

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Marcy Agmon, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Stephen Cropper, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Samantha Goldstein, Ann Hayman, Stephen Resnick, Michael Telerant, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Alexis Blum, Philip Gabriel, and Chris Schroeder. There were approximately 13 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Chapman announced that Oakley's barber shop will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes, seconded by Laura Winikow and approved unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. LAPD SLO Rick Ballesteros reported that they are busy dealing with homeless encampments on a daily basis. There is a lot of aggravated assault in the encampments. He recommended crossing the street to avoid walking by them. There have been both commercial and residential burglaries in the area. An issue brought up was homeless camping at Holmby Park.
- B. State Senator Ben Allen's representative Samantha Gallegos gave a legislative update and reported that this is the last week of the session. Questions were asked about Senator Allen's position on SB 79. He abstained on the vote last time but isn't opposed to it.
- C. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave a legislative update and reported that the Westwood Village post office will not close for lunch anymore.
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin reported that the supervisors have been on recess the last three weeks. They are working on a report about how the fires affected the county and want input from the public.
- E. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias reported that a new district office with a community space will be opening on Sunday. In answer to a question, she said there are no exceptions for free parking at any garage including Broxton.
- F. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil gave a legislative update. In answer to a question, he said that Assemblymember Zbur opposes SB 79.
- G. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that student move-in starts this weekend and listed some upcoming events. UCLA changed its position on a campus stop for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, and now supports a stop at Gayley and Strathmore.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Erica Gatica-Doughty announced upcoming DONE events and urged board members to get involved in charter reform by attending meetings and submitting a CIS. The City Clerk certified a rollover of \$12,465.26 to WWNC.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2025  
Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the August 2025 MER had a beginning balance of

\$37,465.26, \$12.80 spent, \$3,017.16 outstanding, \$98.62 committed, and a net available balance of \$34,336.68. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald and approved unanimously.

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

There was no public comment.

#### 8. STATE MANSIONIZATION ORDINANCE

##### A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion to amend the Ordinance

Sandy Brown moved to table this item, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

#### 9. WESTWOOD VILLAGE TRAFFIC ISSUES

##### A. Update on meeting with Council District 5 to examine and improve traffic issues in Westwood Village

Stephen Resnick reported that there has been no change or update.

#### 10. UPDATE ON UTILITY BOX ART PROJECT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS WITHIN THE WWNC BOUNDARIES

Lisa Chapman reported that CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias is getting information on the number of utility boxes and finding out about speaking to the schools. Lisa will research materials.

Connie Boukidis, Lisa Chapman and Samantha Goldstein volunteered to speak at the schools.

#### 11. WESTWOOD BLVD. SOUTH OF WILSHIRE

##### A. Discussion and Introduction of Motion to Help the Boulevard

Stephen Resnick opened a discussion about the decline of Westwood Blvd. and problems such as overflowing trash cans, dirty sidewalks and code violations. He has spoken with Councilmember Yaroslavsky about these issues. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias said that CD5 can order power washing, trash pickup, and bus stop cleanups, and can help with supplies for a clean-up day.

Stephen moved the following motion, seconded by Marcy Agmon.

"Westwood Village and Westwood Boulevard south of Wilshire are the retail areas of Westwood. Like other areas of the city, they have the small shops and unique and historic buildings that make Westwood, Westwood.

It is a well-known fact that both of these areas have in common that they have been in decline for decades. Empty storefronts, broken sidewalks, and the list goes on.

These areas differ in at least one substantive way. The Village has the Business Improvement District (BID). South of Wilshire has nothing. There is nothing in common between property and business owners. There are no meetings, no talk of improving the area.

It is time for a change. Westwood south of Wilshire needs help. Anything and everything to clean, to fix, to meet, to bring businesses to the Boulevard.

Therefore, the Westwood Neighborhood Council calls on Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky to bring resources to this very neglected area of Westwood."

Samantha Goldstein moved the following amended motion.

"WHEREAS, Westwood Village and Westwood Boulevard south of Wilshire ("South Westwood Blvd.") together, comprise the primary retail districts of Westwood, each home to small businesses, unique shops, and historic buildings that contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of the community;

WHEREAS, both districts have experienced long-term decline, evidenced by vacant storefronts, deteriorating sidewalks, and a lack of sustained reinvestment;

WHEREAS, Westwood Village benefits from the organizational and financial support of a Business Improvement District ("BID"), which provides resources and coordination among stakeholders;

WHEREAS, South Westwood Blvd. has no comparable support, leaving property and business owners without a forum, shared resources, or collective strategy for improvement; and WHEREAS, the absence of coordinated support has contributed to ongoing neglect and disinvestment in this important commercial corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westwood Neighborhood Council calls upon Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky to prioritize the revitalization of South Westwood Blvd. by directing resources, services, and investment toward cleaning, repairing, beautifying, and promoting the area; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports and encourages the exploration and establishment of long-term organizational and funding mechanisms to ensure ongoing support, coordinated efforts, and long-term revitalization for businesses and property owners along South Westwood Blvd.”

Michael Telerant seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that a new park director has been appointed but not made public yet. At the last meeting there was no quorum. A FOIA request was put in to find out how much Quimby money there is. A homeless encampment was cleaned out and within two days they all returned. CD5 is helping with this. The next meeting is at the end of September.

#### 13. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Ann Hayman reported that there have been some staffing changes. Signs posted in the park are ignored. A letter was written about vendors selling toys, food and coffee in the park but there has been no response yet.

#### 14. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

##### A. WRAC – Report & Motions

##### 1. Support CF 25-0848/Expedite After-Action Reports

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports Council File 25-0848 (Park / Yaroslavsky), calling for (among other things) 1) a report back on the status of the City’s compliance with AB 747, 2) a list and evaluation of evacuation routes within CD 11, and 3) plans to improve evacuation route infrastructure, signage, traffic control and public education.

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council further calls the City Council’s attention to the urgent need for infrastructure funding to absorb the cost of implementing a mitigation plan, including by developing new ingress and egress routes, and calls on the City to proactively and constructively engage with FEMA and OES, by (among other things) expediting completion of the After-Action Reports by the Office of Emergency Management and LAFD, so that those engaged in evacuation planning and disaster response will have the benefit of these findings.”

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Ann Hayman and carried unanimously.

##### B. Executive – no report

##### C. Land Use & Planning – no report

##### D. Ad Hoc Committee on WWNC Boundary Adjustments – no report

##### E. Outreach & Communications – no report

##### F. Homeless Committee - no report

##### G. Budget Advocates -no report

##### H. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report

##### I. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness – no report

##### J. Bylaws – no report

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m., seconded by Laura Winikow and carried unanimously.