

# **NWWNC Community Activities and Projects Committee**

## **Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

1. The NWWNC CAP Committee Special Meeting is called to order at 7:01 PM in Corner Bakery, Westwood by Mara Bracizeyski. Attendees are Mara Braciszewski, Andrew Lewis, Furkan Yalcin, Mario Sandoval.
2. Announcements on Non-Agenda Items: PARKing Day, an event designed to emphasize that space is meant for people and not just cars, was successful. It went well with funding support from Douglas Emmett.
3. Announcements by government/community representatives:
  - a. Westwood Library - Last free concert series featuring the Fiato String Quartet, doors opening at 2 PM on Sunday, Nov. 10. Refreshments provided by Tohrans, free parking for bicycles and cars.
4. Overview of the eight proposed events for our committee, considering our allocation of \$15,000 by the overall Committee.
  - a. Far Out Fest - Previously held 3 annual events, started as a student group. Previously worked with NWWNC and the WVIA to host the event, which attracted a large number of stakeholders. Music festival with events, chairs, furniture, art, merchandise, etc.
  - b. Open Data Literacy - Look into Westwood Library for Open Data Literacy day. Event working with Mayor's Office and DNE to host a data literacy day educating activists, business leaders, and stakeholders on open data. Budget minimal.
  - c. Comedy and Music Festival - Activities for families, like art workshops, sustainability workshops. Invite comedians from Westwood, UCLA to perform, give workshops, etc. Have local artists work together. Possibly work as a night farmer's market. Possibly more than \$2000, held in a parking lot.

- d. Places for the People - Event last held in Spring 2019, to activate a corner in Westwood Plaza with shading, seating, activities, etc. Designed to cultivate a space for UCLA, Westwood, Medical community to come together. \$2000 per event, three times a year.
  - e. Night Farmers Market - Extending farmers market, having a cherry festival inviting food vendors, grocery vendors, live music, possibly cherry beer from Broxton, etc. \$2500 cost, at Farmer's Market area.
  - f. Meet your Neighborhood Council - Event to greet constituents, inform them of the services the council provides, etc. Perhaps at corner at Le Conte and Westwood. Proposed Budget of \$500.
  - g. Committee for People Experiencing Homelessness Event - Possibly discussing in the future
  - h. Public Comment - A constituent mentioned that reaching out to local nonprofits, etc. to see if they had any ideas for events.
5. Discussion of possible action to fund and support Far Out Fest
- a. We discussed possibly requiring that Far Out Fest allow NWWNC to co-sponsor the event on Facebook event and to have a booth/presence.
  - b. Mara B. motions that "The NWWNC CAP Committee support the Far Out Fest with \$6000 for the event, conditional on the placement of NWWNC on brochures, a booth at the event for the NWWNC, and a presence on the Facebook page." Seconded by Joey Russel. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Discussion and possible action to fund and support Open Data Literacy
- a. Joseph Russel motions "that we urge DNE to consider the NWWNC as a location for future Open Data Literacy events, specifically using the Westwood Library or other computer labs such as those at UCLA, to provide this event to the Westside community, if and when the event starts up again."
  - b. Andrew Lewis seconds.
  - c. Motion passes 5-0.

7. Discussion and possible action to fund and support Comedy and Music Festival
  - a. Event proposal requests \$5,000 for lighting, PA system, stage, performers, security, stage permit, insurance, lighting, possibly paying artists, etc.
  - b. Concerns expressed by public comment to more fully flesh out the idea.
  - c. Concerns expressed to find sponsors to help fund the event.
  - d . Discussion on joining festival with Cherry festival at Broxton Ave.
  - e. Andrew Lewis motions “to support and allocate \$5000 for the Comedy and Music Cherry/Farmers Festival, with the goal of sponsors covering half of the fcost.” Mara B. seconds. Vote passes 5-0
8. Discussion and possible action to fund and support Places for the People
  - a. Public comment regarding support for Places for the People, recognized it as beneficial community event.
  - b. Discussion on leaving room in the budget for other events.
  - b. Mara motions to “support Places for the People with \$2000 and merge it with Meet your Neighborhood Council.” Andrew Lewis seconds. Votes 5-0.
9. Discussion and possible action to fund and support Farmers Market at night (merged with Comedy and Music Festival)
10. Discussion and possible action to fund and support Meet your NWWNC night (merged with Places for the People).
11. Motion to “merge 12 and 13” by Mara, seconded by Firkhan, Motion passes 5-0.
12. Mara motions to reserve “\$2000 for other events and to team up with the Committee for People Experiencing Homelessness events”, seconded by Firkhan, Motion passes 5-0.
13. Seeing no further business before the committee, Mara adjourns the meeting at 7:58

PM.