

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2020  
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE OR BY TELEPHONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, Marcello Robinson, Mark Rogo, and Laura Winikow. Member excused was Paula Rogers. A quorum was present. There were approximately nine stakeholders and guests attending.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the September 9, 2020 minutes, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and approved unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave an update on legislation that the Congressman is sponsoring and reported that he will be having a conversation with veterans on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- B. UCLA representative Marco Perez reported that most classes are being held remotely. Sports are slowly returning to campus. Faculty and staff were originally scheduled to return to campus in January 2021 but it will now be March 19, 2021 after the winter quarter is over. UCLA Associate Vice Chancellor Jennifer Poulakidas listened in and was available for questions.
- C. SLO Pete Ojeda reported that crime numbers are down but recent crime included a robbery at the gas station on Le Conte, a laptop stolen from a business, and a shooting on Tiverton though no one was injured. Homeless resources and outreach will be cut back due to budget cuts.
- D. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the DOT will start giving parking tickets again on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The emergency shelter at Westwood Park has been dismantled. There have been complaints about tents in the park, and there are more than usual but the city has a moratorium on removing tents or bulky items from parks. Restaurants in Westwood Village have applied to use parklets for outdoor dining, which is being funded by Councilmember Koretz.

4. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames reported that BONC is reviewing its draft on social media policy and invited board members to look at and comment on it. It will be finalized in January 2021. Training is now required for LUPC members.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2020  
Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the September MER had a beginning balance of \$42,667.55, \$7,891.90 was spent including a \$5,000 encumbrance, and an ending balance of \$34,775.65 with \$34,663.01 available and \$112.64 outstanding. Laura moved to

approve the September MER, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and carried unanimously.

#### 7. RESIGNATION OF CYRUS BARAGHOUSH

President Lisa Chapman announced that Cyrus Baraghoush sent a resignation letter in which he stated he was too busy with work to participate anymore. The vacant seat will be advertised on the website.

#### 8. DISCUSSION OF RECENT DONE DECISIONS AND REPERCUSSIONS TO RECENT DONE DECISIONS ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM. INTRODUCTION OF MOTION: "THE WWNC SUPPORTS A 'NO CONFIDENCE' POSITION ON DONE AND ITS LEADERSHIP TEAM."

Problems with DONE and its double standards with regard to WWNC and North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) were discussed. NWWNC gets away with behavior that WWNC would never get away with. Semee Park should be in charge but she will not deal with WWNC and Julien isn't helpful. There is always pushback against WWNC's complaints. When NWWNC didn't post minutes and a complaint was made, DONE claimed that this had been corrected, which was untrue. DONE will not reveal how Michael Skiles kept his seat on NWWNC's board when he no longer lives in the area, despite the fact that on DONE's website it states that a NC member has to live in the area. NWWNC also routinely violates the Brown Act with impunity. DONE's decisions are not based on fact. NWWNC can share Westwood Park but WWNC can't share anything though it is eligible. The unequal treatment is striking and bizarre. DONE NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames said he would try to guide WWNC but can't answer all questions because they are beyond his scope, due to liability issues. Lisa Chapman moved to table the motion until next month, seconded by Stephen Resnick, and carried unanimously.

#### 9. WESTWOOD VILLAGE UPDATE

Sandy Brown reported that Westwood Village's BID has asked CD5 to get rid of the Westwood Village Specific Plan and has wasted \$150,000 on surveys and consultants.

#### 10. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive – no report

B. Land Use & Planning

1. Discussion/Action

10939 Ohio Avenue

Transit-Oriented Community project for a new 6-story, 18-unit, apartment building over 2 subterranean parking levels

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CI941AtFfYAehPVGgmRFhAFktsDVVo8E>

Chair Marcello Robinson reported that he spoke with the project's architect. The project is going before the DRB next week so it will be presented to LUPC and WWNC next month.

C. Outreach & Communications

1. Nominations for Chairperson – no action was taken on this item

D. Homeless Task Force

1. Discussion of committee's plans for the future

Chair Lisa Chapman reported that she was on a call with Councilmember Koretz about Judge Carter's housing order to identify possible sites, some of which are Sepulveda & Wilshire, Gayley & Wilshire, and Hilgard & Lindbrook.

E. Budget Advocates – no report

F. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking

1. Discussion and Introduction of Motion: "The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that the City establish consistent rates for all parking meters throughout the city"

After discussion, Philip Gabriel amended the motion to the wording below, seconded by Stephen Resnick, and carried unanimously.

"The Westwood Neighborhood Council requests that the City establish consistent rates for all parking meters throughout the city due to excessive handicapped placard use that distorts the data used for smart parking. We furthermore request that street cleaning ticketing be suspended until February 1, 2021."

Philip Gabriel moved to rescind the original motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously. Philip Gabriel moved to approve the amended motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

G. Bylaws – no report

H. WRAC – no report

I. Park Advisory – no report

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.