

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2020 at 7 p.m. online. Board members present were Linda Blank, Paola Carrillo, John Heidt, Jack Hileman, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, and Scott Tamkin. Members excused were Antonio Braga and Mary Thorndal.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Stephen Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. John Heidt moved to approve the October 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Eloise Metcalfe, and carried unanimously.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

3. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

No report was given.

4. CD5 REPORT

A. Westwood Gardens Park – see item 7

B. Westwood Park

There is no open space in the park to use because the space for the second soccer field is still fenced off.

C. Judge Carter's Order

Stephen Resnick was informed that Councilmember Koretz spoke to Judge Carter to tell him to remove Westwood Park and Rancho Park from the list of possible sites.

D. HHH Status

Each council district will have homeless housing.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

There is a balance of \$512,751.08, with \$2,800 owed to Emerson for the Accelerated Reader program. Stephen Resnick just received information about where to send the money so now it can be sent.

6. WEST LA HOMELESS ORGANIZATION

No report was given.

7. WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK

Linda Blank reported that the park should be open now. Linda emailed Recreation & Parks about adding new play equipment. The back corner of the park was cleaned out.

8. EMERGENCY CODE AMENDMENT

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0380-S1_mot_11-04-2020.pdf

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/f6518f0b-924e-4985-8e9e-41524adc427d/FINAL_Fact_Sheet_Local_Emergency_Code_Amendment.pdf
Stephen Resnick explained that this is a draft amendment to a COVID-related motion by Councilmember Koretz, which affects Westwood Village.

9. LIBRARY SECURITY

Linda Blank reported that the Westwood branch library and others have security due to the homeless and mentally ill threatening librarians and patrons. BLM is pressuring the library to remove security, which will create a huge problem. A letter has been written to the Library Commission in opposition to this proposal.

10. PROJECT UPDATES: 1427-1431 GREENFIELD; 1936 WESTWOOD

Stephen Resnick reported that three neighbors filed appeals against 1427 Greenfield. There was a hearing today in front of the Planning Commission, which he attended and spoke against the project.

1936 Westwood was built in 1991 and issued a certificate of occupancy for apartments. It is being operated as an Airbnb with few tenants, which is not allowed now. The owners wanted a hotel originally, and it was recently approved as a hotel. Barbara Broide filed an appeal, which she won because the issue was losing 30 apartments if it was turned into a hotel.

Fix the City filed a lawsuit against the city and the owner of an approved TOC project at 10575 Wilkins.

11. WEBSITE

Jack Hileman reported that the website is being tweaked to improve it. A marketing campaign to let people know about the website is needed and should involve multiple mailings. Scott Tamkin reported that the last mailing was sent to 5,208 homes and cost around \$3,050. A communications director will be needed as a point person for Kevin to get things posted. A membership coordinator will be necessary also. Eloise Metcalfe volunteered to email new members. The website can host a survey to find out what neighborhood projects the membership would like to see. A special webinar can be set up for a virtual annual meeting. Jack Hileman will send board members a link to the website with a list of what needs to be done.

12. INVESTMENT OF WHA FUNDS

John Heidt recommended investment in a diverse portfolio of equities with a five year horizon. Linda Blank will contact Charles Schwab, and John Heidt will contact Merrill Lynch.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.