

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MARCH 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 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 were LAPD SLO Pete Ojeda, CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian, and Yoav Sarraf.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Stephen Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eloise Metcalfe moved to approve the February 2, 2021 minutes, seconded by Scott Tamkin, and carried unanimously.

4. NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

A. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

LAHSA representatives did not attend.

SLO Pete Ojeda reported that the homeless in and around Westwood Park have been cited for ADA violations but nothing else can be done until COVID measures are relaxed. Their numbers grew at the park when it was a shelter and trailers were in the parking lot. Crime trends look good and the biggest problem is auto theft.

5. CD5 REPORT

A. Westwood Gardens Park – Security and Playground Equipment

Linda Blank stated that for a year she has been asking for more playground equipment because the park is underutilized, and has had no response from Recreation & Parks (RAP). CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that new Quimby fund money is available to be used in Westwood. RAP recommends how it should be spent.

B. Aidan's Place at Westwood Park – Replacement Project

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the initial request for Quimby funds for Aidan's Place was made in March 2020 and \$750,000 was approved. Now another \$650,000 has been requested.

C. 923 Broxton/Habibi Café – Nuisance Abatement

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that there was unapproved construction and Building & Safety is working with the owner to get the required permits.

D. Sign Ordinance

CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian reported that the Planning Commission passed Version B+, which is not the new version.

Jasmine also announced that street sweeping is now every other week and

nobody should get a ticket on the off weeks. There is a link to check which weeks are on and off.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

7. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST: YOAV SARRAF

Scott Tamkin introduced Yoav Sarraf, who will be moving into the neighborhood in a few weeks. Yoav spoke and expressed interest in joining the board.

8. MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CIRCLES

Eloise Metcalfe reported that her daughter Marisol, a landscape designer, looked at the traffic circles. Marisol recommended two types of ground cover and recommended that the same tree that is in the Eastbourne traffic circle be planted at the Ashton traffic circle. The utilities at the traffic circle should be checked because there may be sewer lines. There are less sprinklers at the Ashton traffic circle than the Eastbourne one. Eloise will ask CD5 Field Deputy Jasmine Shamolian about water and sewer lines.

Mary Thorndal moved, "WHA accepts Marisol's planting materials and plan recommendations," seconded by Jack Hileman, and carried unanimously.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Resnick reported that he closed WHA's extra accounts and put \$400,000 into the Schwab account. Linda Blank will contact Schwab to transfer the money into the Vanguard ETF. There are two accounts left now, a checking account with \$15,000 and a savings account with \$84,601. \$2,500 in dues was received. Stephen Resnick received a letter of affirmation from the IRS and is still waiting on the letter of determination for a 501(c)(4). Mary Thorndal still needs documents in order to proceed with her investment research.

10. WEST LA HOMELESS (WLAH.ORG)

No report was given.

11. STATUS/UPDATE OF OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE

WHA donated money to West LA Homeless and would like an update on what is happening. Jack Hileman suggested inviting the head of the organization to a WHA meeting. Stephen Resnick will contact him. Linda Blank reported that the organization now has 501(c)(3) status.

12. THE MAJESTIC CREST

UCLA released a 300+ page document about the theater, which WHA helped get historic status for. UCLA is raising money to renovate the theater, which will be renamed the Nimoy Crest.

13. WESTWOOD TOMORROW

Linda Blank, Eloise Metcalfe, and Stephen Resnick attended the last meeting where Rick Caruso was the speaker. Caruso gave advice and ideas for how to improve Westwood Village but said that a problem there is many property owners who don't want to cooperate or change. He tried to buy parcels there in order to create something but it didn't work.

14. LIVABLE CALIFORNIA/UNITED NEIGHBORS

Stephen Resnick discussed the organizations below as worthwhile to support and donate to.

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

This is an organization that opposes SB9 and SB10, has lobbyists, and has over two hundred people attend its meetings.

B. <https://www.unitedneighbors.net>

This organization was founded by residents of Sherman Oaks and has made drawings of what would happen if SB9 and SB10 pass.

15. NEW STATE LEGISLATION

A. Motion to oppose SB9/SB10

Stephen Resnick explained that both of these bills will eliminate single family zoning and local control. John Heidt moved, "WHA opposes SB9 and SB10." Mary Thorndal seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

16. LAND USE ITEMS

A. 1610 Bentley

B. 1427 – 1433 Greenfield

C. 10926 Ohio

There was no report on these items.

17. WEBSITE

Jack Hileman reported that all is functioning well.

18. MEMBERSHIP

Eloise Metcalfe announced that a welcome email for new members went out. Stephen Resnick was told that getting a donation from Bristol Farms has to go through its corporate office. Eloise Metcalfe recommended giving masks with WHA's logo on them. Scott Tamkin reported that the second postcard mailing should have been in mailboxes February 28th but it hasn't been received yet. He will send a follow-up email after the postcards are delivered. He already sent an email blast to the old email list.

19. ANNUAL MEETING

Stephen Resnick suggested the candidates for CD5 as potential speakers.

20. ADJOURNMENT

President Stephen Resnick adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.