WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 7:00 PM
Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center

Start: 7:04
Attending: Partho Kalyani, Rosie Kato, Jian Kerendian, Jay Ross, Desa Philadelphia, Jay Handal (Treasurer; Acting Chair for 7/26/17 mtg), Eric Nakamura (Vice Chair), Jean Shigematsu, Arman Ghorbani (late), Ron Migdal, Naomi Kageyama (Secretary)

Absent: Jamie Keeton, Danilo Torro, Zana Glisovic

[NOTE: All NC Members will be referred by their LAST name. Stakeholders and others will be first name and initial or other]

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS (including Jasmine Elbarbary from LA City DONE)

I. Call to Order
Roll Call. Quorum achieved with 11 members present

II. General Public Comment

[Handal allows a resident with young children to speak on Item XX]

Community member: 1500 block of Carmelina resident. Many homeless living in vehicles. Has a list.
Sylvie – Would like help when working with public departments. Handal said he would assist.
Kato – Noted that she had suggested to have an NC ombudsman to assist with cases like those noted by resident Sylvie. Suggestion to get on August agenda.

III. Community Partner Reports

Office Lavenson: WLA Carnival held at Civic Center. No street shutdowns. 30627@lapdonline.com. Parking lot (where Petco is) has many infractions. Working on a plan. Property crimes are down. New Captain. All online. Send email if you want a weekly email. Please come out to National Night Out 8/1/17 @ Stoner. Please also sign up for my weekly email updates.

Officer Perez – community traffic unit. 3 regions. Pedestrians and bicyclists. Safety issues.

Len Nguyen Deputy for CM Bonin. Will be at WLA Farmers Mkt 11 am – 1 pm. 8/27/17. Last weekend we did community cleanup. Resident asks that lights be turned off earlier. Skaters stay late and are disruptive. Len noted there are safety issues. Len encouraged residents to go to Stoner Park on Friday night 7:30 pm for free movies. Their office has always provided some funds ($1275) for this event. Kato has noted traffic and other problem issues. Can be further reviewed once PLUM committee is in place.

Zel Lemineh, Sr. Center – Some info in back including free calendars compliments of Jewish Family Services.

IV. Approvals
a. Draft meeting minutes for June 2017 meeting (Secretary Kageyama). There are 2 sets of minutes. From regular meeting on 6/28/17 and special meeting on 7/11/17. It was noted there is typo on 6/28/17 minutes section XIII. Should be 10 Yes rather than 0 Yes.

Motion to approve June 2017 minutes with noted change. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdad, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain.

b. Outstanding MERs reports (Treasurer Handal). Last 2 months (May and June 2017). There will be new City system that is automated. Motion to approve both MERs. Kato asked for copies of bills. It is noted that this has already been requested from the City.
Motion to approve May and June 2017 MERs. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain. MERs reports accepted.

Note: need form (board certification) to be completed per LA City requirements for funding action items.

c. Interim Budget (Treasurer Handal). This is a 'can' i.e. simple budget in order to move forward FY 17-18. Intent to have a budget meeting in next few weeks. But we need to pass a budget today in order to have funds released.

Motion to approve budget as proposed. Unanimous vote. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

V. Update on 1405 Wellesley – File No. 2017-1594CU and possible motion for this project.

Dave J. Zohn (Burns and Bouchard – Developer). Brief update. Hearing today. Had support. But one concern about deliveries. All will occur on Wellesley. Access only by valet. Cannot park in the community. They are fully compliance with ADA. Still valet but will include trained valet for ADA compliance. Also security system throughout. There will be small ground level retail. Neighborhood serving retail space (small area).

VI. Motion to Appoint the Organizational Seat

Handal noted that past NC member Moe M. is willing to be on the board in order to get out of EE.

Kageyama asked Jasmine if the mandate of filling out 100% of positions is reasonable. Can DONE please consider.

