

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 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 7:07 p.m. Board members in attendance were Marcy Agmon, Amie Baron, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Samantha Goldstein, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Michael Telerant, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Alexis Blum, Connie Boukidis, Roozbeh Farahanipour, and Chris Schroeder. There were approximately 14 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amie Baron announced that this is her last meeting because she is getting married and moving.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and approved unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias reported that SLO Rick Ballesteros couldn't attend tonight but he has been getting a lot of email about Westwood Park and Westwood Gardens Park so the LAPD is going by to keep an eye on them. Westwood Gardens Park was cleaned up today. LADWP will be working on a pipeline at Holmby Park so there will be street closures and this will last for 11 months. Councilmember Yaroslavsky met with the department head about Broxton garage.
- B. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that public comment is open on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project until August 30<sup>th</sup>. Marco gave an update on the withdrawal of federal funding for research and what the chancellor is doing. UCLA is trying to mobilize support via #researchpowersprogress. UCLA will be getting a new police chief as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Sandy Brown requested a report on what is going on at the Faculty Club.
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin gave a legislative update.
- D. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil reported that the legislature is in recess and introduced an intern working in the Assemblymember's office.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

New DONE NEA Erica Gatica-Doughty introduced herself and said that DONE is now taking a regional approach. The budget deficit means there will be layoffs at DONE. She also updated the board on what else is going on at DONE.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2025  
Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the May 2025 MER had a beginning balance of \$17,904.47, \$5,307.80 spent and a net available amount of \$12,465.26. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Ann Hayman and approved unanimously with the exception of Tracey Fitzgerald and Samantha Goldstein who abstained due to training requirements.
- B. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2025  
Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the June 2025 MER had a beginning balance of \$17,904.47, \$5,307.80 spent and a net available amount of \$12,465.26. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Philip Gabriel and approved unanimously with the exception of Tracey

Fitzgerald and Samantha Goldstein who abstained due to training requirements.

C. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2025

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the July 2025 MER had a beginning balance of \$25,000 and a net available amount of \$25,000. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Marcy Agmon and approved unanimously with the exception of Tracey Fitzgerald and Samantha Goldstein who abstained due to training requirements.

D. Discussion of 2025-2026 Budget

Philip Gabriel and Tracey Fitzgerald will be second signers on the bank card and Marcy Agmon will be the alternate signer. Treasurer Laura Winikow went through the budget, detailing changes from last year's budget. Laura moved to approve the budget, seconded by Philip Gabriel and approved unanimously with the exception of Tracey Fitzgerald and Samantha Goldstein who abstained due to training requirements

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

8. BEVERLY HILLS PORSCHE PROJECT PRESENTATION

A. Introduction of Motion: "The Westwood Neighborhood Council moves to approve the Porsche Beverly Hills Automobile Dealership Project."

Jessica Pakdaman presented the project and answered questions along with four Porsche representatives. Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman and carried by a vote of Yes: 11, No: 1 (Stephen Resnick), and Abstain: 0.

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

A. Introduction of Motion to approve Samantha Goldstein to fill the vacancy

Lisa Chapman moved, "The WWNC approves Samantha Goldstein for the open rental residential seat." Marcy Agmon seconded and the motion carried unanimously. This item was taken out of order, after agenda item 3.

10. WESTWOOD VILLAGE TRAFFIC ISSUES

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

Stephen Resnick reported that there is no update.

11. STATE MANSIONIZATION ORDINANCE

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion to amend the Ordinance

Lisa Chapman moved to table this item, seconded by Marcy Agmon and carried unanimously.

12. LA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE

A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion to join the Alliance

Amie Baron reported that the alliance meets once a month and WWNC needs a representative to be on the committee. Stephen Cropper expressed interest. Amie Baron nominated Stephen Cropper as WWNC's representative, seconded by Lisa Chapman. Lisa moved to approve Stephen Cropper as WWNC's representative, seconded by Michael Telerant and approved unanimously.

13. LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. Support: CF 25-0694 Civil Rights Protection

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) joins the Central Hollywood and Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Councils in their support of CF 25-0694. Further, the WWNC

supports all efforts by the City of Los Angeles to stop the illegal activities of the Federal government and its personnel regarding the stopping, questioning, detaining or arresting Los Angeles residents without reasonable suspicion or without valid warrant, in violation of their constitutional rights. Therefore, we support the City Council's request that the City Attorney prioritize immediate legal action to protect the civil rights of our residents." Tracey Fitzgerald moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman and carried unanimously.

B. Support: CF 25-002-S62 No Secret Police

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council joins the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and the City Council's resolution CF 25-002-S62 backing the Senate Bill 627 (Wiener), the proposed No Secret Police Act, that would prohibit law enforcement from covering their faces while conducting operations in the state of California. Having masked agents in plain clothes grabbing people of the street lacks transparency, terrorizes constituents, and further erodes the community in law enforcement." Tracey Fitzgerald moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman and carried unanimously.

