

Contact Information

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Brief Summary: The Westwood Neighborhood Council is opposed to unsafe bike lanes and to bike lanes on Westwood Blvd that will result in the removal of any traffic lanes or the loss of parking.

The bike lane on Westwood Blvd should be removed from the Mobility Plan.

Additional Information: The MP 2035 Final EIR concluded that... the MP 2035 would result in the following unavoidable significant adverse impacts that are not able to be mitigated to a less-than-significant level: transportation (circulation, neighborhood intrusion, congestion management plan and emergency access); noise and vibration (excessive noise from buses and permanent noise increase from buses); and biological resources (sensitive species/habitats, Wetlands)."

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10822 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Board members in attendance were Dean Abell, Sarah Austerlitz, Angus Beverly, Connie Boukidis, Jerry Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Mark Herd, Ryan Krebs, Stephen Resnick, Clinton Schudy, Michael Stajura, Scott Whittle, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Carole Cohen, Jolie Duhon, Samuel Haws, and Mark Rogo. A quorum was present. There were 28 stakeholders and guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Whittle moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013 board meeting. Dean Abell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

A. CD5 Economic Development Director Katherine Hennigan reported that she met with LAPD Captain Evangelyn Nathan and City Attorney Mike Feuer about the homeless so that now they can move forward on this issue. CD5 will be meeting with the interim head of LADOT to discuss crosswalks in Westwood Village and dangerous intersections in Westwood. Persian New Year is being worked on with regard to parking enforcement. The first Westwood Boulevard South of Wilshire meeting was held and the issues of beautification, parking enforcement, and the homeless were discussed. Monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at Mary & Robb's. The Department of Recreation & Parks will be invited to WWNC's next meeting.

B. Mayor Garcetti's Westside Representative Daniel Tamm reported on the Mayor's upcoming budget meeting on February 26, 2014 in Mar Vista. The Mayor is looking at a "Performance Budget", to change the discussion from what should be cut to what should be provided. If anyone has new and innovative programming to propose, the Mayor is interested. After the meeting there will be breakout sessions for participation. Tom Donovan has been reinstated to the West L.A. Planning Commission. Cal Tech seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones is consulting on earthquake preparedness issues. Chief Tech Innovation Officer Peter Marx is working on upgrading the old systems at City Hall. Marcie Edwards has been appointed to oversee reform at the DWP starting with customer service.

C. DONE Independent Election Administrator Alisa Smith announced that the candidate filing period begins on March 4, 2014 for WWNC's May 18, 2014 election.

D. UCLA representative Rachel Brashier reported that UCLA was represented at a meeting about bike lanes in Westwood but took no position. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will be speaking at UCLA in March and Bruin Days are coming up in April.

E. Metro/405 representative Erika Estrada explained the upcoming Jamzilla weekend. A six week paving of Sepulveda Blvd. will begin in February, which will reduce Sepulveda Blvd. to one lane each way.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stakeholder Sarah announced that she is concerned about construction bonds that taxpayers voted on which are being used by LAUSD to fund ipads. LAUSD has no idea how to fund them down the road and money is being taken from the general fund. This may not be legal.

Jerry Brown requested that this matter be agendized for the next meeting.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive

The Executive Committee had no report.

B. Budget

Treasurer Laura Winikow said that WWNC's expenses have come in under budget due to skipping a couple of meetings. The money saved, about \$200, can be put towards something else. Neighborhood Purpose Grants will be heard in April and there is about \$17,000 to give out.

C. Land Use

LUPC Chair Connie Boukidis reported that the owner of the Elysee Cafe came to the committee meeting with 28 voluntarily proposed conditions he would agree to in order to get support for a beer and wine license. The committee voted unanimously to support his application for the license, subject to the amended conditions.

VOLUNTARILY PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF OPERATION TO BE IMPOSED ON ABC
LICENSE/CITY PERMIT FOR ON SALE BEER AND WINE AUTHORITY AT 1099
GAYLEY AVENUE

1. The alcoholic beverages to be sold shall be limited to beer and wine only with no hard liquor. Beer and wine sales shall be limited to 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. on Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. on Friday and Saturday.
2. There shall be no alcohol "happy hour" (reduced price for beer and wine) unless such is a component of and accompanied by food service.
3. Any graffiti painted or marked upon the premises or on any adjacent area under the control of the applicant shall be removed or painted over within 24 hours of the discovery.
4. There shall be no coin operated games or video machines or other amusement devices maintained upon the premises at any time.
5. The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the premises free of litter.
6. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, served, or consumed on any property adjacent to the licensed premises under the control of the applicant.
7. There shall be no exterior advertising sign indicating the availability of beer and wine in the premises.
8. Applicant shall not permit any loitering at the premises or in any outside dining area.
9. Applicant shall conduct the premises at all times with due regard for the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the surrounding community and adjacent property users.
10. All employees involved with sales of alcohol to customers shall be at least 18 years of age. Within 90 days of the issuance of the alcohol beverage license, applicant shall make arrangements for all employees who manage, supervise, dispense or are involved with the sale of alcoholic beverages to patrons to enroll in

the Los Angeles Police Department "Standardized Training for Alcohol Retailers" (STAR). The training shall be conducted for all newly hired employees within 90 days of their employment. The applicant shall request written confirmation of completion of the initial training from the Police Department and shall submit a copy of such a request to any relevant governmental authority requiring same.

