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WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Board of Directors - Agenda **Wednesday, Jun. 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm**

Stoner Park Small Gym (south of main rec center) - 1835 Stoner Ave.

NEW LOCATION

West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025

Join online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82474769234>

Meeting ID: 824 7476 9234 (and press #)

Join by telephone

Phone: (669) 900-6833 or (833) 548 0282, (888) 475 4499, (877) 853 5257, (833) 548 0276

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All items on the agenda are subject to discussion, possible action and filing of a Community Impact Statement to the Office of the City Clerk.

Agenda, Minutes and documents: <https://tinyurl.com/WLASNC-Board>

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** 15 members (9 in-person for quorum).
- II. **MINUTES:** May 24, Jun. 24 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/WLASNC-Board>
 - a. Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1oDwTXvUj0AwkHGx0WImkKLyodXFb7QYG>
- III. **GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS (emails at end of agenda).**
 - a. City Advisory Council on Aging: Residents age 60 or older may apply to the Dept. of Aging for the opportunity to lend their insights into our community planning process, identify emerging needs and make recommendations on how to best serve seniors.
 - i. Info: Zipora Gipson at (213) 202-5635 or zipora.gipson@lacity.org
- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments on non-agenda items (minimum 1 minute).
- V. **ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - a. Open Board seat: Motion to appoint of candidate to vacant Small Business seat.
 - i. Applications: TBD.
 - b. Motion: Hold future meetings at:
 - i. Stoner Park small gym/dance building - 1835 Stoner Ave. (free \$0 because staff already is there in night hours). City will do ADA review on only 1 venue (Mahood Center), we may need to have to pay for extra ADA review for Stoner Park.
 - ii. Felicia Mahood Center - 11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
 1. Motion: Allocate as much as \$600 for 6 meetings at Mahood Center from Jul.-Sept.
 - iii. AB411 (permanent video meetings): Will be considered by Assembly (approved by committee on May 15).
 - c. Dept. of Disability: Requested improvements to parking lot and bathrooms at Mahood Center. Requested ADA review of Stoner Park.
 - i. John Rodriguez John.S.Rodriguez@LACity.org , Luis Mata Luis.Mata@LACity.org, Armando Ruiz Armando.Ruiz@LACity.org
 - d. NC office in new West LA Municipal Building: Motion - Request office (18 x 17 ft), shared meeting rooms (small for committees, large for Board meetings/events), storage for tables/chairs, bathrooms accessible to public.
 - i. Representative: Wayne Chow, BOE Wayne.Chow@LACity.org .
 - e. Motion: Oppose DONE's new/proposed requirements for BAC submittal for all regular and special meetings and events (regardless if fee is required).
 - f. Motion: Appoint representative to LANCC "Working Group for Constructive Change" to develop an NC Bill of Rights.
 - i. Comments due Apr. 15 but accepted through mid-May: lanccWG4CC@gmail.com
 - ii. LANCC version (May 14): See exhibit at end of agenda.
 - iii. LA Budget Tribunes (Separate group) version: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8x5avz>.
 - g. Motion: Appoint new CIS filers (5). Notify DONE of filers.
 - i. New CIS portal starts May 15 (use Angeleno account - [link](#)).
 - ii. Dashboard: <https://lahub.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/7f7ef3ea64d34fa3b64902914ebe8209>
 - iii. Staff: Thomas Soong cis@empowerla.org
 - h. Monthly profile: Cornerstone training (see Exhibit at end of Agenda).
 - i. Legislative updates from DONE: <https://tinyurl.com/4nh5amms>
 - i. Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hWqWBCnVcBEKsn8AXeXJ9i2g_MbSTjrW
- VI. **EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**
- VII. **OFFICERS REPORTS:** Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
 - a. Treasurer:

- i. MERS: Motion to approve **May** Monthly Expenditure Reports.
- ii. Current budget: Running budget for FY2022-2023:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kLN1VoiLaQZ4N9RTAX_GnJ-CE1CrkYsFDKCAYA1gCRY/edit
- iii. Motion: The NC shall approve as much as \$5,500 to provide, either independently or via an NPG, for a micro-network of EPA-approved air quality sensors to be placed at the perimeter of the seniors at-risk of construction-related health hazards and injuries resulting from the Carmel Partners / Exposition developments.
 - 1. NPG / documentation not submitted.
- iv. NPGs: Application available for Neighborhood Purpose Grants during FY 2023-2024 (Jul. 2023 to Jun. 2024).
 - 1. FY2022-23: \$0 available (all funds allocated at May meeting).
 - 2. FY2023-24: \$5,000 available for, starting in July (may increase if funds unspent during the fiscal year).
 - 3. Educational organizations and non-profits can win grants for projects that benefit the community and empower the neighbors.
 - 4. Info: <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/nc-funding/documents-forms/npg-documents> .
- v. CIPs: Community / non-profit organizations can receive Community Improvement Grants for events and resources open to the public.
 - 1. Info (see p. 35): https://clerk.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2021-03/NCFP%20Policies_07.19.18_Final.pdf

VIII.

