

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2012

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10822 WILSHIRE BLVD.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members in attendance were Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Lisa Chapman, David Crew, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Clinton Schudy, Kurt Smalberg, Steve Somers, Michael Stajura, George Torbay, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Board members excused were Toni Gray, Mark Herd, Mark Rogo, and Tom Schneider. There were also 23 stakeholders and guests in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the September minutes as written. Kurt Smalberg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

There were no comments.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stakeholder Roxane Stern was disappointed that she has not seen any information posted about the zero waste plan and waste sheds in the city.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. The Executive Committee had no report.

Chair Jerry Brown of the Helicopter Ad Hoc Subcommittee reported that a subcommittee of four people was formed comprising two board members, one helicopter pilot, and a community member. The subcommittee got information from UCLA and spoke with both a representative from Caltrans Aeronautic Division and with someone involved with the EIR and flight path when the hospital was built. The subcommittee will be meeting with UCLA authorities with several requests. UCLA will be asked to narrow the flight path (which was agreed to in 2008 but was never followed), have the helicopter pilots use the narrow flight path, be responsible for monitoring the flights, and have quarterly meetings with neighborhood organizations about this issue, which WWNC will do. The subcommittee also wants to meet with the chief pilots of helicopter agencies.

B. Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair Laura Winikow reported that \$4,000 has been spent on the website, meeting expenses, and election posters. \$33,500 is left in the budget. The rent for the meeting room has been paid through June 2013.

C. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Chair Connie Boukidis introduced representatives of the iPic Theater, who gave a visual presentation on the new theater which will be replacing the old AVCO Theater on Wilshire Blvd. It is a luxury theater which will include a 170 seat restaurant. iPic is requesting a CUP for an on-site full liquor license. iPic made a presentation at the LUPC meeting, and the committee unanimously supports their CUP request.

After some discussion of how to regulate liquor sales in the theater and a statement from iPic that they have agreed to a number of voluntary conditions regarding the liquor sales, Connie Boukidis put forth the following motion: “Does the WWNC Board follow the WWNC LUPC unanimous recommendation to support iPic’s request for Conditional Use Permit to allow sale of full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at 10840-50 Wilshire Boulevard, LA 90024 all in conjunction with 428 seat luxury theater and 5,000 square foot restaurant with 600 foot outdoor dining area with hours 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., with the following voluntary conditions?

Conditions on ABC License from iPic Theater Pasadena:

1. The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises is strictly prohibited.
2. No more than two (2) alcoholic beverages shall be sold or served to any one (1) person during any sales transaction.
3. Alcoholic beverages shall be served in glassware which will significantly differ in appearance from those glassware utilized for non-alcoholic beverages.
4. Valid identification must be shown when alcoholic beverage service is provided.

5. At all times during the service of alcoholic beverages in the theaters ambient light in theaters shall remain at a level sufficient to allow a reasonable person to observe patrons who may be consuming alcoholic beverages.

6. Sales and/or service of alcoholic beverage(s) by waiters or waitresses in theaters shall comply with the following conditions:

a. Orders from patrons seated in theaters must be made to the waiter or waitress serving that area, and the alcoholic beverage ordered must be personally delivered to the patron by the waiter or waitress who took the order.

b. The waiter or waitress serving in the theaters shall not carry a supply of unordered alcoholic beverages.

Additional Voluntary Conditions:

7. Hours of service of alcoholic beverages shall be 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily, and the last order for an alcoholic beverage shall be taken by 1:45 a.m.

8. The licensee shall not provide a 'happy hour' for the service of alcoholic beverages at a reduced price for a specific limited time period. This restriction does not apply to reduced food and beverage promotions for members, or for reduced prices that occur for an entire day.

9. The licensee shall not serve pitchers of beer or margaritas. This restriction shall not apply to sangria, which is typically prepared and served by the pitcher in the restaurant.

10. All alcoholic beverages in the theaters shall be served in individual servings.

11. There shall be no live entertainment on the outdoor patio that is audible outside of the licensed premises in compliance with the Los Angeles Noise Ordinance.

12. Applicant agrees to apply to the ABC for a Type 47 license for a Bona Fide Public Eating Place, and to include the above conditions as part of the license application.

13. Applicant agrees to include the conditions above in its application to the Zoning Administrator as part of the conditional use permit application (CUP).”

Scott Whittle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Outreach and Communications Committee Chair Lisa Chapman reported that there are 35 candidates running in WWNC’s election and she is waiting for confirmation from DONE independent elections administrator Tony Wilkinson to hold a candidate forum on October 17th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Westwood Presbyterian Church. Tony will be the moderator of the forum and there will be an informal meet and greet afterwards. An e-newsletter will be going out tonight with information on the forum. The Daily Bruin has been contacted and may print an announcement.

Tony Wilkinson was present at the meeting and was asked about the vote on October 28th. There will be seven voting booths but any bottleneck will be caused by insufficient numbers of volunteers running the election. Volunteers must be 16 or older, and students can get community service hours if they volunteer. Angus Beverly said he would send out election volunteer information to the UCLA student community.

E. Public Safety Committee Chair Michael Stajura announced some upcoming events: October 18th is the Great California Shakeout, an earthquake

awareness day; October 20th is the 2nd annual Disaster Preparedness Fair on Broxton Avenue; and October 25th is the quarterly CERT meeting at LAFD Battalion 9. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 24th.

F. WRAC representative Michael Stajura had no WRAC agenda items.

6. WESTFIELD CENTURY CITY

Connie Boukidis announced that Westfield Century City Mall is going to start charging to park there. The deadline to appeal this was September 6, 2012 but it wasn't appealed because surrounding neighborhoods were not informed of the change.

Steve Somers moved to approve the following motion:

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council condemns the stealth action by the Westfield Shopping Mall in Century City to begin charging for parking at ‘market rates’, an action taken with no meaningful notice or input from the surrounding community. We seek reinstatement of the three hour free parking, or in its stead, two hour free parking. We do not want to pay to shop, patronize restaurants and attend movies at the Mall. We are particularly mindful of the domino effect this action can have on parking facilities on the entire Westside as well as the unjustified cost to customers and Mall employees, creating an overflow parking effect on surrounding neighborhoods.”

Scott Whittle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Michael Stajura stated that he will bring this motion before WRAC. It will also be sent to Westfield and CD5.

7. TRAFFIC MITIGATION

This agenda item was tabled.

8. APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET REPRESENTATIVE

Angus Beverly and Marcello Robinson volunteered to be WWNC's representative at the Mayor's Budget Day which is scheduled for November 17th. President Jerry Brown appointed Marcello Robinson to attend either as a board member or a stakeholder, depending on the outcome of the election. Stakeholders are allowed to be representatives.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.