

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7 p.m. online. Board members present were Antonio Braga, Paola Carrillo, John Heidt, Jack Hileman, Stephen Resnick, and Mary Thorndal. Members excused were Linda Blank, Eloise Metcalfe, and Scott Tamkin. Also present were CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian, SLO Pete Ojeda, and Emerson Middle School Principal Dimone Watson.

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 Pete Ojeda reported that there were several GTAs and bike thefts went down. In Westwood Village a suspect was arrested in a commercial burglary. A transient with a stay away order was arrested for trespassing in Westwood Gardens Park, which remains closed. Pierce Brothers Memorial Park is having problems with the same individual.

4. CD5 REPORT

A. Westwood Park

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the emergency shelter in Westwood Park has been dismantled. An average of two cleanups a week is being done at the park, but no tents or bulky items can be removed.

B. Judge Carter's Order

According to this order, homeless living in freeway underpasses must be housed in the same council district they are in. It is difficult to find places in CD5 to house them. A list of possible places must be given to the judge and parks are on the list but they are not a favored location.

5. WEST LA HOMELESS ORGANIZATION

Antonio Braga reported that the group has raised \$47,500 so far but needs \$250,000. It has a website and Facebook page. Jack Hileman will put a link on WHA's website. Antonio is currently talking with CVS but requested other suggestions or contacts for fundraising. UCLA, private foundations, clubs such as the Rotary, and other businesses or non-profits in the area were recommended.

6. CONTRIBUTION REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM AT EMERSON

Emerson Principal Dimone Watson discussed the program. All English teachers use it and it costs approximately \$7,800 a year. Emerson has already received \$5,000 towards the cost of the 2020-2021 program from the Westwood

Neighborhood Council. John Heidt moved, "WHA will donate the remaining \$2,800 needed for the Accelerated Reader Program for 2020-2021." Mary Thorndal seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. COLLINS & KATZ FAMILY YMCA – CONTRIBUTION FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The YMCA distributes food to homeless. It is not in WHA's area. John Heidt pointed out that WHA currently has no income and a financial report is needed to see how much is actually available to spend. Treasurer Mary Thorndal will work on this. No action was taken on this item.

8. TOC PROJECT UPDATES: 1427-1431 GREENFIELD; 1300 WESTWOOD
Stephen Resnick reported that the Greenfield project was approved. The DRB tied on whether to approve it but it was approved by Planning. An appeal was filed. The proposed project at 1300 Westwood was approved. It is seven stories with 31 residential units. Six stories is normal for TOC projects, not seven. It didn't go to the DRB because it's not in its area. An appeal was filed. Stephen Resnick spoke to CD5's Planning Deputy and they will support aspects of the appeal. Another problem with this project is that it will be all rentals, which changes the character of the neighborhood.

9. WEBSITE

Jack Hileman reported that the website is ready. A parallel program is necessary to drive people to use the website. He will report on a plan at the November meeting. A monthly fee for website maintenance will be need to be paid.

10. 99 RANCH MARKET

Stephen Resnick reported that the market will open sometime in 2021 but it has no planning number yet.

11. WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK

Stephen Resnick reported that Linda Blank would like to get more play equipment for the park. Antonio Braga reported that even though the park is closed, someone was living in there and had a tent hidden in the corner. The gate was left ajar. This was reported and the city sent a worker to clean the park. Stephen Resnick will contact SLO Ojeda about the lock and checking the park at night.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.