

North Westwood Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
September 1st, 2021 from 7pm to 10pm
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September 1st, 2021 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

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1. CALL-TO-ORDER and Roll Call (Furkan, 5 Minutes)
2. Comments by Public Officials or their representatives including but not limited to: (30 minutes)
 - a. Los Angeles Police Department
 - b. Councilmember Paul Koretz
 - c. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - d. Mayor Eric Garcetti
 - e. Assembly Member Isaac Bryan
 - f. Congressman Ted Lieu
 - g. Westwood Village Improvement Association (BID)
 - h. UCLA Government Relations
3. Announcements (Furkan, 10 minutes)
4. Multiple Agenda Item Comment Period for items on the agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Up to 2 minutes per speaker)
6. Approval of Minutes for 8/11/21 Special Board Meeting (Andrew, 5 mins)
7. Discussion and possible approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2021 (Kyle, 5 mins)
8. Discussion and possible approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2021(Kyle, 5 mins)
9. Discussion and possible approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2021(Kyle, 5 mins)
10. Discussion and possible appointment of 2nd signer (Kyle, 5 mins)
11. Discussion and possible appointment of Alternate Signer (Kyle, 5 mins)
12. Discussion and possible appointment of 1st bank-card holder (Kyle, 5 mins)
13. Discussion and possible appointment of 2nd bank cardholder (Kyle, 5 mins)

14. Discussion and possible resolution in support of The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) motion in support of City Council File: 20-0584 and 20-0498. (Andrew, 20 mins)

WRAC Motion:

“WRAC supports motions (City Council File: 20-0584 and 20-0498) introduced by Councilmember David Ryu/Koretz and O’Farrell/Martinez to create incentives for employees of businesses and for government officials and employees to work from home.

While remote work is not a panacea for the climate crisis, making the practice more widespread and available in Los Angeles could help to reduce commuter traffic, which would have the benefit of reducing vehicle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Teleworking is just one of many tools in our toolbox that we must utilize to fight the climate crisis and create sustainable air quality improvements to our region.

By improving air quality, we also create healthier Angelenos. Air pollution is linked to a host of health problems and makes people more vulnerable to COVID-19. A recent UCLA study found that approximately 14,000 premature deaths could be avoided annually if California decreases greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050.

Underserved communities who suffer the most from air pollution would see disproportionately higher level of benefits from cleaner air, the study also found.

WRAC actively supports the City studying these issues further and exploring their timely implementation in the City of Los Angeles.”

15. Discussion and possible resolution in support of The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) motion for a Request for Improved Signage & Enforcement re EV Charging Stations (Andrew, 10 mins)

WRAC Motion: “The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils requests that the city of Los Angeles improves signage in electric vehicle charging locations to discourage non-charging vehicles (both ICE and EVs) from parking there. It further requests that the city issue a warning ticket and subsequent fine to any vehicle owners who repeatedly park in these spots illegally once adequate signage is installed.”

16. Discussion and possible approval of CIS to be submitted to LA City Council in opposition of Council File 21-0929 (Andrew, 10 mins)

CF 21-0929:

‘WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Municipal Code, section 41.18(d), states: No person shall be found to be in violation of any prohibition set forth in Subsection (c), unless and until: (i) the City Council has taken action, by resolution, to designate a specified area or areas for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way; (ii) the City has posted signage at the designated area or areas set forth in the resolution, with such signage including reference to any required findings adopted in the resolution, and giving notice of the date after which no sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way will be allowed; and (iii) at least 14 calendar days have passed from the date on which the signage is posted at the designated area or areas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18(c)(1) and 41 .18(d) hereby prohibits sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public rights-of-way within a radius of 500 feet from the schools listed in Attachment A, attached hereto and contained within the Council File.’

17. Discussion and possible approval of CIS to be submitted to LA City Council in support of Council File 21-0773 (Andrew, 5 mins)

CF 21-0773:

“Public spaces all across Los Angeles will benefit from the presence of adequate trash receptacles easily accessible by persons experiencing homelessness. As our City develops sufficient housing and treatment resources to bring people into stability and care, we have an obligation to provide regular services that will improve the conditions for all.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Sanitation to report back within 60 days laying out the resources—including, but not limited to, personnel, equipment, and materials—that would be required to up of three or more tents and to regularly service those receptacles every three to four days. The report should also include recommendations for the implementation of a homeless encampment trash receptacle program that will accomplish these goals.”

