

North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting
May 12th, 2021 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm
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AGENDA

(Parenthetical Times Are Just Estimates: Items May be Taken out-of-order without objection)

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PARTICIPATION

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Public Speakers

The public is requested to dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. The Council shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Council on each agenda item before or during the Council's consideration of the item. A member of the public wishing to speak on only one agenda item that is eligible for public comment shall be given an opportunity to speak for up to 2 minutes when that item is considered by Council, or, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, before consideration of the item.

Members of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall combine and present their comments addressing the agenda items at or near the beginning of the meeting during a segment called "Multiple Agenda Item Comment." A member of the public speaking on more than one agenda item shall be allowed to speak for up to a total of three minutes per meeting. This will be the only opportunity to speak, other than during General Public Comment, for those members of the public who have submitted speaker cards on more than one agenda item. Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the General Public Comment period and shall be limited to 2 minutes.

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addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact
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**North Westwood Neighborhood Council
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May 5th, 2021 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

AGENDA

1. Call-to-order and roll call (2 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
 - Jasmine Shamolian - It's been a pleasure to work with the outgoing Board members
 - CD15 Working Group underway
 - Andrew Lewis is Rep from NWWNC
 - CD5 got \$450k to PATH
 - Bulky item removal can be Scheduled
 - If done before, one can be cited
 - Working on mitigation measures for speeding on Wilshire Blvd (between Beverly Hills limit and Westwood Blvd)
 - Successfully allocated funding for that
 - CM Koretz just sent Letter to Metro re Sepulveda Transit Project stating support for monorail technology for project
 - c. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - Zak G: LA County has moved into Yellow Tier - Bars can open at 25 %
 - Continue to wear masks and Social Distance
 - Never drink and drive
 - Starting tomorrow Pfizer vaccine will be open to 12-15 year olds
 - d. Mayor Eric Garcetti
 - Brad Fingard: Vaccine equity program
 - Science evening clinics
 - Westwood is just above 50% vaccinated
 - Mayor's Budget Proposal:
 - e. Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove
 - f. Congressman Ted Lieu
 - Janet Turner: The VA is open for Bike Riders and runners
 - The Congressman has asked for support for UCLA Mobile Clinic
 - Congressman has allocated funding for UCLA Writing Program
 - 'Invaluable American Stories'
 - 'The Great Divide' & Current events
 - g. Westwood Village Improvement Association (BID)

h. UCLA Government Relations

-Carmen: Student Celebrations/'Commencements' - Starting this weekend with the School of Dentistry and Law School at LATC

-Undergrad Celebrations will begin on June 10th

J. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

-Mario Hernandez: NC Budgets Fiscal Packet

-Furkan: None of Candidates that were disqualified were Emailed that their Candidate documents were insufficient

-Michael - That is true , but should be directed to City Clerk

-Josh: I turned in exact same documentation that was acceptable in current Election cycle

K. Senator Ben Allen

-Rad Nowroozi: First NWWNC meeting as Rep for Sen Ben Allen

3. Announcements (10 minutes)

Furkan: Current NWWNC Elections happening right in North Westwood

Noreen: S

4. Multiple Agenda Item Comment Period. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)

5. General Public Comment (Up to 2 minutes per speaker)

6. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from April board meeting. (4 minutes)

Aye: Andrew Lewis, Noreen A, Joseph Russel, Peter Clinco, Alisha R, Furkan, Wren Reynolds, Josh T

7. Discussion and possible approval of the April 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports. (5 minutes)

Aye: Andrew Lewis, Noreen A, Joseph Russel, Peter Clinco, Alisha R, Furkan, Wren Reynolds, Kevin Crummy, Josh T

8. Discussion and possible approval of a NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT (NPG) of up to \$5000 to World Harvest Food Bank to fund the purchase of pallet jacks to assist their operations in providing food to those in need in the Los Angeles area. (15 minutes)

-Xiomara: Glen Corado had accident

-Will be using the NPGs for two fork lifts

-Do not get money from State Govt, surviving off of donations

-Kevin Crummy in strong support, being that the Org will disperse food to folks in Westwood Community

