

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7 p.m. online. Board members present were Linda Blank, Antonio Braga, John Heidt, Jack Hileman, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, Scott Tamkin, and Mary Thorndal. Member excused was Paola Carrillo. Also present was LAPD Officer Brian Espin.

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Heidt moved to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes, seconded by Eloise Metcalfe, and carried unanimously.

4. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

LAPD Officer Brian Espin, filling in for SLO Pete Ojeda, reported an uptick in thefts due to an increase in homeless, unauthorized cars parking on the grass at Westwood Park, some of which were involved with drugs, and the arrest of a sexual battery suspect. LAPD's Care program will be downsized due to budget cuts. Officer Espin recommended looking at crimemapping.com for accurate information.

5. CD5 REPORT

A. Westwood Gardens Park – Perimeter Security

No report was given.

B. Westwood Park

1. Vehicle Access

A truck that had been stolen from a UCLA contractor was found at the park.

2. Soccer Fields

Construction should have started this week.

C. New Traffic Mitigation

A right turn only lane was installed at Sepulveda and Massachusetts. At Kelton and Midvale, two crosswalks were installed and stop signs were moved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

There is a balance of \$507,827.10. Stephen Resnick partially filled out a form for opening an investment account and sent it to Linda Blank, who will complete the form. Mary Thorndal is in the process of speaking with a representative of the Jewish Community Foundation about investments for non-profits.

7. WEST LA HOMELESS ORGANIZATION

Antonio Braga reported that the organization has been meeting every two weeks. It is active and raising money for two caseworkers. It is still waiting on the IRS for 501(c)(3) status. Volunteers are needed for a winter essentials drive.

8. WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK

There was no update, as Linda Blank has had no response to her request.

9. ITEMS FROM WRAC (WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS)

Stephen Resnick reported on several items outside WHA's area: a controversial large development near the Getty by the Berggruen Institute and affordable teacher housing being built at Palms Middle School.

10. WESTWOOD TOMORROW

This is an organization which will be leading the update of the Westwood Community Plan. The update will impact all areas of Westwood. Consultants may be hired and WHA may be asked to contribute.

11. TOC ITEMS

Stephen Resnick attended a meeting about the haul routes for these projects and learned that flagmen will be stationed at the intersections of Ohio & Veteran and Ohio & Greenfield. There may be litigation over a TOC project on Westwood Blvd. south of Santa Monica Blvd. because it violated haul routes.

12. POTENTIAL NEW BOARD MEMBER

Scott Tamkin reported that he has a client recently moved into the neighborhood who indicated interest in possibly serving on the board in the future. Board members agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

13. WEBSITE

Jack Hileman is waiting to get all the information that needs to be uploaded onto the website so he can give it to Kevin all at one time. John Heidt recommended that WHA buy an upgraded zoom package so that meetings can be run more easily through it.

14. POSTCARD MAILING

Scott Tamkin shared his screen of the postcard and board members made suggestions to complete it. He will order the postcards tomorrow with a special rate for 501(c)(3) organizations. Jack Hileman requested to be informed when the postcards are mailed out.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.