16. Discussion and possible action to schedule a board retreat that focuses on LA City training and requirements for neighborhood council members. (Mario, 20 minutes)

17. Discussion and possible action to appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23, and 30, 2021. (Mario, 10 minutes)

18. Adjournment

North Westwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes: September 1, 2021 7pm to 10pm

M. Nolan Gray, Secretary - Gray4nwncc@gmail.com

1. Call to order
 - a. Councilmember attendees: Erin, Vignesh, Nuha, Andrew, Josh, Sachi, Kyle, Nolan, Furkan, Kevin, Wren, Peter
2. Comments by public officials:
 - a. Carmen – UCLA:
 - i. Return to campus is underway. Expecting 50 to 75% return by end of September; phased return.
 1. Follow COVID protocols, students and staff must be vaccinated 14 days before; face masks required indoors; biweekly tests still required for unvaccinated.
 - ii. Commencement ceremonies at Royce Hall for 2021 this weekend.
 1. Following COVID procedures; students may pick ceremony through CTO; bigger ceremonies Spring 2022; True Bruin Welcome: Sep 17, move-in/welcome weekend! Olympic and Centennial Hall welcome.
 - iii. Welcome Week:
 1. Sept 19: Westwood Block Party on Broxton.
 2. First Thursday of each month after the farmer's park: events to introduce UCLA students to Westwood Village
 3. Sept 19: Bruin Hub grand opening, 24/7 space for studying, napping, overnight stay, etc. Good for commuting students.
 4. Sept 25: Volunteer day, including Westwood Village cleanup. Visit volunteer.ucla.edu.
 - iv. Athletics are back – go Bruins! Tickets are available at CTO.
 - b. Janet – Congressman Lieu:
 - i. Aug 24: House passed John Lewis voting rights asked
 - ii. Congressman started California Coastal Caucus
 - iii. Infrastructure bill is in reconciliation
 - c. Zac – Supervisor Kuehl:
 - i. Get vaccinated: Vaccinatelacounty.com.
 - ii. Booster likely to be recommended 8 months after second shot of Pfizer; administration will be more distributed.
 1. Immunocompromised are eligible for third shot today; see vaccinatelacounty.com
 - iii. September 28: Westwood Connect Day, connecting people experiencing homelessness with resources; at the Westwood Rec Center.
 1. Needed: donations and volunteers. Collecting at office at 1645 Corinth Ave (West LA Municipal Building).
3. Announcements:

- a. Kyle: Update that certain MERs still not approved; June and July to be discussed today, August pending.
 - i. Furkan: Need special meeting to work through finances; likely to be before October meeting.
- 4. Multiple Agenda Item Comments: none.
- 5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none.
- 6. Approval of August 11th Minutes; presented by Andrew. Available on the website.
 - a. Furkan moves to approve minutes; Andrew seconds; no public comment; Kevin, Josh, and Nolan abstain, all other councilmembers present approve; Motion passes.
- 7. Discussion/Approval of June 2021 MER:
 - a. Kyle: No money spent in June, MER illustrates no change
 - b. Mario: Andrew, Flint, John, Josh, Michael, Rachel are ineligible to vote owing to incomplete trainings
 - c. Furkan: motion to approve; Nuha: second; Andrew, Kyle, and Josh abstain; all other councilmembers present vote to approve. Motion passes.
 - i. Aye: Erin, Vignesh, Nuha, Sachi, Kyle, Evan, Peter, Nolan, Furkan
- 8. Discussion/Approval of July 2021 MER:
 - a. Kyle: No money spent in July, MER illustrates no change.
 - b. Furkan: motion to approve; Evan: second; Andrew and Josh abstain; Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passes.
 - i. Aye: Erin, Vignesh, Nuha, Kevin, Sachi, Kyle, Evan, Peter, Nolan, Furkan
- ~~9. Discussion/Approval of August 2021 MER:~~
 - a. Kyle: Strike from agenda, not available at website, discuss and vote in subsequent meeting.
- 10. Discussion/Appointment of Second Signer:
 - a. Kyle explains; Furkan volunteers.
 - b. Kyle: motion to appoint Furkan to Second Signer; Sachi: second; No public comment:
 - i. Aye: Erin, Vignesh, Nuha, Andrew, Kevin, Josh, Sachi, Kyle, Evan, Peter, Furkan, Nolan. (Unanimous)
 - ii. Motion passes.
- 11. Discussion/Appointment of Alternate Signer:
 - a. Kyle: It's nice to have if Furkan isn't available.
 - b. Andrew: Can Kyle be alternate? Kyle: No, he's First Signer.
 - c. Nuha volunteers.
 - d. Furkan: motion to appoint Nuha as alternate signer; Evan seconds; no public comment; Nuha abstains, all other councilmembers present vote to approve. Motion passes.
- 12. Discussion/Appointment of First Bank Card Holder:
 - a. Kyle: Idea is to have signers be bank holders, i.e. Kyle and Furkan. Volunteers are still welcome; cardholder receives physical card, must be in/near LA.
 - b. Furkan: We will combine agenda items 12 and 13 if we go this route.
 - c. Andrew: motion to appoint Kyle and Furkan as First and Secondary Cardholders; Sachi seconds; no public comment; Kyle and Furkan abstain; unanimous approval. Motion passes.
- ~~13. Combined with Agenda Item 12.~~

