

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2013

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members in attendance were Dean Abell, Sarah Austerlitz, Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Lisa Chapman, Carole Cohen, Jolie Duhon, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Samuel Haws, Ryan Krebs, Stephen Resnick, Mark Rogo, Clinton Schudy, Michael Stajura, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Roozbeh Farahanipour and Mark Herd. A quorum was present. There were 32 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the July 10, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Clinton Schudy; the motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. Daniel Tamm, Mayor Garcetti's Westside Area Representative, introduced himself and said he looked forward to a productive relationship.

B. Katherine Hennigan, CD5's Director of Economic Development, introduced herself and said that she will be working on economic development all over CD5 and is also the representative for constituent services on the Westside.

C. LAFD Battalion Chief Tim Kerbrat said that the LAFD's brush clearing program

started on May 1st, and its objective is to get brush cleared out before fire season. LAFD is making sure that all high-rise buildings have evacuation plans. It is mandatory for commercial buildings and voluntary for residential buildings. Each building should have one person who is in charge. There is a certification program online.

D. UCLA representative Marco Perez announced that September 24, 2013 is UCLA's Volunteer Day when UCLA sends out about 7,000 students, faculty, and staff to volunteer all over Los Angeles.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Stakeholder John Heidt urged people from faith-based organizations to contact Katherine Hennigan from CD5 for help with relaxed parking for weddings and funerals.

B. UCLA student Vincent Ho announced he is planning to open a boba tea shop at 10965 Weyburn Avenue and wanted to know if there is anything he should do to work with WWNC.

C. Stakeholder Steve Sann reported that he along with Jerry Brown, Ryan Krebs, Stephen Resnick, Stakeholder Wolfgang Veith and others, attended a City Council meeting on August 2nd where the issue of City Target's alcohol permit was on the agenda. Many people spoke against the alcohol permit but the City Council favored it

5. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee had no report.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer Laura Winikow listed the four expenses of \$33.78 for last month's copies, \$76.82 for this month's copies, \$75 set up fee for the meeting, and \$1,200 for website setup and maintenance, which need approval. Connie Boukidis moved, seconded by Scott Whittle, to approve the four expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

2. After discussion, the Strategic Plan goal was defined as, "To create a greater sense of community involvement by giving good and intelligent information to the community and by the exchange of dialogue between governmental agencies and the community." Connie Boukidis moved to approve, with a second by Scott Whittle. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Stajura moved to approve the vision statement, "To create a greater sense of community involvement by empowering our residents to participate in community wide events and reach new goals in outreach to stakeholders." Clinton Schudy seconded and it carried unanimously.

Jerry Brown moved that Laura Winikow be empowered to collate and submit goals on behalf of WWNC, seconded by Mark Rogo, and carried unanimously.

C. Land Use (LUPC)

1. Gayley/Kinross Project

LUPC Chair Connie Boukidis reported that the committee met and was in support of longer hours and no landscaping and voted 3 - 1 to support no additional parking.

Connie Boukidis moved,

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the application by Mixed Use Capital, CA for the project located at 10955-59 Kinross and 1085-99 Gayley Avenues, Los Angeles, CA 90024 for relief from LAMC Section 12.22-A, 23 under Section 12.24 W, 27 Conditional Use for the relief from Commercial Corner/Mini Shopping requirements to permit hours of operation Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. and relief from all landscaping requirements; and relief from Section 12.21-A, 4 via 12.27 Zone Variance to permit zero in conjunction with this project in lieu of the "5" parking spaces required by Building and Safety for the approximately 428 square foot expansion.”

Scott Whittle seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Stars Inn Project

Developer Mahyar Barin spoke about the project and said that he has followed all the rules and tried to reach out to the community. Comstock Hills Homeowners

Association (CHHOA) members spoke about how it would set a bad precedent because it would overlook single family homes, and it was not a quality building, plus the height would cast a shadow over formerly sunny yards. Stakeholder Sandy Brown said it was a disservice to the community because not having any guest parking would be an absolute disaster.

Connie Boukidis moved,

"The WWNC does not support the CCSO, LLC 10269 Santa Monica Boulevard PROJECT on the following grounds:

- PROJECT asks for more entitlements than are allowed under SB1818
- PROJECT does not conform with the character of the surrounding neighborhood comprised of R-1 single family dwellings.
- PROJECT and its requested height increases and additional floors will set a precedent along Santa Monica Boulevard that will forever change its character and create adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated.
- PROJECT and its height, mass, and density requests are incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood and existing infrastructure
- PROJECT lacks adequate parking

Further, the WWNC supports CHHOA in its efforts to encourage CCSO, LLC to meet with the adjacent homeowners and HOA to develop a project with less units, lower height, and more parking."

Michael Stajura seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 16 and Abstain:

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D. Outreach & Communications Chair Lisa Chapman encouraged those who have not completed their ethics or finance training to do so by September 1st.

E. Public Safety

Michael Stajura announced that the Disaster Preparedness Fair will be held in conjunction with the Broxton Avenue Farmer's Market on October 10, 2013.

F. WRAC

Ryan Krebs attended the WRAC meeting. Topics discussed were the DWP solar panel program and the factual basis stakeholder definition. Michael Stajura moved that Ryan Krebs be WWNC's permanent WRAC representative, with a second by Lisa Chapman. The motion carried unanimously. Lisa Chapman requested agendaization of the factual basis stakeholder definition for the next meeting.

6. LA EXPRESS PARK FOR WESTWOOD VILLAGE

Department of Transportation (DOT) representative Peer Ghent explained the demand parking plan for Westwood Village. Due to a technical problem, he was not able to give his visual presentation but will send it to Jerry Brown so the board can view it. The DOT has a grant which is obligated for an intelligent parking management system. The plan is for 500 parking spaces with demand pricing around Westwood Village. The pricing will be changed once a month on the first Monday of the month. There will be signs and realtime apps for the parking rates and the plan is revenue neutral. The plan will not affect Broxton Garage; its rates will remain the same. Community input on the advisory board is requested.

Stakeholder Steve Sann expressed disappointment that DOT requested grant money in the name of Westwood but the community was not informed until three weeks before the City Council voted on it.

7. MURAL ORDINANCE

Stephen Resnick moved,

WWNC joins in supporting Pacific Palisades Community Council's motion as set forth in the agenda. Lisa Chapman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW MOTIONS

The committee working on ways to improve neighborhood councils drew up a list of ways to improve them. Jerry Brown said that he agreed with them all except for number nine, the exhaustive efforts process.

Jerry Brown moved that WWNC approve items one through eight, and oppose item nine, with a second by Connie Boukidis. Michael Stajura revised the motion into two motions, one on items one through eight and a separate motion on item nine. The motion to approve items one through eight carried unanimously. The motion to not approve item nine carried with a vote of Yes: 14 and No: 2.

9. BICYCLE LANES

Jerry Brown said that in the plan, bicycle lanes are only supposed to be south of Santa Monica Blvd. but on the website the map shows them going all the way north to UCLA.

10. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The committee will be called the Traffic/Transportation Committee. Angus Beverly volunteered to be the committee chair and Armen Hadjimanoukian volunteered to be the liaison to UCLA. Lisa Chapman wants the committee to have a space on the website and will contact Kevin about it.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.