11. The telephone number of a responsible party representative of applicant shall be available from the cashier in the premises in the event of any disturbance or complaints regarding the operation of the subject facility.

12. Signs shall be prominently posted stating that California state law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons who are under the age of twenty-one years or intoxicated and no such sales will be made.

13. The premises shall at all times be operated in conformity with with the Los Angeles Municipal Code and all other constitutionally applicable state laws and local codes.

14. The premises shall be maintained at all times as a bona fide restaurant. At all times during normal meal hours, during which the applicant is exercising the privileges of the ABC license, said applicant shall offer menus and meals consistent with what is customarily offered during said meal periods. Food service shall be available to customers at all times when alcoholic beverages are offered for sale.

15. The quarterly gross sales of alcoholic beverages shall not exceed 50% of total gross sales during that quarter. The applicant shall at all times maintain records which reflect said sales.

16. No pool or billiard tables may be maintained on the premises.

17. No more than two television sets, screens, or monitors, other than those used exclusively by employees for point of sale systems or company administrative

business, shall be maintained on the premises and they shall be only inside the premises, not visible from the exterior.

18. There shall be no dancing permitted on the premises at any time.

19. There shall be no live entertainment consisting of a disc jockey, karaoke, topless entertainment or fashion shows. However, applicant reserves the right, in the future, to apply for a live entertainment permit to permit live jazz performers on weekends, inside the premises only, but will not do so unless properly licensed and permitted by all relevant government authorities.

20. Applicant shall insure that any use of the public right of way for any food or alcoholic beverage service is in full compliance with the L.A.M.C., including the Westwood Village Specific Plan and the applicable ABC regulations.

21. No patron bar counter, other than a service bar, shall be maintained in the premises in connection with the sale or service of beer and wine. No sales of beer may be made by the pitcher.

22. There shall be no lounge area exclusively for alcohol consumption in the licensed premises. The main purpose and use of the facility shall always be for a full service restaurant.

23. The approved conditions for this restaurant shall be retained on the premises at all times and produced immediately upon request of the Police Department or City Planning.

24. There shall be no admission charge for entry to the premises nor any cover charge nor shall there be a requirement to purchase a minimum number of alcoholic drinks.

25. Amplified or loud music, if presented, shall conform in decibel level to the standards of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (Sound Ordinance).

26. The subject alcohol beverage license shall not be exchanged for a public premises-type license nor operated as a public premises.

27. Applicant shall comply with all relevant provisions of the California Code prohibiting smoking within any place of employment.

28. Applicant shall not sell any alcoholic beverage to any minor. When a carafe of wine is served, all I.D.'s of all patrons at that table must be verified as being over the age of 21 years.

The WWNC LUPC recommends that the WWNC Board of Directors vote in favor of the Motion to support the application of the Elysee Bakery/Khalil Alaedinne subject to the following amendments:

That when Khalil Alaedinne petitions for ABC license, he adds language to his application such that given the over concentration and saturation of conditional use permits for on-site sale of wine and beer in the Westwood Village area and knowing that my request can be denied on these grounds, I am volunteering the following proposed conditions of operation to be imposed on the ABC License/City Permit for On Sale Beer and Wine Authority at 1099 Gayley Avenue

The following language will be added at the end of Condition Number One: "All alcohol sales limited to the interior of the premises."

Condition Number Two shall be replaced with the following language: The licensee shall not provide a 'happy hour' for the service of alcoholic beverages at a reduced

price for a specific limited time period. This restriction does not apply to reduced food and beverage promotions for members. Reduced price food is allowed.

Condition Number 19 shall delete: "light jazz performers on weekends", and replace it with "live music performance that would not consist of anything larger than a quartet."

Condition Number 21 shall end at first sentence with "wine."

Condition Number 22 shall be replaced with the following language: "The sale of any alcoholic beverages in pitchers is strictly prohibited. Beer shall be sold only in individual servings, e.g. bottles, cans, etc."

Conditions 22 through 28 will be renumbered 23 through 29.

