

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, online. Board members present were Antonio Braga, John Heidt, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, Scott Tamkin, and Mary Thorndal. Members excused were Linda Blank, Paola Carrillo, and Jack Hileman. Also present was LAPD SLO James Allen.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Stephen Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

3. CD5 REPORT

There was no report as CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian was unable to attend.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Heidt amended the wording in agenda item 3 in the July 6, 2021 minutes and moved to approve the amended minutes. Scott Tamkin seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

5. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

New SLO James Allen introduced himself and gave a crime report. Crime is down year to date in all categories except grand theft auto and burglaries from a motor vehicle. The homeless are the biggest issue around the neighborhood. There are two problems: there is not enough housing for all and many don't want services or housing because they can get food and other items given to them directly on the street. Sidewalk encampments must be moved for cleaning but can be moved right back afterwards. They can be cited for ADA violations and not moving for a clean-up. Eloise Metcalfe suggested sending questions in advance so SLO Allen will know what issues are of interest. Current issues of interest are the homeless, drugs, Westwood Park, and Westwood Gardens Park.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Resnick reported that there is approximately \$13,000 in Chase checking, \$84,600 in a money market account, and \$3,800 in a Union Bank account. The Schwab investment account is ahead \$16,695.77. There is \$416,695.77 total in two accounts and total assets are \$514,224.24.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

8. MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CIRCLES ASHTON/WESTHOLME

Eloise Metcalfe reported that a motion is ready for Councilmember Koretz to put before the City Council, stating that they accept money from WHA for the planting. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian and Hector Bunuelos of Urban Forestry helped with it.

9. WEST LA HOMELESS GROUP (WLAH.ORG)

Antonio Braga reported that WLAH was formally launched on August 2nd. There are two caseworkers wearing identifying vests working eight hours a day, five days a week, to engage with the homeless and identify issues. One person has been housed already. WLAH is looking for volunteers and contributions.

10. 99 RANCH MARKET

Antonio Braga spoke with George Shing of 99 Ranch Market, who said he is waiting for permits. Stephen Resnick also spoke with him about deliveries, and will invite him to WHA's next meeting. The store will have food on the first floor and home goods on the second floor. A December opening is planned.

11. WESTWOOD PARK

Two weeks ago, approximately another \$600,000 was approved for Aidan's Place in addition to the \$750,000 approved in March 2020. Inspiration Matters will raise another \$200,000 for the renovation. Park Director Eric Mellem tried to schedule a PAB meeting to discuss the issue twice, but both times didn't work out so there hasn't been a meeting yet. A meeting needs to be held by October 2nd. Many people in the community are upset because there has been a lot of money spent on Aidan's Place and the new soccer field but nothing on maintenance or homeless issues. There are two openings on the PAB and WHA should have representation. Both Linda Blank and Stephen Resnick have asked about this.

12. TOC DEVELOPMENTS - STATUS

A. 1427-1431 Greenfield (Monster Greenfield Project)

A lawsuit against the developer and the City by a private citizen is proceeding. Settlement talks were held but yielded nothing. Stephen Resnick asked Councilmember Koretz to use Section 245 to stop it but he refused.

B. 10939 Ohio

This is a project on the northeast corner of Ohio & Veteran with a number of five-bedroom units.

C. 10751 Wilkins

This project is on Wilkins & Veteran and will have a number of six-bedroom units.

Fix the City filed a lawsuit and is now waiting for the judge's decision.

13. WEBSITE

This item was not discussed.

14. MEMBERSHIP

Eloise Metcalfe reported that the postcards didn't generate membership. Comments were that WHA needs a more substantial mailing and not having an annual meeting due to COVID is a factor in gaining members.

15. SCHOOL BANNERS

Scott Tamkin announced that he has artwork ready for a banner. After a discussion, Stephen Resnick moved, "WHA approves spending \$1,500 each for banners for Emerson Middle School and Fairburn Elementary School." Eloise Metcalfe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 5, No: 1, and Abstain: 0.

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.