There was a general discussion about the organizational seat, bylaws and funding issues related to EE.

Jasmine noted she will advocate on behalf of the NC.

Handal states on record that not having funds released due to this issue would be problematic and he would reach out to CM Bonin if funds are not released.

VII. Bylaws Discussion and Possible motion

Jasmine E. from DONE assists in facilitation.

Page 4 Article 4. Stakeholder definition. Must provide proof before officer elections.
Page 5. Article 5. Organizational seat. Must have a permanent office within the WLASNC boundaries. Some discussion on need for 501-c-3 status or other form of organization. Maybe too restrictive to only say “officers” of an organization. Also may be too restrictive to only allow organizations with their Federal Tax ID number as a nonprofit.

Motion to amend the bylaws to include the organization must be a 501-c-3 nonprofit organization (with Federal ID #) in good standing with the State of California. Yes (Migdal, Ross, Kerendian, Kato). 7 No (Kageyama, Ghorbani, Shigematsu, Nakamura, Handal, Philadelphia, Kalyani). Motion doesn’t pass.

Kageyama asked to have the word “nonprofit” inserted prior to the “community services”. Show of hands agreed to this.

Some general discussion on page 5. Official Actions. It is already part of parliamentary procedures to consider motions that include comments from the presenter, the public and so on. So may not really be necessary to re-state in the bylaws. Ross disagreed but remaining NC board members are OK with striking out this section.

Last sentence of section 505 (Duties and Powers). Stricken from bylaws. Can be reconsidered in standing rules.
Section 506. Vacancies. Question on 2/3 vs. majority. Majority will stay.
Section 507. Absences. Clarifying absences.
Section 510. Resignation. Some strikeouts. Accepted.
Section 603. Selection of Officers. Some discussion due to issues with election years (since it is not always in July). Several ideas discussed. Handal suggests moving details into standing rules that are easier to edit year-to-year. So simpler to state in bylaws that officers elected annually. Kageyama suggests the following for the standing rules – “Elections will take place annually in July except for election years; wherein elections will coincide with the election month”.
Section 701. Standing Committee. How many votes to remove chair of a committee. Nakamura noted that it is already stated earlier and should be consistent throughout the bylaws. General agreement.
Section 802. Agenda Setting. Some of the details should be in standing rules. Need to follow the Brown Act. Items made available to the board members should be also available to the public. Brown Act rules will be reflected in the bylaws. Section starting from “A call for agenda items...” should be in standing rules.

Article XIII. Amendments. 2/3 of board needed for changes in bylaws.

Article XIV. Compliance. More info added regarding code of conduct.

Motion to accept the Bylaws as reviewed and discussed. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Jasmine E. will make corrections and send back to WLASNC.

VIII. Presentation on File No. CPC-2015-2956-VZC-DB-CUB-SPR – Old Von’s Site – and possible motion

Taken off the agenda. They did not accept invitation to attend.

IX. Presentation by School Tours and possible motion to approve grant request of up to $2,000.00

Postpone until there is a representative next month. It is noted that they had completed application with attachments.

X. Motion to approve up to 200.00 for new business cards

Motion to approve up to $200 for business cards for NC members. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Ross notes that he does not want business cards – preferring electronic signature for sake of environment.

XI. Motion to Reimburse Naomi Kageyama for Domain Name in the Amount of $149.96

Domain name had lapsed interfering with email system.

Motion to reimburse Naomi Kageyama to restore domain name in the amount of $149.96. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

XII. Motion to Contribute $500 to National Night Out on August 1, 2017

Funds are used for food.

Motion to approve $500 to support 8/1/17 National Night Out. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain.

XIII. Motion to Contribute Additional $4,000 to Senior Wellness Fair Sponsored by CD11 on September 16, 2017

It was noted that the word “contribute” is not acceptable term per LA City fiscal guidelines. Other terms like “support” better.

