

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. online. Board members present were Linda Blank, Paola Carrillo, John Heidt, Jack Hileman, Eloise Metcalfe, Stephen Resnick, Scott Tamkin, and Mary Thorndal. Member excused was Antonio Braga. Also present was CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Stephen Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eloise Metcalfe moved to approve the November 5, 2020 minutes, seconded by Linda Blank, and carried unanimously

4. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

No report was given.

5. CD5 REPORT

A. Westwood Gardens Park – Perimeter Security

Perimeter security in the northeast corner is needed because there is an alley behind it and people are jumping the fence to get in and out and hide in the park. CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian said she would work on it.

B. Westwood Park

Eric is back as park director. Athletic permits were given out and then withdrawn due to COVID. The number of homeless tents in the park is deterring residents from using it. Stephen Resnick will email Eric about this. New encampments have encroached on the dirt path but they can't be removed now.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Two checks were written in the amounts of \$2,800 to Emerson and \$1,800 for the website. There is a balance of \$534,214.79.

7. WEST LA HOMELESS ORGANIZATION

No report was given.

8. WESTWOOD GARDENS PARK

Linda Blank reported that the park is open. Recreation & Parks has not responded to the request for more play equipment.

9. WESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER & SOCCER FIELD

The gym floor has been resurfaced. Cleanups at the park are still minimal and there was no cleanup during Thanksgiving week.

There is a contractor for the soccer field and construction is scheduled to start in January 2021. Mike Shull promised the community that the fence would be removed around the small field but that hasn't happened. Apparently the contractor will be doing that also.

10. TOC PROJECTS/ORDINANCE

A decision was finalized in the Greenfield project. The project on the corner of Veteran & Ohio is returning to the DRB on December 16th.

11. COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Stephen Resnick attends CPAB's Wednesday night meetings, and gave a report on the most recent meeting.

12. FOOD DONATION TO UCLA HOSPITAL

The hospital requested small care packages of nuts and other snacks for nurses and patients. This is done through the volunteer office, which has a list of requested items and will prepare and distribute them. Eloise Metcalfe volunteered to coordinate this.

Mary Thorndal moved, "WHA will donate \$225 for snacks for the hospital," seconded by Linda Blank and carried unanimously.

13. FRIENDS OF WESTWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY: OPPOSITION TO DEMAND FOR A "POLICE-FREE" LIBRARY, MOTION TO SUPPORT

A. Opposition to Police-Free Library.pdf

A group of about 200 people has been claiming without any evidence or incident statistics that all security is racist and asking the Library Commission to have security removed from library branches. Friends of Westwood's group wrote a letter to Library Commissioner John Szabo opposing this but the Library Commission decided to reduce the money set aside for security.

Linda Blank moved, "WHA supports the Friends of Westwood Branch Library's letter to Library Commissioner John Szabo opposing the reduction of security in the library." Eloise Metcalfe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

14. COMPOST BIN PROJECT

A. https://cpslo-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ssspitz_calpoly_edu/ESRPa5KZk8VPma1d2f16oABIKCjmqMFFbYBzuMgQu4_DA?e=v430Yp

Stephen Resnick received an emailed proposal from a Cal Poly student in the neighborhood who wants \$10,000 for compost containers to distribute. The city may sometimes distribute these. A suggestion was made to post it on the website to see if there is any interest by other residents.

15. VILLAGE FOR VETS/UCLA MEALS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

A. spark.ucla.edu/FeedVets

This is out of WHA's area but Stephen Resnick will send the proposal to Mary Thorndal to look over.

16. OUT OF AREA PROJECTS OF INTEREST

A. Wally's

The proposed project on this site is a five story, 109 unit apartment building, with units from studios to three bedrooms.

B. Strathmore Project

This project is proposed for a vacant lot next to a historical building. It was presented at the DRB last night and was panned.

17. WEBSITE

A. <https://www.westwoodhoa.org/>

Jack Hileman gave board members a tour of the website and all its features. Board members praised Jack for the fantastic job he did and made some suggestions. Next month will be a test run where everyone will join the meeting through the website.

18. INVESTMENT OF WHA FUNDS

Linda Blank emailed a proposal from Charles Schwab for a managed account with a 1% fee. John Heidt reported that Merrill Lynch declined to work with such a small amount of money as WHA has. Mary Thorndal reported that Morgan Stanley declined because of the small amount and they also don't work with non-profits. John Heidt recommended exchange-traded funds or a mutual fund. It was decided that Linda Blank should contact Charles Schwab about opening an account for WHA. A Vanguard fund would be good.

Linda Blank moved, "WHA authorizes opening a brokerage account in the name of the Homeowners of South Westwood." John Heidt seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 7, No: 1, and Abstain: 0.

John Heidt moved, "Based on opening a brokerage account, WHA will put \$400,000 into a Vanguard fund." Scott Tamkin seconded and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 7, No: 1, and Abstain: 0.

19. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.