NEW / CURRENT BUSINESS

- a. New West Charter School: Motion - NC to respond to request of Dr. Weir regarding neighbors' documentation of possible traffic and parking violations by parents and students.
- b. Public Records Request: Motion - NC to contact City Attorney about email contact by LANCWatch@Gmail.com, determine the sender/organization, and possible threats to Boardmembers.
- c. Stoner Park: Motion - Request that the City retain Adria Deliberto as Director of Stoner Park.
- d. Subsidized Pre-Kindergarten: Motion - Request that LAUSD establish a state or local Early Educational pre-school for low-income households/children in the West LA area.
 - i. Closest programs are in Santa Monica and Culver City.
 - ii. Possible locations: Sterry ES, Brockton ES, University HS.
 - iii. LAUSD representative, west region: Obiama Uche (per call in early June, she will research the request).
- e. Traffic: Motion - Thank you to WLA Police Dept for increased enforcement and motorcycle patrols of speeding cars and running stop signs in residential areas (south of Santa Monica, north of Olympic). Request to continue enforcement in order to reduce stop sign violations and protect pedestrians and neighbors from crashes.
- f. Coyotes: Motion - Request that city provide better protection from coyotes that walk through our neighborhood, and educate residents on how to avoid harmful interactions while respecting their lives.
- g. RV/Oversized vehicles: Motion - Request that CD11 add street locations that prohibit RV/oversize vehicle parking overnight from 2:00 to 6:00 am. Request that City or LAPD to monitor for illegal releases of sewage into storm drains.
 - i. Granville, Mississippi and Barrington around Ralph's grocery (Olympic).
 - ii. Nebraska, Stoner, Westgate and Missouri around Stoner Park (both sides).
 - iii. Centinela Ave. from Olympic to Pico.
 - iv. Around Nora Sterry, Brockton, University and private schools.
- h. Public Storage building (11335 Olympic Blvd.): Motion - Request that the owner comply with its landscaping plan / conditions to:
 - i. Replace 1 dead tree on the Olympic Blvd. side.
 - ii. Landscape on the Federal Ave. side with trees and shrubs/plants.



- iii.
- i. Presentation and possible motion: Proposal by LAANE to increase salaries/ "living wages" for tourism industry workers (June meeting).
 - i. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/4y3xddwt>
 - ii. Article: <https://laist.com/news/with-la-tourism-rebounding-a-push-to-raise-lax-hotel-workers-minimum-wage>
 - iii. Representative: Ashley Gonzales, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy AGonzales@LAANE.org
- j. Presentation: Safe Place for Youth - Non-profit that is the 'SPA lead' for 18-25-year-olds with housing insecurity in Service Planning Area 5. It provides essential services like food, clothing, housing, mental-health, educational, and job supports. Accepts referrals for unhoused youth, and seeks volunteers (June meeting).
 - i. Website: www.SafePlaceForYouth.org
 - ii. Representative: Dave Wimsatt Dave@SafePlaceForYouth.org

IX.

OLD / CONTINUING BUSINESS (updates from government/agencies requested)

- a. WLASNC List of Priorities: Updates from for CD11 and SD2 (emailed in April).
- b. New West Charter School (1905 S. Armacost Ave.): Request to present plan in advance of August board meeting to reduce impact of parent and student traffic, as required by its CUP and TMP required for operation in its zone.
 - i. Representative: Mark Herrera.
- c. Bundy Triangle Park: Request to expand park and open to public use with security and homeless prevention.
 - i. 2020 and 2021 resolutions: <https://tinyurl.com/3byb5xxm>
- d. West L.A. Community Plan Update: Channel housing to commercial corridors and preserve interior neighborhoods, provide zoning capacity and demonstrate that proposed upzoning is actually needed.
 - i. 2020 and 2021 Resolutions: <https://tinyurl.com/4c2bakds>
- e. West L.A. Commons (civic center / courthouse re-development):
 - i. Case #: City - CPC-2022-3679-DB-VCU-MCUP-SPR-HCA. VTT-83475. ENV-2022-1357-EAF. County - PRJ2022-000303, RPPL2022-000742.
 - ii. City and County will determine by May or Jun. 2023 if they will enact design changes requested in NC resolution of June 29 (public park with grass and playground, and permanent skateboard facility).
 - iii. NC sent letter in March to CD11 and SD2 requesting that their review be expedited.
 - 1. Resolutions: <https://tinyurl.com/2rew2suu>
 - iv. CD11 motion to create public amenities at Idaho Ave. parking lot.
 - v. Info: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/prj2022-000303>
 - vi. EIR: Scoping meeting (Jun. 14):
 - 1. Presentation: <https://youtu.be/fv0enzMvt8I>.
 - 2. Public testimony: https://youtu.be/zl2-E_stSuU
 - vii. Planners (for public comment):
 - 1. L.A. City: Polonia Majas, Milena Zasadzien, Alan Como – Milena.Zasadzien@LACity.org Polonia.Majas@LACity.org
 - viii. L.A.County: Jolee Hui - JHui@Planning.LACounty.gov

