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WLA SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12.06.2023 7PM STONER PARK [SMALL GYM] 1835 STONER AVE. CA 90025

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<u>AGENDA</u>

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.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:
- II. MINUTES: Ratify Minutes from November, 2023 meeting [LINK]
- III. GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS a. Babak from LADOT will provide updates on the West Side Mobility Project .

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments on non-agenda items (maximum 90 seconds).

V. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. ANNOUNCEMENT: Open Board seat [Organizational Rep] on web/social media
- b. ANNOUNCEMENT: Cornerstone anti-bias trainings. Reminder to members to complete.
- c. MOTION: SB411 WLASNC shall support the City Council's motions CF23-1114 (allows NCs to vote to hold virtual meetings) and CF12-1113 (instruct DONE to report back on how to best facilitate a return to virtual meetings as implementation of SB411 including audio/visual equipment). The NC shall notify the City that our intent is to provide greater access to all neighbors to participate in the NC and join the Board and committees. Some neighbors may not be able to attend for physical or health reasons, or scheduling/ job/ family commitments, and video will allow more options for participation (requires approval of 2/3 of Board).

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION:** Requests that Councilwoman Park take the necessary steps to prohibit the overnight parking of oversized vehicles on Federal Avenue between Wilshire Blvd and Rochester Ave.
 - i. WHEREAS, typically anywhere from six to 12 oversized vehicles are parked on a three-block stretch of Federal Avenue between Wilshire Blvd. and Rochester Ave.
 - **ii.** WHEREAS, such oversized vehicles pose a traffic hazard on heavily-traveled Federal Avenue and adversely impact the parking opportunities for tenants living in adjoining apartment buildings.
 - **iii.** WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has an ordinance LAMC sec. 80.69.4 that gives the Los Angeles City Council the authority to prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles on certain designated public streets during the hours of 2 am and 6 am.
 - iv. WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council as recently as Nov. 8 approved a motion introduced by Councilwoman Traci Park to prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles on segments of ten designated streets in Playa Vista and Mar Vista in CD11.
- **b. MOTION:** Motion to request CD 11 and LA City Planning, with regards to the West LA Community Plan Update, in recognition of the right to oversee land use owed to the Japanese American community for the injustices committed against them during the years of redlining, Executive Order 9066 which violated the Constitutional rights of persons of Japanese ancestry, and the restrictive covenants that concentrated settlement into WLA-Sawtelle, to protect the historic core of officially recognized Sawtelle Japantown, the

location of its principal, cultural, institutional, and ecological community resources, by capping the density of (i) lots zoned at 4L within subareas WLA 6, 8 and 9, and (ii) at 1L for subarea WLA 7.

- c. MOTION: Establish West LA Commons Ad Hoc Committees and appoint members.
- **d. MOTION:** Establish Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the forming of the New West community board with following duties:
 - i. Attend monthly New West Board meeting
 - ii. Resolve issues on the appointment of a new ombudsman with NWC.
 - iii. Concrete next steps on forming of NWC community committee.

[EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS] Walton has reached out to previous NWC ombudsman. Walton has sent an email to Dr. Weir and Vice Principal Hererra on the appointment of an ombudsman for business.

VII. OFFICERS REPORTS: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary CHAIR:

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2024 Priorities

MOTION: Request future NPG applicants to include WLA Sawtelle NC logo and statement of support in their promotional/social/web/interview flyers.

MOTION: Request future NPG recipients to give a post-event update after use of grant. VICE CHAIR:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Neighborhood Council Board End-Of-Year Potluck

TREASURER:

- a. **MOTION:** Approve Oct. Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) [LINK]
- b. MOTION: Move to approve October and November MERs [LINK]
- c. **MOTION:** To move 5000.00 from Community Improvements to Neighborhood Purpose Grants
- d. **MOTION:** To move 2400.00 from office to neighborhood purpose grants

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS:

ANNOUNCEMENT: First meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS+OUTREACH:

- a. **MOTION:** Budget \$500 for Board Business cards.
- MOTION: Approval of Neighborhood Council digital holiday cards. [https://tinyurl.com/2s4kkz55]
- c. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** We should have OWL3 system setup and purchased.

ELECTION:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Records from the 2023 NC Elections (candidate filing forms, voter registration forms, and ballots) are available to public. Contact Naima Pulliam [naima.pulliam@lacity.org] for record.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

e. **MOTION:** From Urban Forestry Division: We urge you to continue increasing the budget for the Urban Forestry Division from .25% to 1% of the total city budget, recognize this budget as essential to public health, and protect it from cuts going forward. Additionally, the position of UFD¶s Chief Forester (previousl\ Tim T\son) has vacated with the SIP program, although the authority to fill/hire the position was maintained, according to Adel Hagekhalil. This leadership position, preferably from outside of UFD ± someone with Planning and Ecology and Arboriculture experience - is critical. We also urge the approval of an ecologist/biologist staff member for the Office of Forest Management (Rachel Malarich) so that the UFMP, Strengthening Protected Tree policies, and creating BMPs for mature tree maintenance be realized with greater urgency.

HOMELESSNESS:

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT:

- f. **UPDATE:** Exposition Ad Hoc Committee.
- g. **UPDATE**: Update from PLUM regarding housing (C. Angurri)
- h. **UPDATE:** West LA Commons: NC sent letter in August to request that CD11, SD3 and Developer update the NC on how the NC's requested designs changes are being integrated.
- i. **UPDATE:** Barrington Plaza tenants have lost their case.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE COUNCIL [WRAC]:

- j. MOTION: Support CF 21-1469-S2/ alternative corrective sidewalk repairs
 - i. NC/CC supports CF 21-1469-S2 in addressing the need for more cost effective and efficient processes for repairing sidewalks, which are dangerously risky throughout theWestside.
 - ii. NC/CC further requests that the report-back include recommendations for measures to protect existing street trees during sidewalk repair.

IX. OLD / CONTINUING BUSINESS

- X. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS
- XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (Max 90 seconds)
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

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DONE link: https://empowerla.org/public-records-requests/

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