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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 02.28.2024 7PM**

**STONER PARK [SMALL GYM]**

**1835 STONER AVE. CA 90025**

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**MEETING ID: 824 7476 9234**

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# AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. MINUTES <http://tinyurl.com/y6hchzkt> NOTE TAKER CHARLENE GAWA
3. GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS
  - a. LAPD OFFICER LUKE PARK
  - b. CD11 FIELD DEPUTY\_MICHAEL AMSTER
  - c. STONER PARK DIRECTOR\_ADRIA DELIBERTO
  - d. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
  - e. LAPLxNC BOOK CLUB\_THE DUTCH HOUSE BY ANN PACHETT 03.14.24
4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. RV PARKING ON FEDERAL\_TIMA FARMY
  - b. ABUNDANT HOUSING LA\_CHRIS TOKITA
5. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS  
WALTON WITH CHRIS TOKITA, TIMA FARMY, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, DANNY MYERS, OFFICER LUKE PARK. ADRIANE WITH JOHN DARNELL.
6. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - a. OFFICER'S REPORT: CHAIR  
CIVILITY, CYBERBULLYING, HARASSMENT
    - i. DISCUSS: Appropriate expectations including outcomes & timelines and timeframes for motions, letters and procedures.
    - ii. DISCUSS: Consideration of language, protocols for communications.
    - iii. DISCUSS: Microaggressions and bullying/harassment/threats experienced by board members, including creation of a civility statement.
    - iv. DISCUSS: NC growth: 18 to 30 excluding Bundy Ad Hoc [+10]
  - b. OFFICER'S REPORT: TREASURER (carried forward from previous meeting)  
MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT
    - i. MOTION: To approve December 2023 MER MER
    - ii. MOTION: To approve January 2024 MER MER  
NPG+BUDGET ALLOCATION
    - iii. MOTION: To allocate 500.00 for printing The original motion was for 500.00. We have spent 423.62. We will need funds allocated.
    - iv. DISCUSS: to allocate additional funding to NPG applicants.The NC has additional funds available for outreach and NPG's. Perpetual running balances can be seen on this link [<http://tinyurl.com/783uj85z>]
    - v. SUGGESTION:MOTION: Allocate \$5,000.00 to NPG fund.
    - vi. SUGGESTION:MOTION: Allocate \$10,000.00 to outreach for potential print, mail cost in our district. (Newsletters or postcard with Copyland )
    - vii. MOTION: Allocate \$5,000.00 for movies in the park. In or before June 2024.
    - viii. MOTION: Theme of film screening PG or G-rated ANIME [Walt]
    - ix. MOTION: Approve \$3000 to the West LA farmers market NPG request.
7. CURRENT BUSINESS
  - a. NOMINATION: Traci Imamura for Board of Directors Organizational Seat.
  - b. MOTION: Authorize the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council to submit a [CIS](#) in support of Council File [14-1371-S13](#) to amend the living wage and hotel worker minimum wage ordinance to increase wages for tourism workers, (WLANCI already voted to support the campaign, but did not vote on the exact language of the CIS).  
[LAANE]
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. BYLAWS COMMITTEE:
    - i. NOMINATE: Adam Moore to the Bylaws Committee. Under Homeless Committee Section as well.

Following items carried-forward from previous meeting as we did not cover  
**STANDING RULES ADDITION**