- a. Mario: required trainings for cardholders as financial officers.
14. Discussion of WRAC motion with respect to City Council File: 20-0584 and 20-0498.
- a. Andrew: purpose of the motion is to encourage agencies to explore ways to prioritize/incentivize city staff working from home.
 - b. Evan: Curious for more specifics.
 - c. Kyle: Is this cost-effective? Are there emissions reduction estimates?
 - d. Josh: As a developer, I've seen serious delay.
 - e. Nancy – WRAC: Reiterates purpose, provides WRAC context.
 - f. Kevin: Need to consider productivity loss, impact on overall economy, not just GHG.
 - g. Nolan: Shares productivity concerns, this is a conversation for agency leaders and public unions, shift to remote work could hurt young employees.
 - h. Sachi: Focus on incentives for housing near job centers and transit as a GHG policy, concerned about focus on remote work.
 - i. Vignesh: Remote work is not the GHG solution its being presented as in this motion. Shares desire for focus on housing near jobs and transit.
 - j. Kyle: Shares concern over shift to remote work hurting young employees; skeptical of claimed GHG benefits.
 - k. Nuha: Shift to remote work helps parents, city employees with disabilities; this type of flexibility is important. How much of the slowdown raised by Josh/Kevin is remote work versus the pandemic?
 - i. Josh: City employees have cited remote work as a cause of delays.
 - l. Evan: Skeptical of GHG claims; make commuting sustainable, build housing near jobs; concerned about productivity.
 - m. Andrew: Acknowledges different perspectives; this is ultimately a report back, no harm done in passing.
 - n. Erin: A third of emissions in LA County are from vehicles. Santa Monica emissions are down 60% with remote work. Will kids returning to school help with productivity?
 - o. Sachi: Motion does not consider essential workers who cannot work from home; is this excessively privileging certain workers?
 - p. Furkan: Torn on the issue.
 - q. Public comment: none.
 - r. Andrew motions to support WRAC Motion Incentives to Work from Home; Erin seconds; no public comment.
 - i. Aye: Erin, Nuha, Andrew
 - ii. No: Vignesh, Kevin, Josh, Sachi, Kyle, Evan, Peter, Nolan
 - iii. Abstain: Wren, Furkan
 - iv. Motion fails
15. WRAC Motion for request for improved signage/enforcement re: EV charging stations.
- a. Nancy (WRAC) provides overview: poor signage for EV station, a lot of non-chargers taking up these spots. This undermines efforts to reduce GHG via EVs; makes it difficult for residents in multifamily buildings to own EVs.
 - b. Nolan: How does parking fee collection work? Nancy: They are usually on unpriced blocks.

- c. Josh: Are there penalties for it? Nancy: Yes, but there is no enforcement. There is no signage.
 - d. Furkan motions to support WRAC Motion for request for improved signage/enforcement re: EV charging stations; Andrew seconds; no public comment; unanimous council approval; motion passes.
16. CIS to be submitted to LA City Council in opposition to Council File 21-0929.
- a. Nuha presents; this CIS has been approved by homelessness committee. Council motion criminalizes sitting/lying/sleeping on sidewalk in specified areas, principally near schools; CIS opposes this.
 - b. Jacob provides additional context; original council attempt at citywide criminalization; but this iteration is an effective citywide provision. Drafted a CIS in opposition.
 - c. Nolan asks to see the CIS; Jacob shares.
 - d. Josh shares unpleasant experience of neighbor leaving LA due to dangers posed by homelessness crisis; requests nuanced consideration.
 - e. Vignesh suggests that many of the homeless are children who need to be near a school, 17,000 homeless LUSD students.
 - f. Sachi urges nuance on the homeless population; not all persons experiencing homelessness are dangerous; this is a poor way to address the crisis.
 - g. Josh asks how many of those homeless LUSD students live within the exclusion area?
 - i. Nuha replies that we are not certain, but potentially a large population; Jacob discusses the data limitations.
 - h. Sachi raises that 7% of UCLA students are sleeping in car as context for homeless students sleeping near schools.
 - i. Evan reiterates that much of the board was elected on a platform of extending resources to the homeless population.
 - j. Peter argues that it's a poorly-worded statute; this action harms homeless families with children.
 - k. Vignesh refers to legal rights of homeless students to remain in original school; this action threatens that right; changing schools harms children.
 - l. Nolan is skeptical that this will solve the homelessness problem; it's merely shifting people around without addressing underlying issue.
 - m. Kevin suggests that 17,000 figure is not children sleeping on the streets near schools; many unhoused people who need mental/substance abuse help; asks for council CIS to address solutions, not just to dispute Council policy.
 - n. Josh asks about penalties.
 - i. Nuha answers that penalties include sweeps; possessions are taken, persons are potentially jailed; reiterates that CIS does suggest solutions.
 - o. Public comment:
 - i. Young: The council motion sets precedent for criminalization of being homeless in the presence of schools; sweeps only make the plight of the unhoused worse.
 - ii. Andrew P: Strongly opposes council motion, shares experiences of being unhoused, specifically how criminalization worsened the situation. Shelters aren't often available/appropriate. The unhoused stay near schools for refuge.