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Planning and Land Use Management (J. Ross, Chair): <https://tinyurl.com/yckv79tz>
 - i. 11540 Santa Monica Blvd. (Santa Monica Kosher Market building): Motion to request inclusion of retail and design changes, additional moderate-income housing, large trees.
 - ii. Barrington Plaza: Motion to oppose the evictions of all tenants of Barrington Plaza because of landlord/owner Douglas Emmett's likely bad faith use of the Ellis Act, and request the City enact the following policies for all tenants at Barrington Plaza and future similar evictions:
 1. The City shall lobby to revise the Ellis Act to better prevent bad faith evictions, and ensure that owners use it to genuinely exit the rental business. If the City or State determine that evictions are in bad faith, City relocation payments shall increase 25%.
 2. The City and/or State shall increase the current level of financial penalties by 25%, if owners/developers return to the rental market within two years. Those additional funds shall be paid to the tenants.
 3. Douglas Emmett shall provide evidence from a construction management firm that demonstrates that the entire project must be vacated and cannot be phased.
 - iii. West L.A. Community Plan update:
 1. Advisory Committee (J.Ross): Update on Apr. 3 and Jun. 5 meetings.
 - a. Residential: Upzone R1 and R2 with overlays and incentives.
 - b. Commercial: Increase base zoning and incentives on corridors.
 2. Info: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-update/planning-westside#home>
 3. Motion: Revise Vision Statement.
 4. Motion: Revise Guiding Principles.
 5. Motion: Oppose proposed General Plan Residential Land Use / zoning that upzone R1 and R2 neighborhoods, and instead, channel new housing to commercial corridors (per previous NC resolutions). Request zoning capacity and targeted increase in population.
 6. Motion: Request revisions to General Plan Commercial Land Use / zoning to decrease densities, increase affordable housing, increase greenery and open space, and design buildings that better interact with the sidewalks and neighboring residences.
 - iv. Motion: The NC requests that the City postpone the Housing Element's proposed upzoning of our neighborhood until the zoning capacity is fully disclosed prior to issuance of the EIR.
 1. Request that City use the State HCD handbook criteria that advocate fair housing and social justice goals, instead of the City's current criteria, if upzonings are determined to be needed.
 2. Request that the City collaborate with the NC to analyze local demographics, and create a better upzoning (if warranted) that complies with fair housing and social justice goals.
 3. Request that city channel zoning to NC's list of parcels on commercial corridors and adjacent to 405 freeway (13,000 units, 27,000 persons).
 - v. Motion: The NC requests that City widen the Sawtelle Blvd. sidewalk to improve the pedestrian environment between Olympic to La Grange.
- b. Homeless (J.Handal, Chair).
- c. Outreach and Communications (W.Chiu, Chair):
 - i. DONE website with marketing/ outreach/ campaign info and how to get involved in the NC: www.99NCs.com .
- d. Budget Advocates (J.Handal, Chair): Website: <https://www.BudgetAdvocates.org/reports>
- e. DWP: Updates:
 - i. LA Equity 100 program (clean energy).

- ii. Proposal to build new office building on Nebraska Ave.: Original proposal for 60-ft tall building to start CEQA review.
- f. Public Safety (R.Migdal, Chair): No update.
- g. By-Laws (J.Ross, Chair): No update.
- h. Environmental (J.Ross, Chair) - N.C. Sustainability Alliance www.NCSA.LA (Phil Ganchev, representative): No update.
- i. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Monica Mejia-Lambert, Chair): <https://tinyurl.com/375afamu>
 - i. Motion: Civil Conduct Values - Establish a set of Community Civility Values, adopt posited statements as part of these Values, and issue apology as necessary for having failed in its duty to ensure an equitable atmosphere for all voices and renews its commitment to raising awareness of unconscious, biased behavior and environments. We will continue to strive towards providing a forum where all voices may be heard and where as a community we vigilantly and compassionately look after our own blind spots.
 1. That microaggressions may be defined as a “brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, and environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative slights or insults” (Sue et al, 2007),
 2. That microaggressions may appear to be a compliment but contain an implied insult to the target groups in which it was delivered. People who engage in microaggressions can be ordinary folks who experience themselves as good, moral, decent, individuals (Sue in Wiley, 2014),
 3. That microaggressions may occur outside the level of conscious awareness (Sue in Wiley, 2014),
 4. That microaggressions, subsuming assaults, insults, and invalidations, represent a continuum from deliberate and overt to implicit and surreptitious,
 5. That because microaggressions are cumulative phenomena, in the aggregate they are capable of delivering a macro and systemic impact that silences individuals and/or groups,
 6. That because microaggressions individually may transpire without acknowledgement and conscious recognition, this systematic impact can have its unrecognized effect even in communities that hold egalitarian values,
 7. That because of their potential for unperceived and systematic impact, microaggressions represent one of the gravest threats to diverse voices, especially those relaying unpopular perspectives,
 8. That awareness that makes possible the tolerance of diverse opinions strengthens communities.
 9. The fact that in order to grow as a community body, areas of deficiency must be acknowledged.
 - ii. Motion: Community-Led Development Grant Support Letters - Request that CD11 and SD3 pursue and support Sawtelle applicants and partners in grant funding for community-led affordable housing, including land assembly, ground leasing, culturally-specific special-needs supportive services, eldercare, and housing/ land trust models, and submit letters of support for REAP 2.0.
 - iii. Motion: West LA Community Plan Update’s proposed Commercial Zoning Standards - request the following revisions:
 1. Identify and rank all Sawtelle streets based on width, traffic volume, and number of trees.
 2. Direct density to broader, more highly trafficked streets, with fewer or no pre-existing trees.
 3. Expand mixed-use zoning in areas adjacent to light and hybrid-industrial