- ii. **MOTION:** The Secretary and the Chair are empowered to transmit agendas to **DONE**, unless the chair authorizes another to do so. [JayH 3-1-0]  
**COMMITTEE:**
  - iii. **MOTION:** The Committee Chair should send committee agenda items to **DONE**. [JayH 4-0]
  - iv. **MOTION:** Committee chairs shall transmit motions to the board chair and secretary including the committee votes on the item for inclusion on the next general board meeting agenda five days in advance of regular meetings and three days in advance of special meetings in order to create a **DONE**-compliant document. [JayH 3-1-0]
  - v. **MOTION:** The board shall appoint a pro tempore chair of each committee until the committee elects its chair. The chair of the committee shall bring forward to the board nominations for committee members to be approved. [JayH 3-1-0]
  - vi. **MOTION:** Committee should create a regular recurring schedule for meetings. [JayH 3-1-0]
  - vii. **MOTION:** Sawtelle Neighborhood Council should provide individuals the option to run as co-chair for the Board and committees. [Cesar 4-0]
  - viii. **MOTION:** The WLASNC shall include a non-voting youth seat on the Board of Directors and a youth committee. Youth must be between 14-17 years of age and will serve a 1 year term ending June 30th of each year. [Lynn 3-1-0]  
**NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT + COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:**
  - ix. In order for anyone to submit an application, the following must be adhered:
    - 1. Timing: No submittals before 8/1 of the fiscal year
    - 2. No submittals after 3/1 of the fiscal year.
    - 3. Submittals electronically only to treasurer@westlasawtelle.org
    - 4. Applicants shall use the city NPG forms for any NPG request.
    - 5. Applicants shall use the WLASNC Community Improvement Project
    - 6. Allocation of funds: applicant can only apply for a maximum of 30% of the current years NPG and CIP years annual allocated funds.
    - 7. Treasurer or his/her designee shall download all requests and evaluate them for compliance to City funding guidelines.
    - 8. The Neighborhood Council board shall evaluate the remaining applications at the next monthly board meeting for discussion and possible motion at the board meeting.
    - 9. Recipients shall file a report before the end of the fiscal year explaining how the funds were used and how the NC received benefits from the NPG.
- b. **COMMUNICATIONS+OUTREACH** [From *previous meeting as we did not cover*]
- i. **MOTION:** To approve up to \$300 WIFI hotspot. [WALT 4;0;0].
  - ii. **MOTION:** Request LA City to provide broadband access for Stoner Park. [WALT 4;0;0]
  - iii. **MOTION:** Request LA City to provide broadband access for NC [Walt 4;0;0]
  - iv. **MOTION:** Request LAPL to provide West LA location with tech-to-go kits.
  - v. **MOTION:** Propose to upgrade Google Workspace to include central drive from \$7.20/mo per user (15 users) = \$108/month to \$14.40/mo per user (15 users) = \$216/month [Adriane 4;0;0]
  - vi. **MOTION:** Subscribe Adobe Illustrator for the purpose to refurbish our NC logo for one month to the cost of up to \$38. [WALT 4;0;0]
  - vii. **NOMINATE:** A. Ransom to be UX designer for web. July 2024. [WALT 4;0;0]
  - viii. **MOTION:** Create NC END-OF-YEAR REPORT/2024 priorities. [Walt 4;0;0]
  - ix. **MOTION:** Create social media on 2023 NPG recipients. [Walt 4;0;0]

- c. **DEI COMMITTEE**
- d. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**
  - i. **NOMINATE:** Marius Faktor to the committee. [Alex C 5;0;0]
  - ii. **NOMINATE:** Joseph Santiago to the committee. [Alex C 5;0;0]
  - iii. **NOMINATE:** Brendan Corcoran to committee. [Alex C 5;0;0]
  - iv. **MOTION:** Submit a Letter of Support to CD11 for a two-way protected bike lane on Ohio Avenue. [Alex C 5;0;0]
- e. **HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**
  - i. **MOTION:** Nominate Adam Moore to the Homelessness Committee.
  - ii. *Following items carried-forward from previous meeting as we did not cover:*
  - iii. **MOTION:** Request CM Park to enact 41.18 no oversized vehicle parking on Federal Avenue between Ohio and Wilshire. [Jay H]
- f. **PLUM COMMITTEE**
  - i. **Motion:** Organize a town hall regarding the displacement of native and indigenous communities in Sawtelle from the Tongva nation to today [Ron B 4;0;0].
    - a. What are the difficulties in terms of visibility for communities that have been displaced and have no geographical locus?
    - b. How have AI/AN and indigenous communities been impacted by the limitations of current survey demographic categories?
    - c. What historic events led to the migration of American Indian communities to Southern California resulting in the largest subpopulation in the United States?
    - d. What historic landmarks and events are specific to Sawtelle?
    - e. What is the current state of homelessness among the American Indian / Alaskan Native and indigenous communities?
    - f. What essential services, community facilities, and cultural institutions would be necessary for native indigenous communities to thrive?
    - g. **Motion:** Request a town hall budget of \$1,175 = \$240 (\$60/hr x4) for Stoner Large Gym, \$800 (honorariums), \$260 (outreach materials) + \$75 (refreshments) [Ron B 4;0;0]
  - iii. 11418 Missouri Ave. apartments: Motion to approve community impact statement in Appendix A [Ron B 4;0;0]
  - iv. Nominate: United Neighbors Representative Cesar Aranguri [Ron B 3;1;0]
  - vi. 11430 W. Exposition Blvd., 11434 W. Pico Blvd., 11460-11488 Gateway Ave. apartments: Demolition of old restaurant and car repair/mall. New construction of 6-story apartment with 268 units (27 extremely-low income) of 279,000 sf. Open space: 26,000 sf. TOC Tier 3 incentives for 70% density bonus from 163 to 278 units, 50% Floor Area increase from 117,000 sf to 279,000 sf, height increase of 22 ft (2 stories from 4 stories to 6 stories), open space reduction of 25%, and averaging density across the site's C2 (R4) and R3 zones.
    - i. Case #: DIR-2023-3072-TOC-VHCA, VTT-83873, ENV-2023-3073-EAF.
    - ii. Application/plans: (click on "Exposition 11430" folder)
    - iii. <https://tinyurl.com/WLASNC-PLUM>
    - iv. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY3MDI00>
    - v. Community status: TBD.
    - vi. City status: Planner: Esther Serrato [Esther.Serrato@LACity.org](mailto:Esther.Serrato@LACity.org) by May 3.
    - vii. NC status: Board remanded to PLUM at its Sept. meeting. Ad Hoc Committee is conferring with Developer on revisions.
- b. Meeting with Neighborhood, WLANC Board Members David Swartz and Ron Ben Yehuda and Developer Onni and their architect. Had two meetings.
- c. **MOTION:** The PLUM Committee is in favor of the project based upon the neighborhood and developers agreed changes as follows (Ron B 7;0):

