

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2022  
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE OR BY TELEPHONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board members in attendance were Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Paula Rogers, Marcello Robinson, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, David Lorango, and Mark Rogo. A quorum was present. There were approximately nine stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Brown, Philip Gabriel and Stephen Resnick made announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the June 8, 2022 minutes, seconded by Ann Hayman, and carried unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan's representative Michelle Persoff reported that the legislature is in recess now, gave budget details and allocations, and an update on what the Assemblymember is doing.

B. Mayor Garcetti's representative Vishesh Anand gave an update on news from the mayor's office, including the fact that June's water usage was the lowest on record.

C. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that there was an uptick in COVID cases among faculty and staff, masking indoors is still required, and gave an update on summer events at the Hammer Museum.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames announced that WWNC's upcoming election will be March 26, 2023 and election season opens November 26, 2022. An election strategy town hall will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, which will be recorded. The deadline on feedback on the draft and election handbook is August 1<sup>st</sup>. An update on DONE's workshops and trainings was given. Lisa Chapman brought up the issue of resuming in-person meetings. There will be an NC readiness survey and a decision may be made in November.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2022

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the June MER had a beginning balance of \$25,268.43 and \$4,000 was taken out for the NPG, leaving \$21,268.43 to go back to the city. Laura moved to approve the June MER, seconded by Philip Gabriel and approved unanimously.

B. Motion to approve the budget and administrative packet for fiscal 2022-23

Treasurer Laura Winikow went through the budget categories and allocations in the packet. Lisa Chapman moved to approve the budget packet for 2022-23, seconded by Sandy Brown and approved unanimously.

C. Discussion and motion to move the awarding of Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) to the WWNC February meeting

Laura Winikow moved to award the NPGs in February, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

## 7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that the first free concert at Westwood library since the pandemic was held on June 26<sup>th</sup> and was a success, with almost 150 people attending. A book sale at the library is planned for October. An update on new businesses in Westwood Village was given. The PLUM hearing on Habibi Café was delayed.

## 8. LIBRARY ENCAMPMENTS

A. Discussion and motion to support an ordinance prohibiting library encampments

### **MOTION TO SUPPORT AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT ENCAMPMENTS NEAR LIBRARIES**

“Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) strongly supports the motion in Council File 20-1376-S3 (Buscaino) for an ordinance amending LAMC Sections 41.18 and 56.01 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing personal property in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public-right-of-way within 500 ft. of a library.”

#### Background

<http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Background-Library-Encampments.pdf>

Stakeholder Steve Sann reported that there has been vandalism at the library after hours and a librarian was assaulted by a homeless person.

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Philip Gabriel. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 7 (Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Paula Rogers, Marcello Robinson), No: 1 (Lisa Chapman), and Abstain: 0.

## 9. WWNC & JOINING A COALITION

A. Discussion in regard to a request for a City Attorney’s opinion on joining a coalition

Lisa Chapman stated that she is still waiting for an answer to why WWNC was told to table its motion on this and NWWNC wasn’t. She has emailed Raquel and Vanessa at DONE to no avail and wants a reply in writing on the reason for the discrepancy. DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames will set up a meeting between Lisa Chapman and the City Attorney.

## 10. WWNC WEBSITE

A. Discussion & update in regard to a previously passed motion in order to keep free email addresses from Google

Kevin from Media81 spoke to Google and reported that WWNC can still have free email addresses but Google will not support them in case of any problem, so there is no need to pay for them.

## 11. DISCUSSION & MOTION TO APPROVE TWO INVOICES FROM MEDIA81 IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$2,435.05 AND \$4500 FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT, WEBSITE MAINTENANCE, DOMAIN NAME, AND WEBSITE HOSTING FOR WWNC’S WEBSITE

There was a discrepancy between the amount listed on the agenda, \$2,435.05, and the amount on the invoice, which was \$2,534.95. The invoice amount is correct and that is the one that should be approved. Laura Winikow moved to approve \$4,500 in payment to Media81, seconded by Lisa Chapman and approved unanimously.

## 12. OPEN OWNER RESIDENTIAL AREA 4 DIRECTOR SEAT

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

A candidate is still needed for the seat.

Michael Mahoney has resigned because he is moving out of the area so a new renter candidate is also needed.

### 13. 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 – no report
- I. Park Advisory

Stephen Resnick attended the meeting and reported that some items were left off the park wish list but Tracey Fitzgerald will work to put them back on. There is a safety issue with a paved area that needs bollards to prevent cars from driving into the park. Work has started on the new bathrooms and Aidan's Place remodel will take place from September to December.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ann Hayman, and unanimously approved at 8:56 p.m.