

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, online. Board members present were John Heidt, Jack Hileman, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, Yoav Sarraf, Scott Tamkin, and Mary Thorndal. Members excused were Linda Blank, Antonio Braga, and Paola Carrillo. Also present were LAPD SLO James Allen and CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Stephen Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

3. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

SLO James Allen gave year-to-date statistics for the whole area from Mulholland to Santa Monica Blvd. Burglaries, robberies and grand theft auto all rose. Theft, burglaries from motor vehicles, and aggravated assaults went down. Burglaries are the biggest concern currently. Because of budget cuts to the LAPD, there are no new hires, no new equipment, and no overtime.

4. CD5 REPORT

A. Future projects at Westwood Park

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the focus is on cleaning up the encampments on the east side of the park. Cleaning will start at the beginning of February, and then no camping will be enforced.

B. Park Advisory Board (PAB)

Stephen Resnick reported that no meetings were held in November or December. PAB member Tracey Fitzgerald told him that a meeting would be held in January but there is no communication with the community and sending a meeting notice two hours prior to the meeting is not acceptable. Jasmine Shamolian said that a meeting notice needs to be given within a certain time frame and she can speak to Eric about it.

C. Sidewalk cleaning

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that spot cleaning was done. The sidewalk on Veteran Ave. by the park was also cleaned.

D. Removal of light pole at Ohio/Sepulveda

Stephen Resnick reported that a light pole was left on the northeast corner of this intersection, which both DWP and Street Lighting claim is not theirs. There was a telephone pole there too but it was removed. The city will not remove the light pole because it is too big. Jasmine Shamolian said that CD5 will deal with it.

E. Sidewalk issue at Ohio/Kelton

Stephen Resnick reported that the sidewalk gets flooded at this intersection and then there is nowhere to walk. Jasmine Shamolian said that CD5's case worker will work on it but it is also the responsibility of the homeowner whose property fronts the area.

F. No parking for construction projects

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian explained that when a company has workers on a construction site, the company can ask DOT for No Parking signs. They sometimes ask CD5 for approval but not always. DOT will listen to CD5 so if there is a problem with it, CD5 can help. Jasmine advised Stephen Resnick to wait a couple weeks on the No Parking problem he saw and then contact her if the situation has not resolved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Tamkin moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 meeting, seconded by Eloise Metcalfe and approved unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Resnick reported that WHA's year- end total amount on December 31, 2021 was \$498,821.09. A check for \$1,800 to Media81 is outstanding. Schwab is up about \$20,000 and the total there is \$431,082.37.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

8. WEST LA HOMELESS GROUP (WLAH.ORG)

99 Ranch Market, which is moving in at 1360 Westwood Blvd., had been contacted by Antonio Braga for a donation but he had not gotten a reply. John Heidt moved, "WHA will send a letter to 99 Ranch Market welcoming them to the neighborhood, mentioning the area's homeless problem, and suggesting that a donation to WLAH would be welcome." Scott Tamkin seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 6, No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Mary Thorndal).

9. WESTWOOD PARK

See agenda item 4 A.

10. FAIRBURN DONATION AND BANNER

Stephen Resnick sent a check to Fairburn. Eloise Metcalfe has not connected with Paola Carrillo yet.

11. BOARD OFFICERS

Eloise Metcalfe reported that there has been no committee meeting yet. Linda Blank and Scott Tamkin will be on the committee in addition to John Heidt and Mary Thorndal. A January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2:30 p.m. was agreed to by Eloise, John, Mary, and Scott. Eloise will email Linda to let her know.

12. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES (FORMERLY COMMUNITIES FOR CHOICE) – DONATION [www.ourneighborhoodvoices.org](http://www.ourneighborhoodvoices.org)

Stephen Resnick reported that the organization doesn't have a budget yet but it will need to hire signature-gatherers to get enough signatures to get on the ballot and the deadline is the end of April. Scott Tamkin and Mary Thorndal said they would like to know how the money will be spent and Jack Hileman suggested having the organization give a presentation.

13. WEBSITE

Eloise Metcalfe reported that the website needs to be updated. Jack Hileman reiterated that WHA needs a social media coordinator to let Kevin know what to post monthly. Email needs to be sent out to drive people to the website. Jack will make a list of what needs to be done for the next meeting.

#### 14. MEMBERSHIP

Eloise Metcalfe reported that she receives a list of new and renewed members from Jack Hileman.

#### 15. OTHER BUSINESS

Stephen Resnick reported that the developer of a project at 1610 Bentley will return to the Design Review Board (DRB) tomorrow night at 6 p.m. The developer went to the original DRB hearing totally unprepared and had to return. A month ago, the developer returned to the DRB for a second time with another poor presentation and the project was not approved. This is a project where the developer gutted the property and left a lot of debris, which generated many complaints.

Ideas for an annual meeting were discussed. One idea proposed earlier was to have a social event. Another was inviting a CD5 candidate to speak since elections are this year, and this could possibly be done in conjunction with other organizations. Identifying a cause to rally around for the meeting was another suggestion and there is a question of whether to have it on zoom or in person.

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Thorndal moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Heidt, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.