- p. Josh raises concerns: the council motion is vague, offers no solution. Protecting children is an admirable goal, but the focus needs to be on providing support to the unhoused.
 - q. Nuha motions to approve Agenda Item 16 and submit CIS to LA City Council in opposition to Council File 21-0929; Vignesh seconds; public comment: Rohini urges support, warns of precedent of criminalizing unhoused;
 - i. Aye: Erin, Vignesh, Nuha, Andrew, Josh, Sachi, Kyle, Nolan, Furkan
 - 1. Josh urges the committee to propose solutions for the addressing homelessness crisis.
 - ii. Abstain: Kevin, Wren, Peter
 - iii. Motion passes.
17. CIS to be submitted LA City Council in support of Council File 21-0773.
- a. Nuha presents, provides context. Purpose is to increase number of trash cans, improve their service.
 - b. Josh asks about the inclusion of recycling bins.
 - c. Nolan agrees that there are not nearly enough trash cans, resulting in litter; Andrew concurs.
 - d. Peter points out that it's not just a matter of trash cans, but servicing them.
 - e. Public comment:
 - i. Lex: Don't criminalize the unhoused; give them access to trash receptacles.
 - ii. Andrew P: This is valuable for transit riders. Too often there either isn't a trash can or it's full.
 - f. Furkan motions to submit a CIS to LA City Council in support of Council File 21-0773; Nuha seconds; no public comment; unanimous support. Motion passes.
18. (Labeled Item 16 on the agenda) Scheduling a board retreat that focuses on LA City training requirements; Mario presents.
- a. Furkan: This isn't required? Is quorum required? Mario: Correct, anyone can attend, usually on a Saturday 9am to 1pm. If no quorum, it's not an official meeting, but attendance is encouraged.
 - b. Kevin urges councilmembers to participate.
 - c. Furkan supports organizing a retreat; even if one councilmember can't attend, vote for it so others can. Chairs of committees should attend.
 - d. Vignesh asks about date.
 - i. Furkan clarifies that this will be determined; most likely a Saturday 9am to 1pm.
 - e. Josh urges the retreat as valuable bonding experience; inquires about the possibility of an in-person retreat.
 - f. Nuha reiterates importance of understanding the Brown Act, seconds the idea of an in-person meeting. Opportunity to address questions about policy toward the unhoused.
 - g. Andrew is in favor; valuable especially for new members. What's the process?
 - i. Furkan explains what we must vote for it and then schedule.
 - h. Mario: Unfortunately this must be virtual, pursuant to board of neighborhood commissioners policy.
 - i. Furkan motions to schedule a board retreat; Andrew seconds; no public comment; unanimous support. Motion passes.
19. (Labeled Item 17 on the agenda) 2021 Civic University

- a. Mario explains: it's training on city government for NC members. Number of appointees must be less than a majority of quorum to avoid this being a public meeting; consider diversity in selecting appointees.
 - b. Nolan asks about time: three sessions, all start at 6:30pm, 90 minutes long, dates specified in agenda.
 - c. Andrew urges others to join, indicates desire to attend.
 - i. Mario: if other members want to join, reach out by next Tuesday.
 - d. Furkan motions to appoint Andrew to attend 2021 Civic University; Nuha seconds; no public comment; unanimous approval. Motion passes.
20. (Labeled item 17 on the agenda) Meeting adjourned.