WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MINUTES 9/28/16

Meeting begins 7:05 pm
Ends 9:39pm

Note: Minutes reflect actual sequence of discussion. It is the Chair’s prerogative to change order as needed. However the numbering of the items in the minutes remain the same as on the approved agenda.

It was also noted that Section IX (Motion to Support More Housing at VA) and Section X (Motion to Demand City Comply with Zoning) were stricken from the agenda because both items were not longer active.

Section I Call to Order
Attending Eric Nakamura (Vice Chair), Greg Ericksen (Outreach Director), Jamie Keeton (Chair), Jay Handal (Treasurer), Jian Kerendian, Kirk Watanabe, Naomi Kageyama, Ron Migdal, Rosie Kato, Xochitl Gonzalez and Zana Glisovic. Quorum achieved with 11 members attending.

Absent: Jean Shigematsu

Section IV a.b.c. (Approvals)
Minutes from 9/7/16 (special meeting) approved. 9 Yes. 2 Abstain.
Minutes from 8/24/1 (regular meeting) approved. 10 Yes. 1 Abstain.
MERS for August 2016 approved. 11 Yes.

Section VII c– Budget Committee Report moved to beginning of meeting because Treasurer J. Handal needs to leave early.

Update on Exhaustive Efforts (EE): Some progress on some of the items. No other details provided.
- Some discussion about unspent funds from prior year. J. Handal will confirm with DONE to confirm that funds are still available and not frozen per email from Grayce Liu, General Mgr. of DONE.

Motion to approve Budget FY 2016-2017 as proposed by Treasurer J. Handal. Due to EE only basic operations are approved with the remainder set aside for ‘litigation & investigations’ for several grievances based upon FY 2015-2016. For the current year (FY 2016-2017) the proposed budget is $6K for operations; and $31K for litigation/investigations. Motion approved. Unanimous.

Section III (Community Partner Reports) and Section II (General Public Comments)
- Speaker David Cain for America’s Healthy Kids. He is going to the 96 councils to advocate for community-based events that support kids and fitness. Cost is $2500 for 8-hour event.
- Community Speaker Hiroko (stakeholder) – noted there is a problem of increasing trash in the neighborhood. Noted problems with the local public library as well as construction sites.
- Community Speaker Alexa (stakeholder) – feels the civic center area has so much potential but only if there are efforts for revitalization and cleanup. It was noted that an ad hoc committee for the civic center was currently in process and she is welcome to join.
- Speaker Zel Limenih from Felicia Mahood Sr. Ctr. Spoke about the Center and their upcoming Halloween event. Participation encouraged.
- Speaker Janet Turner from Senator Lieu’s office – Spoke about proposal to create 1200 units on VA property. It is included in the Master Plan that is currently being reviewed at the national level. There are funds for Barrington Park (she said she will look into reports about excessive dog poop). She discussed the ‘Homeless First’ model that is considered part of best practices to assist those who are homeless to eventually transition to permanent housing.
- Speaker Mario Gonzalez (today’s sub for Officer Kirk who has been re-assigned). For the WLA/Sawtelle NC - a temporary officer liaison will be assigned. Office Gonzalez noted that robberies and assaults have increased primarily due to homeless-homeless interactions.
- Len Nguyen Sr. Field Deputy for Councilman Bonin – Reported that the Council Office will support Stoner Park Halloween event ($500) and the Felicia Mahood Sr. Ctr. Halloween event ($250).
- Elaine Paya from Stoner Park – making progress on various new initiatives and welcomes community input. Next project is
Trick or Treat “Host A Door” as safe and family friendly event. Welcomes community partners to ‘host’ a door and provide treats or educational materials.

- No public comment from representative from DONE.
- Several others were on the agenda but were not present (i.e. Daniel Tamm/Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement; Office of US Representative Karen Bass).

**Section V. Motion to Approve PLUM Committee Chair**
Recommendation from PLUM Committee to appoint Acting Chair Xochitl Gonzalez as PLUM Committee Chair. There is a motion to appoint Ms. Gonzalez. Motion passes. Unanimous.

**Section VI. Motion to Approve Inventory of Council Property**
Motion to approve ad hoc Committee to complete a full inventory of WLA/Sawtelle Neighborhood Council property with Zana G. as Committee Chair. Motion passes. Unanimous.

**Section VIIa and VIIb – Committee Report (Outreach)**

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**
Greg E. provided overview of general outreach activities including efforts to assist Stoner Park and Felicia Mahood Sr. Center Halloween activities. Had requested funds from Councilman’s office to support these activities that had been subsequently approved (see comments from Len Nguyen in Section III).

**Community Benefits**
Greg E. noted that he had often heard of ‘community benefits’ that may be available to the WLA/Sawtelle NC. After some discussion there is a motion to approve an ad hoc committee to review/analyze any community benefits and related funding that may impact WLA/Sawtelle NC. The motion includes members Greg E. (Chair) and Jamie K. for this ad hoc committee. Motion passes. Unanimous.