- zones, within the TOC, and along rapid bus lines to create walkable neighborhoods and reducing personal vehicular trips.
4. Provide density bonuses for providing meaningful open space.
 5. Provide permit streamlining for net-zero carbon projects.
 6. Provide permit streamlining for lower carbon footprint construction methods.
 7. Provide a map overlay of historically and culturally significant sites in Sawtelle specifically in WLA 7, 8, 9, 39, and 44.
 8. City Planning to collaborate to draft a specific-plan for historically and culturally significant areas in Sawtelle Japantown to maintain its community identity.
 9. Prioritize a feasibility analysis for the Senior Care Facilities segment of the new Zoning Codes' Public Benefits Systems - General Incentives Program and a by-right zoning and permit-streamlining overlay.
- iv. Motion: Endorse U.S. Representatives' Ted Lieu's and Judy Chu's request for an investigation into the COVID-related deaths at Kei Ai Los Angeles.
 - v. Motion: Request CD11 to explore innovative Barrington Plaza relocation plans that are equitable.
 - vi. Motion: Pursue educational and daycare center grants for Sawtelle and to issue letters of support for partners and applicants.
 - vii. Motion: Housing Element, Community Plan Update, Draft-GPLU Rezoning: With regards to the Community Plan Update's draft GPLU that will fulfill the Housing Element by eliminating virtually all single-family home zoning in Sawtelle, the NC requests as a back-up to the City to preserve R1/R2 areas that have retained their SFH-character by redirecting that density to R1/R2 areas whose single-family-home character/use has already been harmed as a result of the negative impacts of rezoning and/or development including, but not limited to, blocks already adjacent to incentive-densified multifamily, industrial, or commercial zoning, as well as blocks on or adjacent to high-speed streets and by re-evaluating the consistency of the Expo-Transit Neighborhood Plan west of South Bundy Drive (e.g. 2300 Wellesley).
 1. Justification: This approach:
 - a. allows the City to preserve as many SFH properties as possible, while still helping properties already harmed by rezoning;
 - b. instructs the City to engage in more efficient rezoning by first identifying and correcting inconsistencies, including in areas adjacent to the delineated CPU sub-areas, as a means of fulfilling the Housing Element's Fair Share as opposed to thoughtless over-zoning that would result in piecemeal development, which would impact all SFHs;
 - c. complies with "no-net loss" principles that enables the City to respond to the community's desire to maintain SFH housing in Sawtelle without requiring a redistribution of the area's Housing Element Fair Share to other parts of the City that would be equally resistant to such a change;
 - d. accounts for the City's ill-disposition to foregoing higher potential tax revenue from commercially zoned sites;
 - e. acknowledges that the legal complexities the City would encounter in rezoning commercial properties for residential use, would reduce the likelihood of development so as to make no significant contribution to realistic zoning capacity, as per AB 1397;
 - f. provides the economies of scale necessary for incentivizing costlier community needs such as low-income, supportive housing for the elderly and disabled;
 - g. facilitates the viability of greater percentages of affordable housing

- per development thereby reducing the number of developments necessary to meet the City's Fair Share;
 - h. protects our community from the *complete* loss of single-family-home zoning by serving as a "back-stop, back-up" plan in case the City were to decline consideration of the NC's primary recommendation;
 - i. ensures the stability of State and Federal funding for the City of Los Angeles by providing a recommendation that does not jeopardize the State's certification of the LA Housing Element.
 - viii. Presentation: Impact of Housing Elements.
 - ix. Motion: The NC shall host a Legislative and Data Workshop on the Housing Element Update, prior to deliberating on City zoning policies, so that Board members and stakeholders can learn about the impact of the state laws passed since the previous cycle.
 - 1. These new state housing laws:
 - 2. Impact the process by which the City will account for and the State will evaluate the Element's outcomes.
 - 3. Detail data and disclosure obligations of the City and their impact on municipal funding.
 - 4. Integrate civil rights and environmental justice.
 - 5. Extend the City's zoning deadline until 2025.
 - x. Motion: The NC shall start a petition campaign to raise awareness and demonstrate stakeholder support of expediting and prioritizing affordable housing incentives for low-income senior, culturally-effective, supportive housing.
 - xi. Motion: West LA Community Plan Update - Sites of Japanese Cultural Significance: To identify sites of cultural significance to Japanese American history in Sawtelle, including Sawtelle Blvd. and adjacent areas, by consulting with families and organizations of the Japanese-American Sawtelle community and take into consideration the impact the Update proposed draft would have on these sites.
 - xii. Motion: The NC requests that the City create an Open Space Program that provides for density incentives in exchange for community / public parks with a conjunctive option that would incentivize adjacent private? sites to combine open spaces across lot lines resulting in larger, more useful common space.
 - xiii. Motion: The NC requests that the City create a Green Roots Program that would incentivize the preservation and planting of canopy providing street trees and trees on private property.
 - xiv. Motion: The NC approve \$5,500 to provide, either independently or via an NPG, for a micro-network of EPA-approved air quality sensors to be placed at the perimeter of the seniors at-risk of construction-related health hazards and injuries resulting from the Carmel Partners / Exposition developments.
- j. NC Elections (J.Ross, Chair): Election folder: <https://tinyurl.com/4m89dnb2>
 - i. Boardmembers elected (unofficial results):
 - 1. Northwest (1 seat): Walton Chiu.
 - 2. Northeast (1 seat): David Sanchez.
 - 3. Southeast (1 seat): David Swartz.
 - 4. Southwest (1 seat): Alexandra Polin.
 - 5. Large Business (1 seat): Jay Handal.
 - 6. Small Business (2 seats): Adriane Ransom, Danilo Torro.
 - 7. Organization (2 seats): James Altuner, J. Ross.
 - 8. At-Large (6 seats): Lacy Stine, Alexandra Caryotakis, Victor Pacheco, Pierre Tecon, Monica Mejia-Lambert, Ron Migdal.
 - ii. New Board will be seated at Jul. 26 meeting, with new officers and new committee member elections. (Current committees may meet through Jul. 25.)
- k. Stoner Park Advisory Cmte. (K.Kaisaki, representative): New improvements:

- i. Refurbishment of the existing playground.
- ii. Demolition and replacement of the third and fourth tennis courts.
- iii. Improvements to the interior basketball court, including motorization for the retractable backstops.
- iv. Improvements to the sports field lighting, including adding LED lighting to the first field, which is currently unlit, and upgrading the existing lighting in the other two fields to LED lighting.
- v. Development of a new picnic area west of the recreation center building, which includes reconfiguring the area to develop two separate picnic areas to take advantage of the existing shade trees and adding new amenities, such as barbecues, tables, and hydration stations.
- vi. Pathway improvements to connect the skate park to the new sidewalk.
- vii. Site drainage improvements.
- viii. Various site landscaping improvements and amenities, including bulletin boards, a new park sign at the corner, minor fencing work around the fields, and various improvements to walkway areas and planter areas.
- ix. Funding: \$ 1,801,329 in Park Fees

XI. WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils): <https://westsidecouncils.com/>

- a. Homeless Committee (J.Handal, Chair).
- b. Land Use and Planning Committee (J.Ross, representative) - Mar. 23 meeting:
 - i. Motion: The NC/CC insists, on behalf of the stakeholders it represents, that prior to the completion of Community Plan updates the City inform communities of the methodology by which they determine the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of Housing Element.
 - 1. These include, for each Community Plan and Community or Neighborhood Council area:
 - a. Current zoning capacity (including existing density bonuses & commercial zones that allow residential uses) and reasonably expected population change.
 - b. The methodology which will be used to allocate RHNA growth numbers.
 - c. RHNA allocation of units in each community.
 - 2. We also urge the Planning Department to thoughtfully consider the input (submitted by previous written comment or imparted in real time) of Neighborhood and Community Councils as well as stakeholders that come together for the purpose of contributing to the community plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions. This essential input must be implemented by Planning staff, and the contributions reflected by being substantively included in the outcome/drafting of revised Community Plans. We urge that a report back mechanism be implemented by planning staff, in order to inform communities of where and how their input has been received and incorporated into the final drafting process.
 - 3. We'd like to understand the role of the Westside Community Plan Advisory Group (WCPAG) and to be assured that their voice will not outweigh that of local stakeholders.
 - 4. Info: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/community-plan-update-requests/>
 - ii. Motion: The NC requests the City implement the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting that minimize light pollution by following these guidelines for public facilities and private development (adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society and the International Dark-Sky Association):
 - 1. All light should have a clear purpose.

2. Light should be directed only where needed.
 3. Light should be no brighter than necessary.
 4. Light should be used only when it is useful.
 5. Use warmer color lights where possible.
 6. The City shall enact/codify these principles through its departments and agencies for City facilities and properties such as buildings, parking lots, and parks, the street light system, the airport and port, and for private development.
 7. Community Plans and Specific Plans shall also enact similar dark sky practices, and include limitations on bright lights, light trespass and illumination of building facades.
 8. Info: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/minimize-light-pollution/>
- iii. **Motion:** The NC opposes the appeal by the oil well operator and requests that the City uphold its Letter of Determination for the Murphy Drill site location in West Adams, (Case ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6) requiring additional and modified conditions for the continued operation of the drill site “to increase the protection of and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and stakeholders of the neighborhood”.
1. Justification: The City has a history of discriminatory and disparate treatment in its oil drilling environmental compliance requirements, whereby some communities are afforded greater protections from pollution and noise from oil drilling operations while other communities are not.
 2. The Murphy Drill site is an example of a community that has been exposed to toxic fumes and noise pollution that could be partially abated through facility enclosure and electrification of workover rigs and power supply, as has been done in wealthier communities, but have not been.
 3. Info: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-directors-determination-re-murphy-drill-site/>
 4. South LA APC: apcsouthla@lacity.org
- c. Transportation Committee (J.Ross, representative).
- d. Public Safety (Ron Migdal, representative).

