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**WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, November 9, 2012 – 1:15 PM
Napa Valley Grille, Silverado Room
1246 Glendon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90024**

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Constance Boukidis and Dr. Jerry Brown present**
2. **Unanimous approval of this agenda as presented.**
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT/TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - Westwood Village Bid Area

Project Description: Request to remove 18 mature street trees and replace those trees in conjunction with sidewalk replacement project in the Westwood BID area.

Project Address: Westwood BID area, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Action(s) Requested: Request before Board of Public Works to remove 18 mature trees and replace same trees in conjunction with sidewalk replacement project in Westwood BID area.

Steve Sann, President of the Westwood Community Council, and Wolfgang Veith, President of North Westwood Village Residents' Association, conducted power point presentation of trees to be removed with contrast of before and after. Capri Maddox, Vice-President of Board of Public Works, discussed the City of Los Angeles position. Ron Lorenzen, Chief of Urban Forestry for City of Los Angeles, discussed the project, the pros and cons of root trimming and/or removal, available replacement trees, and commercial sidewalk requirements. Bid representatives Andrew Thomas and Eric Norton were also in attendance. Anat From from Cal Realty attended and outlined all of the problems her building located at Westwood Boulevard and Lindbrook suffer from the trees that surround that building. At Ron Lorenzen's urging, most attendees walked the area designated for sidewalk improvement and tree removal. Discussions were held regarding replacement trees and preservation of some designated trees.

The Land Use and Planning Committee voted to recommend to the full Westwood Neighborhood Council Board to pass a motion urging the City to preserve as many of the 18 trees as possible and use the largest replacement trees available.

4. **4:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT upon unanimous seconded Motion.**