

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2020 at 7 p.m. online. Board members present were Antonio Braga, Paola Carrillo, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, Scott Tamkin, and Mary Thorndal. Members excused were Linda Blank, John Heidt, and Jack Hileman. Also present were SLO Pete Ojeda; Zuriel Espinosa, Christine Saponara, Haydee Urita-Lopez, and Susan Wong from the City Planning Department; and two WHA members.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Stephen Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

3. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

SLO Pete Ojeda reported that crime is down significantly except for stolen vehicles. Crime in Westwood Village is mostly homeless-related including recent incidents of vandalism and shoplifting. There was a shooting at Habibi Café on August 22nd.

4. CD5 REPORT

There have been many complaints about Westwood Park being unsafe because of homeless. The new park director is supervising the recreation center, not the park.

Stephen Resnick called the corporate office of 99 Ranch Market, which is moving into 1360 Westwood Blvd. He received an email from someone in the corporate office, and is trying to work cooperatively with them and CD5 in the same manner as when Sprouts moved in.

5. WESTWOOD VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN PRESENTATION

City Planner Zuriel Espinosa gave an overview of the Specific Plan and discussed proposed changes to the restaurant category to include a fast casual category and options for dining ratios, and changes to parking requirements. This is now in the initial outreach phase and in the fall or winter virtual workshops will be held. City Planner Christine Saponara discussed city codes and stated that parking will be analyzed. Comparable sites were studied such as Larchmont Village, the Promenade in Santa Monica, and Old Pasadena.

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE MOTION IN REGARD TO CHANGES IN THE WESTWOOD VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN

Eloise Metcalfe reported that Jann Williams of Holmby-Westwood Property Owners Association chaired a committee on proposed changes to the Westwood Village Specific Plan and wrote two letters summarizing its findings. One was sent to the Westwood Village Improvement Association (WVIA) and one to the City Planning Department.

Eloise Metcalfe moved, "WHA supports Jann Williams' committee's letters to the WVIA and the City Planning Department and agrees with her recommendations." Mary Thorndal seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. WEST LA HOMELESS GROUP

Antonio Braga reported that the group has been meeting every two weeks together organized and arrange contracts with case managers. WHA sent a donation of \$12,500 and other groups have pledged money as well. The group has gotten \$47,000 worth of pledges. A website and facebook page are forthcoming. Antonio is trying to meet with CVS as a possible contributor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.