Condition 28 (new 29) will have the following language inserted in second sentence after When a, "bottle or"

Connie Boukidis moved,

The Westwood Neighborhood Council Board of Directors agrees to support the Application by ELYSEE BAKERY/KHALIL ALAEDINNE for, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24, W-1, a Conditional Use to permit the addition of an on-site sale of beer and wine in conjunction with the continued operation of a unique European/French bistro subject to and including the voluntary conditions attached to this motion as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth here in full.

Dean Abell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Outreach & Communications

1. Elections Discussion

Chair Lisa Chapman attended an elections meeting with Region 11 in Culver City, and will be attending a meeting every two weeks. The election will be held at the Westwood Recreation Center on Sunday May 18, 2014. The manager has been contacted, who said that two staff members at \$20 per hour will be needed and the facility should be open two hours before and after the election. There is \$1,000 in the Outreach budget to spend on the election. An alternate Elections Chair needs to be appointed because Lisa will be unable to attend all meetings before the election. The election stipulation worksheet needs to be voted on.

a. Stephen Resnick moved to hold the election from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. , seconded by Scott Whittle. The motion carried with 8 votes in favor.

Clinton Schudy moved to hold the election from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., seconded by Ryan Krebs. This motion carried with 12 votes in favor, overriding the previous vote.

b. Connie Boukidis moved to approve the vote by mail option. Angus Beverly seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of Yes: 12 and No: 2.

c. Mark Herd moved to have the ballot also in Farsi, seconded by Roozbeh Farahanipour. The motion carried unanimously. Jerry Brown moved to add Spanish to the ballot, seconded by Lisa Chapman. The motion carried

unanimously.

d. Mark Herd nominated Angus Beverly to be the alternate Elections Chair, and Angus accepted.

A vote to send in the election stipulation sheet was unanimous.

E. Public Safety

There was no report.

F. Traffic

Chair Angus Beverly had no update.

G. WRAC

1. Ryan Krebs urged the board to ratify the following motion.

Resolved, that the Westwood Neighborhood Council requests the City Controller, Housing Department, and Los Angeles City Council to inventory all income-restricted units built under SB 1818 and all RSO (Rent Stabilization Ordinance) units and buildings that have replaced pre-1978 multi-family buildings

Connie Boukidis moved to ratify the motion, Scott Whittle seconded. The motion

carried by a show of hands.

2. Cell Tower Regulations

No action was taken on this motion.

6. BICYCLE LANES

Jerry Brown reported that the segment of Westwood Blvd. between Wellworth and LeConte has been proposed for a bicycle lane. This is a dangerous area because of the volume of traffic.

CD5 Transportation Deputy Jay Greenstein said that the bicycle plan is in its second year and that Councilmember Koretz is opposed to the proposed segment but wants to delay dealing with it until the fifth year. Councilmember Koretz is open to looking at Sepulveda Blvd. as another option. Studies have been done on Sepulveda Blvd. and using it would have less impact than using Westwood Blvd. Clinton Schudy pointed out that removing a lane on Sepulveda Blvd. would not be a good idea either. A further option would be having bike-friendly streets or shared bike lanes.

Jerry Brown urged Transportation Deputy Jay Greenstein not to delay the Wellworth-LeConte segment discussion. Westwood Village business owners should be heard from on this issue. Lisa Chapman recommended submitting a CIS on this matter. Connie Boukidis said that there is a Mobility Plan hearing in March and

asked Jay Greenstein to keep WWNC informed about this because they are two different plans.

Dean Abell made the following motion:

The Westwood Neighborhood Council adamantly opposes the construction or implementation of ANY new bike lanes on Westwood Blvd. or Sepulveda Blvd. between Exposition and LeConte (on Westwood) or Church Lane (on Sepulveda) if it will result in the removal of any traffic lanes or the loss of parking. We believe that the impact of such lanes on traffic, residents, and businesses will be extremely detrimental. Furthermore, we believe that these lanes would not provide adequate safety for bicycles due to the tremendous volume of vehicles, including significant bus traffic, that use these thoroughfares. We support the desire to locate and designate safe north/south bicycle routes in Westwood but request that these two streets no longer be considered. We strongly urge Councilmember Koretz and his office to actively promote this opinion.

Lisa Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clinton Schudy asked that the motion be forwarded to the Mobility Plan as well.

7. IMPACT OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Jerry Brown asked what NCs accomplish because NCs are reactive, not proactive. NCs should be advised on issues before they come up. DONE tells NCs what to do and they are

looking for success in numbers of candidates, voters, and Community Impact Statements.

Mark Herd requested the board's permission to ask possible candidates who will be running to fill Congressman Waxman's seat to speak at a meeting for 10 to 15 minutes apiece.

Stakeholder Steve Sann announced that this year's WOMP will be held on May 3, 2014, that Ralph's has signed a lease for the old Best Buy building, and that the Los Angeles Business Journal had a five page feature on Westwood.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Jerry Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.