1. Entry/ Exit Driveways : All project vehicular traffic will enter via Exposition Blvd to the alley on the east side of the project.
2. Building Massing at Southwest Corner Along Colby Ave - The building in this area will be 5-stories for a depth of approximately 23 feet measured from the south property line. Building height is approximately 59 feet when measured from adjacent existing grade. A common use deck, for building residents only, will be provided on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor will be of a light / passive use from 8:30 AM to no later than 9:00 PM. Landscape buffering will be provided along the south edge of the deck and along the south edge of the project at grade to the extent allowed by Building & Zoning codes.
3. Building Massing at South adjacent to R1-1 – The building shall be a 2-story building setback approximately 9 feet from the south property line. The 2- story portion of the building shall be 35 feet deep (up to 44 feet from the property line) and approximately 28 feet high when measured from adjacent existing grade. A common use deck, for building residents only, will be provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and will be of a light / passive use from 8:30 AM to no later than 9:00 PM. Landscaping will be provided along the south and east edges of the deck and along the south edge of the project at grade to the extent allowed by Building & Zoning codes with dense trees at grade along the south side in 25 gallon container sizes.
4. There will be no access from Butler Avenue to the project. Any access to Butler Avenue from the project site will be for emergency only type egress where an alarm will sound upon activation.
5. Restricting offsite parking with the following entitlement / lease provision:  
  
The applicant shall include a provision in each residential lease that prohibits residents and their guests of the project from obtaining a Preferential or Overnight Parking Permit, on the surrounding single family neighborhood streets, from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. The applicant shall request that the city designate the street address of the subject project on Pico or Expo so as to preclude project residents from seeking Preferential or Overnight Parking Permits on surrounding streets single family neighborhood streets.
6. Providing a valet parking attendant to assure that tenants within the property have adequate parking to meet Item 5.
7. Submitted the requested added stop signs to LADOT through an updated Traffic Assessment Report to the following locations: HIGHEST PRIORITY is Coolidge Ave and Pearl St . Also at either Butler Ave and Pearl St OR at Purdue Ave and Peart St.
8. All balcony lighting along the southern side of the property which abuts residential property shall have fixtures with low-glare characteristics and LEED requirements for light pollution by directing light downward. Balcony lights shall turn on with an occupancy sensor and remain off when not in use.

**MOTION: to approve the following with regards to the Pico-Gateway project: Following items carried-forward from previous meeting as we did not cover:**

1. Entry/ Exit Driveways : All project vehicular traffic will enter via Exposition Blvd to the alley on the east side of the project.
2. Building Massing at Southwest Corner Along Colby Ave - The building in this area will be 5-stories for a depth of approximately 23 feet measured from the south property line. Building height is approximately 59 feet when measured from adjacent existing grade. A common use deck, for building residents only, will be provided on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor will be of a light / passive use from 8:30 AM to no later than 9:00 PM. Landscape buffering will be provided along the south edge of the deck and along the south edge of the project at grade to the extent allowed by Building & Zoning codes.
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4. There will be no access from Butler Avenue to the project. Any access to Butler Avenue from the project site will be for emergency only type egress where an alarm will sound upon activation.
5. Restricting offsite parking with the following entitlement / lease provision: The applicant shall include a provision in each residential lease that prohibits residents and their guests of the project from obtaining a Preferential or Overnight Parking Permit, on the surrounding single family neighborhood streets, from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. The applicant shall request that the city designate the street address of the subject project on Pico or Expo so as to preclude project residents from seeking Preferential or Overnight Parking Permits on surrounding streets single family neighborhood streets.
6. Providing a valet parking attendant to assure that tenants within the property have adequate parking to meet Item 5.
7. Submitted the requested added stop signs to LADOT through an updated Traffic Assessment Report to the following locations: HIGHEST PRIORITY is Coolidge Ave and Pearl St . Also at either Butler Ave and Pearl St OR at Purdue Ave and Peart St.
8. All balcony lighting along the southern side of the property which abuts residential property shall have fixtures with low-glare characteristics and LEED requirements for light pollution by directing light downward. Balcony lights shall turn on with an occupancy sensor and remain off when not in use.
9. Developer is in support to vacate street between 2400 block of Colby and Butler Avenues to allow the neighbors ownership of the vacated properties. These properties are 10 feet deep X width of each property along the street. Owners will be responsible for all work necessary to vacate the street as indicated.