C. Support: CF 25-002-S60 ICE

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council joins the Bel-Air/Beverly Crest and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils and the City Council's resolution CF 25-002-S60 supporting California Assembly Bill 49 which would prohibit Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from entering schools and childcare facilities without proper identification, a valid judicial warrant, and approval from designated school and childcare authorities. All children should be able to receive an education without fear of government violence regardless of immigration status." Tracey Fitzgerald moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman and carried unanimously.

D. Support: CF 25-0600-S39 and CF 25-0600-S41 Broxton Garage and Parking Meter Rates

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes CF 25-0600-S39 and CF 25-0600-S41 which impose rate increases for both parking meters and parking structures in Westwood Village. CF 25-066-S39 imposes increase in parking meter rates to \$1.50 an hour for street parking and CF 25-0600-S41 would eliminate the free first two hours at the Broxton Structure and replace it with a \$2.00 per 20 minutes fee or \$12.00 per 2 hours that used to be free. Both of these measures will have a significant impact on the already struggling businesses of Westwood as well as the Open Market a highly valued weekly activity in the Village, and on students. The increase in rates will negatively affect the neighborhood community's use of the Village." Stephen Cropper suggested adding students to the motion so the words "and on students" were inserted in the penultimate sentence of the motion. Tracey Fitzgerald moved the amended motion above, seconded by Lisa Chapman and carried unanimously.

#### 14. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that park director Jason is leaving on September 5<sup>th</sup> and there is no obvious replacement. Fall classes are full and there will be a Halloween gathering on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The next PAB meeting is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### 15. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

This item was tabled because Ann Hayman had left.

#### 16. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

##### A. WRAC – Report & Motions

Before these motions were voted upon Tracey Fitzgerald and Ann Hayman left so there were ten members present and voting

1. Support Heavy Rail Underground Subway Mode of Transportation; Oppose two proposed Monorail Options for the Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (STCP)

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of

Councils (WRAC) opposes the two proposed Monorail Options (Alternative 1 and Alternative 3) due to their significantly lower ridership projections and lower capacities, and their significantly slower speeds and longer travel times, and supports the proposed underground Heavy Rail subway mode of transportation through the Sepulveda Pass because it will carry significantly more passengers than the proposed Monorail mode of transportation.

The Heavy Rail mode of transportation is described in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, released by Metro on June 2, 2025, in the discussion of Alternatives 4, 5 and 6. WWNC supports option 5."

Lisa Chapman moved to modify the above motion by saying WWNC supports option 5 rather than look at options 4,5 & 6. Philip Gabriel seconded and the modification and approval was carried unanimously.

## 2. Oppose Legislation Mandating Housing Density Without Funding Mechanisms

"The State of California has enacted a series of housing-related bills aimed at increasing residential density in cities and municipalities statewide, including SB 9, SB 10, and others.

While the stated intent of these bills is to address the statewide housing crisis, implementation

Of these measures often places significant burdens on local government without providing the necessary infrastructure, services, or fiscal support. These mandates frequently override local planning authority, diminish the ability of cities to tailor land use to their unique needs and capacities, and strain existing infrastructure and funding resources.

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), therefore:

"1) requests that our elected state officials take steps to initiate a pause on all enacted legislation that provides for statewide housing density and/or streamlining mandates, unless and until clear funding mechanisms are identified and enacted to accompany the legislation, in order to support the resulting impact on infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services; and

"2) opposes any pending and future legislation that proposes statewide housing density and/or streamlining mandates, unless clear funding mechanisms are identified to accompany any such bills, in order to support the resulting impact on infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services.

"The imposition of increased density — without accompanying state funding or resource allocation — exacerbates existing challenges, particularly in areas vulnerable to wildfire, evacuation constraints, and other environmental or geographic hazards, such as the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Flood Zones or other environmentally sensitive locations as determined by local governments throughout the state."

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Michael Telerant and carried by a vote of Yes: 8, No: 1 (Stephen Cropper), and Abstain: 1 (Amie Baron).

## 3. Request Mayor to Consent to City Controller's Audit of Inside Safe

"The Westside Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to immediately consent to a full audit of the City's Inside Safe program by Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia."

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Marcy Agmon, and carried by a vote of Yes: 9, No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Sandy Brown).

## 4. Request Mayor and CAO to Disclose Sources of Funding for the Inside Safe Program

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and/or the City Administrative Officer Matthew Szabo to disclose the full extent of all sources of funding for the City's Inside Safe program."

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Stephen Cropper, and carried by a vote of Yes: 9, No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Sandy Brown).

## 5. Support CF 20-1376-S5 (Park) – Amendments to LAMC Sec. 41.18

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports CF 20-1376-S5 (Park), which calls for certain amendments of LAMC Sec. 41.18 and a report back by the City Attorney on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments as per the Governor’s model ordinance.”

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Michael Telerant, and carried by a vote of Yes: 7, No: 2 (Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper), and Abstain: 1 (Samantha Goldstein).

- 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

#### 17. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.