XII. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments on non-agenda items (minimum 1 minute)

XIII. **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Government/agency partners:

- a. Mayor Bass: West field deputy - Lisa Payne Lisa.Payne@LACity.org - (213) 320-8205.
Westside info/events: <https://sites.google.com/lacity.org/westarea/>
- b. Council District #11: Traci Park - Traci.Park@LACity.org WLA Field Deputy - Michael Amster Michael.Amster@LACity.org Gabriela Medina Gabriela.Medina@LACity.org .
- c. Transportation-Claire Eberle: Slow Streets Claire.Eberle@LACity.org .
- d. Supervisor District #3-Lindsay Horvath: ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov Field Deputy - Zachary Gaidzik ZGaidzik@LACounty.gov
- e. State Assembly District #30-Sydney Kamlager: Field Representative – TBD.
- f. State Assembly District #51-Rick Chavez Zbur: Field Representative – Sherwin Shamoeil Sherwin.Shamoeil@ASM.CA.gov .
- g. State Assembly District #54-Isaac Bryan: Field Representative - Michelle Persoff, Michelle.Persoff@ASM.CA.gov
- h. U.S. House of Representatives-Ted Lieu: Representative - Karen Calderon Karen.Calderon@Mail.House.gov
- i. Police Dept.: Senior Lead Officer James Lavenson - 30627@lapd.online

- j. Citizens Forestry Advisory Council (Urban Forestry): CD11 representative- Isabelle Duvivier.
- k. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: John Darnell John.Darnell@LACity.org
- l. Stoner Park: Adria Deliberto, Director rap.stonerrc@lacity.org .
- m. DWP: Deborah Hong - Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com .

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#2-D. Monthly profile (Jun 2): Status of Boardmember trainings

First Name	Last Name	Board Seat	Ethics Expiration (Expires every 2 years)	Funding Expiration (Expires every 2 years)	Code of Conduct Expiration (Expires every 2 years)
Jay	Handal	Large Business Representative (2023)	11/19/2023	8/1/2024	6/27/2024
Jamie	Keeton	Organizational Representative (2023)	6/27/2024	11/8/2024	8/11/2023
Ron	Migdal	At-Large Representative (2023)	3/9/2025	10/10/2024	1/27/2024
Jay	Ross	Organizational Representative (2023)	2/14/2024	10/7/2024	11/2/2023
Vacant Seat	Vacant Seat	Small Business Representative (2023)			
Pierre	Tecon	At-Large Representative (2023)	12/23/2024	12/5/2024	12/5/2024
Danilo	Torro	South West District Representative (2023)	10/10/2022	10/5/2022	12/2/2024
Alexandra	Polin	At-Large Representative (2023)	11/7/2024	11/7/2024	11/7/2024
Teri	Temme	At-Large Representative (2023)	10/15/2024	1/16/2025	10/10/2024
David	Swartz	South East District Representative (2023)	2/7/2025	2/8/2025	2/7/2025
Adriane	Ransom	Small Business Representative (2023)	3/8/2024	3/7/2024	3/7/2024
Walton	Chiu	North West District Representative (2023)	3/9/2024	3/7/2024	3/7/2024
Monica	Mejia-Lambert	At-Large Representative (2023)	9/7/2024	8/25/2024	9/6/2024
David	Sanchez	North East District Representative (2023)	11/15/2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024
Kent	Kaisaki	At-Large Representative (2023)			

Attendance: 12 (10 in person) of 13 members attended the Jun. 24 meeting.

West L.A. Sawtelle N.C.	Regular	Special	Regular	Regular	Regular	R
Meeting Attendance	<u>2/22/2023</u>	<u>3/15/2023</u>	<u>3/22/2023</u>	<u>4/26/2023</u>	<u>5/24/2023</u>	<u>6</u>
W. Chiu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
D. Sanchez	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	
vacant (SW)					--	
D. Swartz	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	
A. Pollin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (online)	Yes	
T. Temme	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes (online)	Yes	
K.Kaisaki					Yes	
P. Tecon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
R. Migdal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
A. Ransom	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	Yes	
J. Handal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (online)	
M. Mejia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
D. Torro	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	
J. Ross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (online)	Yes (online)	
J. Keeton	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	NO	
				no quorum		

Treasurer's Report (FY Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023)

Budget Amount

\$49,000.00

Budget: \$32,000.00
Adjustments: \$17,000.00

Expense-to-Date

\$12,623.42

Funding Requests: \$9,038.86
Credit Card: \$3,584.56

Total Outstanding

\$0.00

Commitments: \$0.00
Pending Payments: \$0.00

Net Available

\$36,376.58

Cash Balance: \$36,376.58

Below is our running budget:

