WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 5, 2017, 7:00 PM @ Nora Sterry Elementary School Auditorium
1730 Corinth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Attending: Jamie Keeton (Chair), Eric Nakamura (Vice Chair), Jay Handal (Treasurer), Naomi Kageyama (Sec’y), Danilo Torro, Desa Philadelphia, Jay Ross, Jean Shigematsu, Partho Kalyani, Ron Migdal, Rosie Kato, Zana Glisovic

Absent: Arman Ghorbani, Jian Kerendian

I. Call to Order. Quorum achieved. 12 in attendance (plus 1 voted to be member; see below)

II. General Public Comment – none

III. Presentation by Food and Water Watch and possible motion

IV. PLUM Presentation and possible motion (Ross)

a. Approval of Officers – Chair (Ross), Vice Chair (Sherman), Secretary (Kato) – unanimous. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.

b. Playa Del Rey gas storage facility –

Motion to support CD11’s request that the City investigate possible violations and public endangerment from the Playa Del Rey gas storage field at 8141 Gulana Ave. in Playa Del Rey, and report back in the 90-day proposed deadline. 12 Yes (unanimous). 0 No. 0 Abstain.

c. Oil buffer zones – Ross says PLUM voted for buffer zone to be safe for residents and communities. 2500’ based on public health experts. One in Rancho Park (nearby). There are also 18 active oil wells within 1/2 mile. On federal land (VA). Outside our jurisdiction but it’s very close to our neighborhood. A public member from ‘Stand LA’ (Leah Garland) is a coalition of concerned residents; an environmental justice coalition. The member from Stand LA passed out a list of “Dirty Dozen” of the worst air toxins due to oil drilling.

Motion to recommend that no new oil or gas well (including new drilling or expansion of existing drilling) shall be located within a 2,500-ft. setback/buffer of sensitive uses that include residential, childcare, schools, and medical/hospitals. Non-conforming uses within the buffer zone shall be discontinued within 5 years. 12 Yes (unanimous). 0 No. 0 Abstain.

V. Officer Elections –

Nominate Keeton for chair. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.
Nominate Nakamura for vice chair. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.
Treasurer Handal for Treasurer. 11 Yes. 0 No. 1 Abstain (Kato).
Secretary Kageyama for Sec’y. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.
Outreach Director – Nakamura for OR Director. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.

VI. Consideration of Open Organizational Rep Board Seat Applicant
Jennifer Gavina – dual immersion teacher. 5th year teaching. St. Sebastian (Church and School) has been around many years. Wants to be an active member of the community. She found out about it from the Principal (who has been there for 2 years). Handal noted that he had worked with the school with trees etc. He feels it is great to have someone from the school on board. She was told of the NC position via her Principal.

Several board members spoke on behalf of Jennifer Gavina including J. Handal and R. Migdal.

Vote to accept Jennifer Gavina as WLA Sawtelle NC member (organizational seat). 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.

VII. Approval of New WLASNC Logo

Keeton noted that she asked Nakamura to work on this. Approved. Unanimous.

Vote to approve new WLASNC logo as designed by Eric Nakamura. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.

VIII. Election of CIS filers

Current filers are Kageyama, Shigematsu, Migdal and Nakamura

There needs to be 5 people. General discussion including inclusion of board officers, PLUM chair or members.

Motion to approve all elected and current officers (Keeton, Nakamura, Handal, Kageyama) and Ross who is the PLUM Chair. 11 Yes. 1 No (Kato). 0 Abstain.

Handal noted that WLASNC should be more involved with WRAC and other city-wide ‘Council File’ issues.

IX. Reestablishment of Outreach, Homelessness and Public Safety Committees

Motion to establish Outreach, Homeless and Public Safety Committees. 12 Yes. 0 No. 0 Abstain.

X. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Handal – ‘Drunk Tank’. Another secret meeting on Oct. 3rd, 2017 with ‘Partners’. No one from NC. Handal asked if NC could attend. But they refused. They are getting a ‘focus group’ together (meeting by invitation only). Handal says from a budget standpoint to do a larger plan. Maybe can have ‘soft money’ to have those who are willing to help pay for specific things. Media should be involved.

Some discussion regarding timing and logistics.

For canvassing – use post office site to pick out the carrier routes to do outreach.

Should we try to show up at their ‘secret’ invitation only meetings?

We need to get flyers out to the community and use Phantom Printing.

Westside NC has asked Handal to speak.

Philadelphia has said community residents are outraged about this. Social media etc. can get turnout for the 12th (if we are having it on that day).

A visual is important. Maybe a ‘jail’ prop or something that is more visual.

Maybe a smaller meeting for just a planning for the larger event. Maybe the businesses and also the Farmers Market.

Jeff Appel (Safeway), CIM, etc.

Budget, strategy etc. can be done at the smaller meeting. Maybe meet next Tuesday (10/10) to vote on marketing plan and money.

Old Delores site is owned by Wiseman properties.

Handal showed a picture of the center currently in downtown LA (skid row).
There is a general discussion about community communications and best practices for community mobilization.

There was general agreement to set up a special meeting for Tuesday 10/10/17.

XI. Board Comment and Announcements

Kato – The maximum speed on Olympic and along Sawtelle will be increased from 35 mph to 40 mph. Handal noted that the speed survey expired.

Ross noted that there will be a Bylaws Committee meeting on 10/21/17. The agenda will include discussion on ex parte communication. Handal noted that all board members are supposed to go out and speak to their stakeholders and have open communications. Ross noted that ex parte communications should be included as part of each month’s regular NC board agenda. General suggestion to have this issue go to Bylaws Committee first.

Kato will have table on Sunday at Farmers Market this coming Sunday regarding Clean Streets. Encourages others to come out to talk regarding the sobering center.

XII. Adjournment – 8:15 pm.