

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2023
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING
10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Board members in attendance at 7:25 p.m. were Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, Doug Mark, Stephen Resnick, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Connie Boukidis, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, David Lorango, and Paula Rogers. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting. Michael Telerant arrived at 8:22 p.m. and made the quorum. New board member Lucas Dickey was sworn in. There were approximately seven stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved by all with the exception of Lucas Dickey and Stephen Resnick who abstained.

4. OPEN RENTER SEAT

A. Motion to approve Lucas Dickey for the open renter seat

Lucas Dickey introduced himself. Lisa Chapman moved to approve Lucas Dickey for the open renter seat, seconded by Philip Gabriel and approved unanimously.

5. POSSIBLE SWEARING IN OF NEW WWNC MEMBER

DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames swore in Lucas Dickey.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS (AND MEMBERS)

A. President

Philip Gabriel nominated Lisa Chapman, seconded by Laura Winikow, and approved by all with the exception of Doug Mark, who abstained.

B. Vice President

Lisa Chapman nominated Sandy Brown, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved by all with the exception of Doug Mark, who voted no.

C. Secretary

Lisa Chapman nominated Stephen Resnick, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved by all with the exception of Doug Mark, who voted no.

D. Treasurer

Lisa Chapman nominated Laura Winikow, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously.

E. Homeless Chair

Philip Gabriel nominated Lisa Chapman, seconded by Laura Winikow, and approved unanimously.

F. Outreach Chair

Lisa Chapman nominated Lucas Dickey, seconded by Doug Mark, and approved unanimously.

G. Transportation Chair

Lisa Chapman nominated Philip Gabriel, seconded by Laura Winikow, and approved unanimously.

H. Land Use Chair

Lisa Chapman moved to postpone this item until the September meeting, seconded by Sandy Brown, and approved unanimously.

I. WRAC Representative (and alternate)

Philip Gabriel nominated Lisa Chapman, seconded by Laura Winikow, and approved unanimously.

Ann Hayman nominated herself as alternate, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

J. WRAC Land Use Representative (and alternate)

Lisa Chapman nominated Lucas Dickey, seconded by Philip Gabriel and approved unanimously.

K. WRAC Homeless Representative (and alternate)

Philip Gabriel nominated Lisa Chapman, seconded by Doug Mark, and approved unanimously.

L. WRAC Emergency Preparedness Representative (and alternate)

Lisa Chapman moved to postpone this item until the September meeting, seconded by Sandy Brown, and approved unanimously.

M. WRAC Transportation Representative (and alternate)

Lisa Chapman nominated Doug Mark, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved by all with the exception of Sandy Brown and Stephen Resnick, who voted no.

7. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. LAPD SLO James Allen reported that the majority of thefts are at Target stores in the area, not just in Westwood and violent crimes are due to party houses. He will be out of the office starting September 10th.

B. UCLA representative Marco Perez discussed the proposed Sunset Canyon redevelopment and announced Chancellor Block's retirement, the opening of the Nimoy Theatre on September 17th, and Volunteer Day on September 30th.

C. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias reported that the Clean Team did some work on Comstock and at Westwood Gardens Park. She would like to hear from the community about proposed park upgrades there and will provide the amount of Quimby funds available.

D. A LAFD representative reported on brush clearance, additional firefighting equipment, and small brush fires.

8. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames gave an update on what's going on at DONE.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2023

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the beginning balance was \$32,000 with \$55.28 spent, \$51.20 outstanding, and a net available amount of \$31,893.52. Laura moved to approve the July 2023 MER, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously.

B. Motion: "The WWNC moves to take \$1500.00 from our NPG budget and move it to Community Improvements, earmarked for painting the utility boxes within our boundaries"

Laura Winikow moved the above motion, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and carried unanimously.

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was made.

Michael Telerant commented on the condition of Westwood Blvd. south of Wilshire.

11. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED GARDEN AT WESTWOOD PARK

Jaime Rooke presented the garden plan. Jaime, along with master gardeners Kevin Alter and Bella

McGowan, and Emily Xing, is on the Westwood Garden Task Force. The garden plans were presented to the PAB in February and the PAB voted to support it in April. The location will be the northeast corner of the park. It is an open concept, with no fences, multiple paths, and a possible meeting space in the center. Low maintenance was prioritized and community-based programming will be established.

12. DISCUSSION IN REGARD TO IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS OUTREACH EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK

A. Motion "The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky send '199' letters to the community to solicit comments about the park"

Stakeholder Linda Blank gave a presentation on the history of the park and existing empty areas that can use additional play equipment. Parents would like more play equipment and are reluctant to go to the park due to the homeless. Recreation & Parks has not provided feedback. Lisa Chapman suggested that WWNC set up a committee on the park. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias will send a letter to the immediate community to attend WWNC's September meeting and it will be posted at the library and Fairburn Elementary.

13. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given. See agenda item 11.

14. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given.

15. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

- A. Executive
- B. Land Use & Planning
- C. Outreach & Communications
- D. Homeless Task Force
- E. Budget Advocates
- F. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking
- G. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness
- H. Bylaws
- I. WRAC – Report and Motions
 - 1. Support: Minimize Light Pollution
 - 2. Support: Director's Determination re Murphy Drilling Site
 - 3. Parking Space Replacement Policy Report

None of the above items were discussed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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