

North Westwood Neighborhood Council SPECIAL Board Meeting

March 1st, 2023 - 6:30pm

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AGENDA

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1. CALL-TO-ORDER and Roll Call
  
2. Comments by Public Officials or their representatives including but not limited to:
  - a. Los Angeles Police Department
  - b. Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
  - c. Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
  - d. Mayor Karen Bass
  - e. Assembly Member Rick Zbur
  - f. Congressman Ted Lieu
  - g. Westwood Village Improvement Association (BID)
  - h. UCLA Government Relations
  - i. Empower LA
  - j. Los Angeles Fire Department
  
3. Announcements:
  
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. Discussion and possible approval of February 1st General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes linked on website

7. Discussion and possible presentation with Sonja Cayetano - UCLA, to discuss 'DiverseArtsLA' (Andrew, 10min):

- a. "DiverseArtLA in which the non-profit Homeless Health Care will be sponsoring an advocacy display in collaboration with the Los Angeles Poverty Department. Our hope is to bring together artists, researchers, and advocates to lend their insight into water equity and access, giving them the space to show their research, express their views, and collaborate alongside artists and activists.

In tandem with assisting with the exhibition, I was hoping to connect further with the Neighborhood Council at UCLA. I would love to gather research within spaces where community members come together to address issues such as housing insecurity, public transit, and land use. Through my research, I hope to enhance our project's mission of water access and cooling resources amidst the effects of climate change."

8. CIS's in favor of Senate Bill411: State Senator Anthony Portantino introduced urgency legislation (Senate Bill 411) to amend the Brown Act and to allow the City's Neighborhood

Councils to meet virtually without there being a declared emergency, (Andrew, 20 min):

- a. CIS in favor of Council Files, 23-0002-S16 - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System / Remote Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment

- i. Resolution link:

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0002-s16\\_misc\\_1-10.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0002-s16_misc_1-10.pdf)

- b. CIS in favor of 23-0002-S17 - 'Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment'

- i. Resolution link: S14KONICA\_C23011012031 (lacity.org)

9. Discussion and possible recommendation to the North Westwood Neighborhood Council regarding a request by the West Los Angeles Chamber of commerce to name

intersection of Westwood and Rochester in honors of Women revolution in Iran and Mahsa Amini to Women Life Freedom Square (Kevin, 15min):

a. **“Our Request”**

We are a group of independent, non-political and non-religious Iranian-American professionals who would like to partner with local authorities in the City of Los Angeles to respectfully request naming a square, “Woman, Life, Freedom”, in solidarity with the organic movement led by the brave Iranian women and youth.

**“The Background”**

On Sept 16 2022, a 22 year old woman named Mahsa (Zhin) Amini died at the hands of the Iranian government’s Morality Police for allegedly not following the Islamic regime’s dress code for women. Mahsa’s death has sparked a widespread, woman-led, grass-roots movement in Iran, with Iranians risking their lives every day to protest the brutal regime and call for freedom. Since then, many hundreds of protesters have been killed, imprisoned and harassed, including [school girls](#), [university students](#), [musicians](#), and [athletes](#). What Iranians want can most simply be summarized by their main movement slogan: “Woman, Life, Freedom.”

**“Initiatives Since Mahsa Amini’s Death”**

The movement has received support from people all around the world as its message of liberty has resonated with everyone including renowned international artists, athletes and political figures who are witness to the bravery of Iranians in pursuit of their basic human rights. For instance, just in Berlin, an estimated [80,000 people marched](#) in support of Iranian Protests.

Mahsa Amini’s death has drawn international condemnation and demonstrations of solidarity – including by female celebrities and politicians who cut off locks of their hair in a symbolic act. From the early days of the protests, the Los Angeles community have shown their support for the protesters in Iran and their rightful demands by holding weekly protests (including the [freedom rally in downtown LA on October 1st](#) in which an [estimated 20,000 people](#) voiced their support), engaging with their local representatives to [demand support](#) and action, holding [memorials](#) and [vigils](#), and installing [billboards](#) and banners throughout neighborhoods in LA.”

10. Letter to UCLA and Resolution endorsing a heavy rail route for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, and the Support for the ‘Westwood Connected Plan’, (Evan, Jacob, 15min)

11. Discussion and Update/Presentation from Erica Gatic on Virtual meetings moving forward, plus updates on legislation and CIS’s to amend the Brown Act to allow for Hybrid NC meetings, (Erica, 15min)

12. Possible NPG from the Westwood Village Improvement Association, \$5,000 for “12 blue umbrella sets (with base and wheels) for the Broxton (Plaza) at Westwood Village”, (Nuha, Ernesto 15min):

- a. Purpose & intent of grant:  
“The WVIA requests a \$5,000 grant for 12 blue umbrella sets (with base and wheels) for the Broxton (Plaza) at Westwood Village. The umbrellas sets will be used in conjunction with the tables and chairs already purchased by the WVIA. Please see attached.”
- b. How potential grant will be used to benefit the local public community:  
“The LADOT People St Plaza project is scheduled to open this Spring, with the one-way portion of Broxton Avenue being closed to vehicle traffic. The "Broxton at Westwood Village" will become a permanent open space for pedestrians to gather with tables and chairs, games, live performances, and community events. This new open space in Westwood will attract visitors and students while strengthening the connection between residents and the Village. The umbrellas requested in this grant application will help provide shade for visitors to the plaza. Please see attached.”
- a. NPG docs linked on website

13. Discussion and vote to confirm return to Weyburn Terrace Skyview Room as NWWNC monthly meeting space, (Josh, Andrew, 15 min)

- b. Possible Weyburn Terrace Contract to approve

14. Standing Update re ‘Crosstown’ analytics for Westwood Village (10min)

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