**Clean Street Application (Rosie K.) –**
The WLA/Sawtelle NC Clean Street proposal to the LA City Board of Public Works was presented by Rosie K. The WLA/Sawtelle NC is the Applicant/Lead Organization for this effort with partners Council District 11 and LA Conservation Corps a nonprofit organization providing youth volunteers. Local business partners will provide in-kind contributions. Four (4) local clean-up sites (LA Fire Dept., Nora Sterry Elementary School, WLA Civic Ctr and Sawtelle business corridor) will be highlighted. There is a motion to approve the proposal as proposed. Motion passes. Unanimous.

**New Members for Outreach Committee**
There is a motion to approve Zana G. and Alexa Almaz (stakeholder) to the Outreach Committee. Motion passes. Unanimous.

**Section VIIId – Committee Report (PLUM)**

**PLUM COMMITTEE REPORT**
Xochitl G. provided an overview of the most recent significant mixed-use project in WLA – the Martin Expo Center (corner of Bundy and Olympic).

- The WLA/Sawtelle NC PLUM Committee had taken the official position to OPPOSE the proposed Martin Expo development as currently proposed based upon unresolved issues with significant new traffic trips, safety issues and excessive retail and commercial/office space. The WLA/Sawtelle Board subsequently agreed with the PLUM recommendation to oppose the project. A Community Impact Statement (CIS) was also passed by the WLA/Sawtelle Board.

- The 'Community Impact Statement' was voted upon and passed by the WLA/Sawtelle Neighborhood Council Special Meeting held on 9/7/16. The CIS was then formally submitted by Xochitl G. to the City of Los Angeles on 9/10/16. The LA City PLUM meeting (separate and distinct from the local WLASNC PLUM) was scheduled to review the Martin Expo project on 9/13/16 but it was stricken from the agenda due to an unspecified filing issue.

- There were multiple community requests to re-agendize this item for a subsequent LA City PLUM meeting but this did not happen. The project went forward as an agenda item for the regular LA City Council meeting held on 9/20/16. The Martin Expo Town Center proposal as submitted by the applicant Philena Properties was approved by the LA City Council with a vote of 12-0 on 9/20/16 including Councilmember Mike Bonin, District 11 where the project is proposed to be built at the corner of Bundy and Olympic Blvd.

- The CIS was distributed at this 9/28/16 NC meeting.

- There was some discussion about the various development projects in and around WLA/Sawtelle.

**MESSAGE FROM CHAIR JAMIE K.:** Rather than wait until the end of meeting Jamie K. took a minute to inform the overall NC board to be mindful of communications. She warned that too many cc’s on some emails could hinder rather than help communications. She also asked all members to be careful when expressing personal opinions on emails and social media. Personal opinions should be identified as such so that they are not confused with a formal stand expressed or voted upon by the NC as a whole.
Section XI. Vote on Stakeholder Applications for Open Seats
- **Organizational Seat:** Two (2) candidates were reviewed by the NC including Moe Moshtashari and H. Fuji Shioura. After some discussion there was a motion to reject both candidates. Motion passes. Unanimous. There was general discussion that the seat would stay open until filled (no specific deadline).
- **Small Business Seat:** Two (2) candidates were reviewed by the NC including Matt Kohler and Danilo Torro. There was a motion to approve Danilo Torro for the small business seat. Motion passes. 8 Yes. 1 Abstain.
- **South East Representative Seat:** One (1) candidate was reviewed by the NC – Arman Ghorbani. There was a motion to approve Arman Ghorbani for the South East seat. Motion passes. Unanimous.

Section VIII. Committee Formations and Committee Member Approval
- Motion to approve Naomi K. to Homeless Committee. Approved. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Ron M., Jay H., and Jean S. to Public Safety Committee. Approved. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Rosie K., Kirk W. and Jamie K. to Bylaws Committee. Approved. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Greg E. to Aging Committee. Approved. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Greg E., Kirk W., Arman G. (new NC member) and Alexa Hale (stakeholder) to ad hoc Civic Center Revitalization Committee. Approved. Unanimous.

Other
- Motion to approve Arman G. as DWP Liaison. Approved. Unanimous.
- Motion to approve Sylvie M. (stakeholder) to Outreach Committee. Approved. Unanimous.

Some discussion on other liaison positions including Budget Advocate and LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC). Xochitl will check and report back on any updates to LANCC. All committees should be in place by November 2016 with committee composition and meeting dates. Chair Jamie K. will include reviews of liaisons and committees in future NC meetings. Some possible committees (e.g. ‘Sustainability) will be incubated within Outreach for now until it is decided that a separate committee is in order.

Motion to Adjourn due to late time. Adjourned at 9:39 pm

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