Expenditure	Office	Outreach	Elections	NPG	CIP	Paid	Sent to Clerk
Opening Balance	\$29,000.00	\$0,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		
mailchimp		\$39.99				x	x
Konica	\$134.12					x	x
frontier	\$228.28					x	x
google	\$284.48					x	x
google	\$14.12					x	x
smart n final		\$490.73				x	x
frontier	\$230.52					x	x
squarespace	\$190.00					x	x
google	\$120.00					x	x
google	\$90.00					x	x
frontier	\$230.52					x	x
squarespace	\$228.00					x	x
google	\$81.60					x	x
Konica	\$36.00					x	x
smart n final		\$498.04				x	x
google	\$80.31					x	x
dnh domain	\$0.99					x	x
google	\$86.00					x	x
google	\$90.00					x	x
google	\$90.00					x	x
google	\$90.00					x	x
facebook	\$14.00					x	x
twitter	\$10.00					x	x

facebook	\$14.00					x	x
twitter	\$30.00					x	x
city of Ia	\$90.00					x	x
city of Ia	\$90.00					x	x
google suites	\$90.00					x	x
fedx	\$38.88					x	x
twitter	\$50.00					x	x
facebook	\$14.00					x	x
enrich Ia				\$1,000.00		x	x
wla comm coalition				\$7,000.00		x	x
apple one	\$288.88					x	x
itsc community development				\$750.00		x	x

LANCC: NC Bill of Rights (May 14 version)

Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights

Whereas, the people of the City of Los Angeles enacted, in the charter of 1999, a system of Neighborhood Councils, whose missions are “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs” and,

Whereas, in order to fulfill these missions, Neighborhood Councils must be empowered to operate as independently as possible of the city’s officials and agencies and not subject to undue influence or control by those officials and agencies,

Therefore, the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles declare:

Neighborhood Councils’ Boardmembers are elected officials of the City of Los Angeles.

The method by which Boardmembers are chosen shall be determined solely by the Bylaws of each Council.

The sole authority to censure, suspend, remove, or otherwise discipline a Boardmember is vested in the Neighborhood Council of which that individual is a Boardmember.

Each Board shall determine the composition of its Bylaws and no other agency or commission of the city, with the exception of Board composition and boundaries of the Council, may alter or amend those Bylaws following initial Council certification and approval by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

No official or agency of the City of Los Angeles may delay or otherwise impede the action of a Neighborhood Council to amend its Bylaws or rules.

Neighborhood Councils shall be consulted prior to the appointment of individuals to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the appointment of any individual as the general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

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There shall be No imposed bylaws and any Neighborhood Council may rescind bylaws imposed by the City by majority vote.

Neighborhood Councils shall have the right to limit stakeholder status to the minimum described in the Charter and shall not be forced to include other categories of stakeholder.

Neighborhood Councils shall in the aggregate hold veto power over BONC decisions, by majority vote of those voting, out of a quorum of at least 10 Neighborhood Councils, each Neighborhood Council holding one vote to be cast by majority vote of its governing board within 90 days of a BONC decision.

The office of the City Attorney shall take care not to represent one part of City government against any Neighborhood Council or against Neighborhood Councils in general, as the Neighborhood Councils are an equal branch of City government as defined by the Charter. The City Attorney shall not represent any branch of government against the Neighborhood Councils without providing for an equal level of representation for Neighborhood Councils.

Neighborhood Councils shall collectively have the right to consult with the City government and the mayor over the choice of appointees to the position of General Manager of DONE and over the choice of appointees to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, and shall have the right to call for the removal of the General Manager and of BONC commissioners.

The Neighborhood Councils and the City government shall negotiate a memorandum of understanding which allows a majority of Neighborhood Councils to veto the appointment of a DONE General Manager or to remove the DONE General Manager.

¹The first three items were discussed by the Working Group at their April 30th meeting but we always welcome further improvement.

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a work in progress

The right to freedom of speech of all Neighborhood Council board members, committee members and stakeholders shall not be abridged. "

Neighborhood Councils shall have the right to petition and communicate with all levels of government as a Neighborhood Council. "

Neighborhood Council board members are elected officials and no board member, committee member or stakeholder solely in the performance of the business of the Neighborhood Council shall be considered an employee of the City. "

