

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 11, 2018

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Trent Jolly, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Mitchell Keiter, David Lorango, and Marcello Robinson. A quorum was present. There were 11 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to amend the June 13, 2018 minutes in agenda item 10A by changing some wording, seconded by Ann Hayman. Approval of the amended minutes was unanimous, with the exception of Chantelle Eastman who abstained.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner reported that the Congressman introduced this year's Congressional app contest for middle and high school students and that the Congressman co-introduced HR 5681, a bill on cybersecurity.
- B. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the City Council is currently on summer recess. A draft regulation on electric scooters is going to Public Works and then to the City Council. A new CD5 planning deputy has been hired.
- C. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's representative Shannon Lewis gave a quarterly update on Measure H.
- D. Mayoral representative Daniel Tamm discussed Bridge Housing and shortening the time to make supportive housing available. The Veterans Administration has been identified as a site but it's only available for veterans.
- E. California State Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove's representative Joy Masha gave out flyers for the Assemblymember's open house on July 17th from 4 to 6 p.m. and gave an update on legislation supported by the Assemblymember.

4. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

New DONE representative Semee Park introduced herself and announced due dates for the year end fiscal survey, inventory, and the Election Stipulation worksheet, which can be done during August. Councilmember David Ryu has started on Neighborhood Council reforms. DONE will be helping NCs to implement neighborhood resilience for emergency purposes, such as identifying what resources are in the neighborhood.

5. WESTWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

There was no report.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder David Uebersax introduced himself as a member of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and stated that he works in Westwood and would like to be involved. He mentioned that there is precedent for NCs having shared resources, such as the Barnsdall Art Park.

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that Bob Baker Marionettes will be at the Westwood Library on September 30th.

7. WWNC BOARD RENTER SEAT

A. Open renter seat (Kisel) to be posted and candidate selected in 60 days

President Lisa Chapman announced that Naomi Kisel had tendered her resignation, so her vacant renter seat will be posted on the website. Trent Jolly reported that this is his last meeting so his renter seat will also be posted on the website.

8. MATERIALS FOR BONC MEETING

A. Motion to approve reimbursement to Sandy Brown for purchases and copying for binder submitted to City agencies in the amount of \$282.37

Lisa Chapman moved to reimburse Sandy Brown in the amount of \$282.37, seconded by Ann Hayman. The motion was approved unanimously, with the exception of Chantelle Eastman, who abstained. Board members thanked Sandy Brown for the long hours and hard work she put into making the binders and shared resources petition. Sandy Brown stated that the binders had 300 pages each and will go to the City Council and BONC and also be available online. WWNC meets and exceeds the requirements for shared resources.

9. 1533 VETERAN PROJECT

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motions: "The WWNC rescinds its approval of this project." "The WWNC opposes the granting of reduced setbacks for this project." Stephen Resnick explained that this is not opposition to the project but just rescinding approval because the applicants were not truthful when they presented the project earlier. Stephen met with CD5 and a city planner to discuss this.

Philip Gabriel moved to combine the two motions and add, "a return before the full board." Philip's amended motion, "The WWNC rescinds its approval of the project at 1533 Veteran, opposes the granting of reduced setbacks for this project, and requests a return before the full board prior to the director's determination" was seconded by Ann Hayman. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 9 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle), No: 0, and Abstain: 3 (Lisa Chapman, Chantelle Eastman, Trent Jolly).

10. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive

President Lisa Chapman reported that UCLA received a public records request from Adrian Riskin for her emails regarding DONE, the Westwood Village BID, Michael Skiles, and the City.

B. Budget

1. Approval of Monthly Expenditures

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the June MER ended with \$322.40 in the account. The June MER was approved unanimously. \$234.54 of that was unable to be submitted because there was a mistake in the dates given for submission of credit card charges and checks. The July expenditures were facility rental \$75, facility set-up \$100, (to be reimbursed to Lisa Chapman), printed material \$45.25, and \$624.60 to Copyland for the binders that Sandy Brown put together for the shared resources petition. Other expenditures were staffing services for May of \$60.84, and staffing services for June of \$160.93. All expenditures were approved unanimously with the exception of Chantelle Eastman abstaining on approving the \$624.60 for the shared resources petition.

C. Land Use & Planning – no report

D. Outreach & Communications – no report

E. Homeless Task Force

Co-chair Chantelle Eastman reported that the committee hasn't met recently. Committee members have met with homeless task forces from Brentwood and Pacific Palisades and are interested in forming a wider westside coalition. Co-chair Lisa Chapman suggested putting information on Nextdoor about community resources and would like to collaborate with the new NC subdivision. A location for Showers of Hope is still being sought. Stakeholder Steve Sann reported that the Westwood library has felt the brunt of the homeless situation and announced that the library has new rules of conduct and restrictions on how much stuff a person can bring in. The library now has a security guard several days a week.

F. Budget Advocates – Nominations for Committee Chairperson

No action was taken on this item.

G. Public Safety – no report

H. Transportation and Parking – Nominations for Committee Chairperson

Cyrus Baraghoush and Philip Gabriel will be co-chairs.

I. Bylaws

Chair Sandy Brown requested authorization to appoint someone to review the determination and respond in writing. DONE representative Semee Park will have a response by July 20th about the process.

J. WRAC

WRAC representative Ann Hayman reported that she attended the WRAC meeting, and brought two motions to be voted on from the meeting.

1. Motion in Opposition to Lifting Oversight Beach Curfew

Ann Hayman moved,

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the lifting of the beach curfew currently in place, restricting beach access from midnight to 5am, daily. This is in consideration of public health and safety concerns and in keeping with long standing practice, supported by LAPD and LA County Beaches and Harbors, who are tasked with maintaining the safety and integrity of the beach and the shoreline, respectively.”

Sandy Brown seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 10 (Cyrus Baraghoush, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Scott Whittle), No: 0, and Abstain: 2 (Chantelle Eastman, Trent Jolly).

2. Motion in Opposition to the Automatic Renewal of the City's Bus Shelter Advertising 20-year Contract

Ann Hayman moved,

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the automatic renewal of the City's Bus Shelter/Advertising 20-year contract with AC Decaux. The Council further requests the City to withdraw the renegotiation of the sidewalk furniture contract with Decaux from the City Attorney's office, and to allow a process of community input which can culminate in an open RFP, awarded based on parameters laid out by community impact and ridership needs. The City should solicit comments from the community about problems/issues, and then issue an open RFP that addresses these issues/problems to numerous advertising firms.” Philip Gabriel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

K. Zoning and Violations

Chair Roozbeh Farahanipour reported that he has received complaints about businesses changing CUPs without any notification. Addresses on Westwood Blvd. mentioned were 1406, 1427, and 1511. Stephen Resnick stated that he had talked to a city planner about 1427 and there is no problem with it. Complaints have been filed on two others which are under investigation. This will be on the agenda for both WWNC and LUPC next month.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.