No paperwork. Can’t vote. To be moved to next month’s agenda.

XIV. Motion to Up Zone Properties within the WLASNC Boundaries

Kerendian provided information regarding zoning.

It was noted that Keeton can clarify what can be requested from developers.

Page 2 – want you to think about it. Should go to plum committee.

Kerendian would like to close loopholes.

Public comment: would like to rezone this neighborhood. Needs more housing. RES4 is a positive thing.
No specific motion was put forth.

Jasmine E. noted that local PLUM Committee should not have a separate set of standing rules (nor should any other Committees). But general guidelines should be followed.

**XV. Motion to Adopt Motto for WLASNC: “Educating, Empowering, Advocating”**

Handal would like folks to something to think about a simple way to let folks know what the NC does. A type of ‘branding’ for the neighborhood.
- suggestion: Community First
- suggestion: Educating, Advocating, Empowering

Still tbd.

**XVI. Update on Stoner Park Tree Replacement and possible motion**

Ross noted that tree planting will be done in December. Will be recruiting volunteers. Looking for suggestions about tree selection. The group “Tree People” will be contacted to assist or provide recommendations. Ross is general contact person.

A community member noted that the group ‘City Plants’ – may be able to get arborist.

Sylvie – discussed trees by Sanitation. Different issue than Stoner Park.

**XVII. Update on Santa Monica Airport Closure and possible motion**

Ross provided a quick overview.
We should support closing the airport and help the environment that impacts not only SM but throughout WLA.
Kageyama suggested the NC commits to doing more Community Impact Statements because it becomes part of permanent record with City Clerk’s office. Future. Inclusion of PLUM.
There is a group in Santa Monica trying to make more green space. Would be good for our NC to be a good partner.

**XVIII. Motion to Form Ad Hoc Committee for the Expo Transit Plan and Q Conditions, and Election of Members**

Galen (speaker) – wants to join the committee.

General discussion about need for this Ad Hoc Committee. Various NC members and stakeholders participate.

One interested party (Nicholas Burns) is outside the WLASNC district.

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There is a motion to only approve members who live, work or own property in the district - 6 people for Ad Hoc Committee for the Expo Transit Plan including 4 NC members (Kalyani, Shigematsu, Philadelphia and Ross) and 2 stakeholders (Galen Pindell and Max Sherman). 7 Yes (Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Migdal, Nakamura, Shigematsu). 4 No (Kalyani, Ghorbani, Handal and Philadelphia). Motion passes.

**XIX. Discussion and possible motion regarding General Plan transparency**

Kageyama noted that this topic was initiated by a June participant in prior meeting. Kalyani noted that the speaker represented a political organization (Coalition of Preserve LA). General discussion with decision to have PLUM committee review it first.

**XX. Discussion and possible motion regarding preferential parking district**


Patrick G: Carmelina resident. Has been working with Len. Will refer to PLUM committee. Will begin fathering resident
signatures.

XXI. PLUM Procedures Update (DONE Representative)

No standing rules for PLUM. Postponed for future.

XXII. Election of PLUM Committee and Bylaws Committee Members

Not everyone knew there was an application.

NC members interested in Kalyani, Kato, Kerendian and Ross are interested in being part of PLUM

Stakeholders interested in PLUM:
Galen Pindell -
Max Sherman -
Timothy Sweeney – 22 year resident. Social service. Currently works for Well Baby Ctr.
Karim Wataghani – lifelong resident. Has been on PLUM in past.

General discussion about the number of stakeholders to be included on the PLUM.

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<td>Motion to have Ross and Kato on Bylaws Committee. 11 Yes (Ghorbani, Handal, Kageyama, Kato, Kerendian, Kalyani, Migdal, Nakamura, Philadelphia, Ross, Shigematsu). 0 No. 0 Abstain.</td>
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XXIII. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None

XXIV. Board Comment and Announcements

None

XXV. Adjournment

9:47 pm