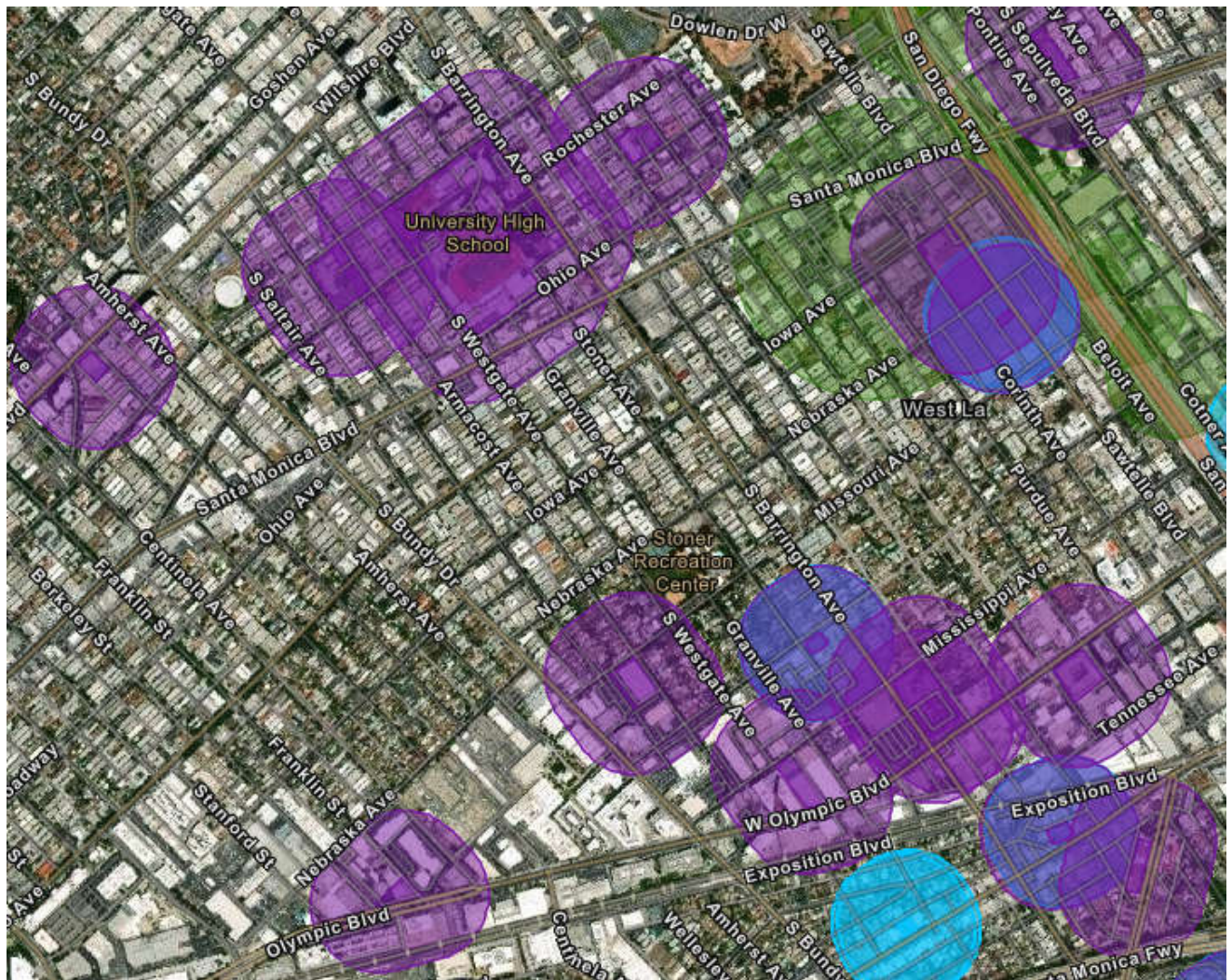
The City and its agencies and departments shall have no right to impose training of any kind or duration on Neighborhood Council participants; training may be offered to individuals or boards on a voluntary basis.

There shall be a strong presumption that any Neighborhood Council board member who has been elected by the voters of his/her district holds the board seat lawfully and rightfully by decision of those voters. Removal of a board member by anybody other than the governing board of that member's district shall only be carried out on the basis of extreme circumstances which shall include violence, threats against a board member or a member of the public, or conviction of a crime which affects the Neighborhood Council or the Neighborhood Council system as a whole. This shall not be construed to limit Neighborhood Council bylaws rules which remove a board member due to a certain number of consecutive absences or due to a certain number of absences over the course of a year. Bylaws rules regarding "censure and removal" shall not be enforced unless the Neighborhood Council itself has intentionally included those rules in its own bylaws; the imposition of these bylaws on Neighborhood Councils which do not intentionally include them shall not be enforceable.

No training, work requirement, or attendance at any function, governmentally related or not, shall be required by any department or agency of city government, of any Neighborhood Council participant.

Homeless Anti-Camping zones (LAMC 41.18) near schools, daycare

<https://ladcp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=14b53371a3ad4b98b4d52da77296c273>



List of Priorities to CD11 and SD3 (Mar. 23, 2023)

Re: West L.A. Sawtelle NC - list of priorities for our neighborhood

Councilmember Park and Supervisor Horvath,

This is a list of our district's priorities for the next eight months until year end (Dec. 2023):

1. Homelessness
 - a. Enforce no camping zones in sensitive areas as required by law, enforce ADA compliance so that our community members with disabilities have access to their neighborhood.
 - b. Remove items and objects which obstruct traffic lanes near encampments as a matter of public safety.

2. Green Space
 - a. Bundy Triangle Activation: Public Access. Public Safety. Public Health.
 - b. Request an audit/accounting of how much Quimby funds and city money is available to create additional urban green spaces in Sawtelle (we have had 20 years of development and large payments into the fund, but the only capital improvement is a jungle gym at Stoner Park).

3. Public Safety/Transportation
 - a. Sidewalk curb cuts and sidewalk repairs to improve accessibility for community members with disabilities.
 - b. Pedestrian crosswalks and traffic calming measures installed at identified high-risk intersections (i.e., Ohio/Wellesley/Santa Monica) to make Sawtelle a pedestrian/jogger/bike-safe neighborhood for everyone.

4. Planning and new housing
 - a. Support NC's resolutions that channel new development to commercial corridors, and preserve lower densities in interior neighborhoods.
 - b. Support NC's resolutions that include a real public park in the West L.A. Commons project, and re-builds a skate park facility at the Idaho Ave. parking lot.

Stoner Park – Small gym (south of main building) – 1835 Stoner Ave.

