation-project)) until after:

"1) All lanes of Pacific Coast Highway are reopened, and

"2) All Palisades fire debris removal is complete.

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council believes that this delay is reasonable given that the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation project is scheduled to take four years, and we ask that Caltrans accommodate this important request.

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a resolution in Council to effectuate this request on behalf of the City."

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried by a vote of Yes: 5 (Chapman, Cropper, Gabriel, Resnick, Schroeder), No: 0, and Abstain: 3 (Boukidis, Brown, Telerant).

### 4. Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program

Refers to City Council file 22-1154-S1

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the interactive digital kiosk program, because it would:

"1) allow installation of hundreds of 8 to 9 foot tall two-sided digital advertising kiosks on sidewalks through the City, which WRAC previously opposed in January 2023

(<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WRAC-Letter-re-IKE-program.pdf>), and

"2) directly compete with, and undermine, the success of the City's Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and other community benefit programs that the City and its transit riders rely upon to provide much-needed shade, shelter, transit information and public service announcements."

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

- B. Executive – no report
- C. Land Use & Planning – no report
- 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

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.