-Motion to Support: Joey Russel

-Second: Andrew Lewis

Aye: Andrew Lewis, Noreen A, Joseph Russel, Peter Clinco, Alisha R, Furkan, Wren

Reynolds, Kevin Crummy, Josh T

9. Discussion and possible approval of an NPG of up to \$5000 to the Westwood Village Improvement Association to provide hygiene kits and restaurant gift cards from participating Westwood vendor(s) to serve unhoused community members. (15 minutes)
Michael: Tabled because

10. Discussion of the current status of P.O. box acquisition, and possible re-approval of the acquisition of a yearly P.O. box rental of up to \$250 in cost. (5 minutes)

Joey: Online form refused to take City Credit Card

-PO Post Office in Westwood could not create an invoice without person with credit card there, Joey is not in State, thus could not

11. Discussion of the current status of remaining funds for the year, and in particular encumbered funds which were unable to be spent due to the continuation of the COVID 19 pandemic longer than originally foreseen. (8 minutes)

-Joey: Will be losing LA Food Bank to City

- \$1800 will be encumbered from UCLA costs related to room funds

- \$600 encumbered to Social Media Campaign Elections will be rolled-over to the City

- \$617 not spent at Westwood copies, will roll-over to City

- Will lose \$13,400 to the City due unspent funds (2 NPG's that did not see to completion, and room and expense funds that were not used bc pandemic on-going)

- \$10k will roll-over, around \$2,400 will be lost

12. Discussion and possible resolution with respect to planning appeals in the Westwood area and possible policies that could increase the share of costs borne by individuals filing multiple appeals. (20 minutes)

-Josh T: What is an appeal -City Approved project

-Direct Costs of Appeal - Individual \$89

Business: \$12k

-52 Appeals filed between 2001-2020

-51% of those appeals

-City Attorney recommend amending LAMC Ordinance

-Introduce tiered system for appeals system

-Andrew: Cost of appeal proposed to increase by LA City Council

-Furkan: The more you file, the more it costs would be a good system

-Kevin Crummy: It's a complicated issue, folks appeal projects that are going to negatively impact them

-City is likely to double the fee (\$189)

-Require non-applicants to live or work in the Neighborhood, so they have standing in the Community

-Noreen: NC should approve appeals in the Community before goes to the City

-Josh: Agreed

-Joey: NC's can weaponize the process in the reverse way

-Josh T: the folks that make the appeal should live or work in the Neighborhood

-Peter Clinco: That will help prevent gadflies from other parts of the City from coming in and obstructing

-Many of the businesses have been hurt by the serial appeals, businesses bear the brunt of the appeals impact

-Josh T: These appeals are made after the City has approved the project

Motion to: First appeal starts at \$250, \$2,500, then \$5k

Accepted Amendment: Create a graduated cost structure reaching full recovery after 5 appeals or after a 5 year look-back

Appellant must provide reasoning of why they are aggrieved

They must live within 500ft of business they are appealing

-Kevin Crummy: Proposed Amendment: Create a graduated cost structure reaching full recovery after 5 appeals or after a 5 year look-back

Aye: Andrew Lewis, Noreen A, Joseph Russel, Peter Clinco, Alisha R, Furkan, Wren Reynolds, Kevin Crummy, Josh T

13. Discussion and possible resolution and Community Impact Statement authorization with respect to Council File 21-0002-S106 (Koretz), a resolution that the City of Los Angeles should oppose CA Assembly Bill 1401 (Friedman) which would prohibit Minimum Parking Requirements within 0.5 miles of a transit hub. (15 minutes)

Michael Skiles: Westwood will have two large Public Transportation projects entering the Community (transit hub)

Second: Furkan

Aye: Andrew Lewis, Noreen A, Joseph Russel, Peter Clinco, Alisha R, Furkan, Wren Reynolds, Kevin Crummy, Josh T

14. Discussion and possible approval for the board to inform the incoming board of several pending issues and issues related to board turnover, including Facebook social issues and elections authorization requiring a website/domain-based email address, account and website access and maintenance turnover, the need for the incoming board to quickly

appoint and train new financial officers, the currently pending P.O. box status, pending MailChimp status, and the need for the incoming board to quickly consider a budget and monthly expenditure reports. (10 minutes)

Joey: Incoming Board does not have to consider Mail Chimp, needs to use Council

Credit card to pay for Council items

-Council should prioritize appointing Treasurer, and Finance Officers

-New Social Media Accounts should be handed over too

15. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Board of Neighborhood Commissioner's approved 2021 Board Seating Policy, and to modify North Westwood Neighborhood Council bylaws Article V, Section 4, in accordance therewith.

Neighborhood Council Board Seating Policy 4/1/21:

"A. Board Members shall assume the duties and responsibilities:

1. after all official election challenges for the Neighborhood Council have been resolved;

2. after the City Clerk has issued certified election results for the Neighborhood Council, and;

3. after, if applicable, the City Clerk has certified the list of candidates and determined that the seats are uncontested such that no election shall be held. If a Neighborhood Council fails to register enough candidates to have a competitive race, the election will be cancelled, and the candidates seated by affirmation. The Neighborhood Council shall contact EmpowerLA to receive guidance in the seating of the certified candidates. EmpowerLA shall contact the certified candidates to provide guidance on when they begin to assume their duties and responsibilities pursuant to this policy and the corresponding Neighborhood Council's bylaws.

B. The terms of office for elected or selected Board Members shall commence on July 1 of the Board seat's election year. The terms of office shall end on the last day in June of the Board seat's election term (e.g., end of two-year term). Commencing newly elected or re-elected Board Members on July 1st allows the terms to be consistent with the City of Los Angeles fiscal year which commences on July 1st and ends on June 30th. No additional meeting or oath of office shall be required to begin assuming duties and responsibilities. On July 1st, all powers shall immediately be transferred over to the newly elected or selected Board.

C. Members of the Board whose terms have expired or were not re-elected shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until their successor has assumed the associated duties and responsibilities on July 1st.

D. The new Board Members shall assume their duties and responsibilities as a single unit on July 1st. No partial and/or interim seating is allowed. Where a single challenge to a single seat has not been resolved, the rest of the Board cannot be seated. It is assumed the incumbent Board will set the agenda for the July meetings, pursuant to the Neighborhood Councils' bylaws.

E. The Board shall have an organization meeting in the month of July (if applicable). The organization meeting is for the purpose of electing Board Officers, as one example of possible action Neighborhood Councils may take at organization meetings. F. Should a Board seat become vacant after the election; the Board shall fill the vacancy pursuant

to the Neighborhood Council's bylaw.

G. The administration of the oath is conducted in a manner determined by the Board. This process is ceremonial and has no effect on when the term of office officially begins, unless indicated in the bylaws.

H. Where a regularly scheduled meeting is not scheduled to commence the newly elected Board in July, EmpowerLA may choose to call a regular or special meeting, pursuant to the aforementioned criteria for the certification of the election and in accordance with applicable meeting laws, policies, procedures, and rules. In these circumstances, EmpowerLA may choose to preside over the meeting where the first order of business may be to hold an organization meeting, if applicable. EmpowerLA has the discretion to identify an independent third party to administer and preside over the meeting. Any leftover business from the outgoing Board will be acted upon by the newly elected Board Members.

K. Newly elected or re-elected Board Members shall be aware that once elected, their participation in the Board matters shall be subject to the State's open meetings laws (Brown Act) commencing from the time the election is certified by the Office of the City Clerk even if it precedes the date they assume their duties and responsibilities (please refer back to section A for detailed information).

EmpowerLA staff can work with the outgoing Board to craft the agenda for the regular or special meeting to ensure a smooth transition between the outgoing and incoming Board Members. Any leftover business from the outgoing Board will be acted upon by the newly-elected Board Members. The outgoing Board is encouraged to consult with EmpowerLA to prepare the agenda for the regular or special meeting to ensure a smooth transition between the outgoing and incoming Board Members.

Boards anticipating quorum issues for any reason may request EmpowerLA manage the Board meetings using available tools in order to allow the Board to conduct business. Additionally, as a best practice for the transition of Board Members, incumbent Board Members are encouraged to establish a mentoring relationship with newly elected Board Members and consult with them on items to be discussed before the Board. As a reminder, the Brown Act applies once the certification of elections is completed as described. Although the oath of office is not required, EmpowerLA encourages Neighborhood Councils to welcome the newly elected or re-elected leaders in a celebratory manner." (15 minutes)

16. Discussion and Recognition of Board members not seeking re-election or re-selection. (5 minutes)

17. Adjournment