10. In order to meet the requirements in Items 2 and 3, the owner has agreed to reduce the number of units by approximately 10. In lieu of the reduction of said 10 units, owner has the future prerogative to add these 10 units back if providing a lot sized public park (4,000 SF) for use by the neighbors either by purchasing a lot adjacent from a neighbor or by adding this into the subject property subject to approval by the WLANC.

**g. NEW WEST CHARTER AD HOC**

**i. FIRST MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

**ii. MONTHLY CADENCE**

**h. WEST LA COMMONS AD HOC**

**i. Re-establish contact with City/County/Development Partners.**

**i. WRAC**

**i. MOTION: Amendment of LAMC 41.18 to include dwelling in vehicles of all sizes near sensitive uses. See: [Support for CF 23-0914 / Park \(regulation of oversized vehicle/RV parking\)](#) This motion was passed in the WRAC Homelessness Committee, chaired by Jay, and then passed by the WRAC board in January for recommendation to member councils. Connected to draft agenda item/motion to support Traci Park's motion regarding regulation of RV parking – that's also a WRAC-recommended motion, arising from the Homelessness Committee and passed by the WRAC board in January. See: [Request Amendment of LAMC 41.18](#)**

**ADJOURNMENT - Adjourn and record Meeting adjournment time: \_\_\_\_\_ PM**

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Reconsideration and Grievance Process - For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website [www.westlasawtelle.org](http://www.westlasawtelle.org).

**Appendix X: Letter to CD11 Regarding Two-Way Protected Bike Lane on Ohio Avenue**

February XX, 2024

**West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C.  
1645 Corinth Ave.  
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**Chair - Walton Chiu [Walton@WestLASawtelle.org](mailto:Walton@WestLASawtelle.org)**

**Website: [www.WestLASawtelle.org](http://www.WestLASawtelle.org)**

**Re: Westside Mobility Project - Ohio Avenue 2-way Bike Lane**

**To the Office of Councilmember Traci Park,**

The LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) is planning a network of four bikeways connecting Westside neighborhoods and adjacent cities with the goal of making bicycling comfortable for riders of all ages and abilities (the Westside Mobility Projects).

On January 24th, 2024, representatives from LADOT gave a presentation at the January Board meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council (WLASNC) regarding a segment of the Westside Mobility Projects that will run through our neighborhood – the Ohio Avenue bike corridor.

The Ohio Avenue bike corridor is the 7th most used bike route in the city. Many of our neighbors use Ohio Avenue and at the January 24th meeting, some expressed that biking on Ohio Avenue today can be dangerous. Neighbors mentioned speeding and motorists ignoring stop signs. Further, motorists use Ohio to bypass traffic on Santa Monica Boulevard, which can make Ohio Avenue dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists at rush hour.

We believe that traffic calming measure are not enough given the congestion and speeds on Ohio Avenue. For this reason, the WLASNC strongly supports the option proposed by LADOT at our January 24th meeting, which is a two-way protected bike lane along the north side of Ohio Ave, between Westgate Ave and Westwood Blvd. This option includes bike signals and concrete, protected bike lane infrastructure.

Relatedly, we would like to emphasize that other projects adopted by the City's Mobility Plan are important to our neighborhood and should move forward. We are in favor of the Healthy Streets Los Angeles Ballot measure.

For our neighbors concerned about the loss of parking, which LADOT estimates to be about 26 parking spots for the two-way protected bike lane option, LADOT cites nearby free, overnight parking lots which more than make up for this loss.

Most importantly, the two-way protected bike lane option will reduce fatalities and injuries caused by car crashes. We note that funding has been secured already by LADOT for the mobility project and for the protected two-way bike lane option. A safer biking route will enhance connectivity with our West LA neighbors and support sustainable modes of transportation and we urge Councilmember Park to support this option.

Respectfully submitted,

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**James Altuner**  
**Secretary, WLANC**



## **Appendix A**

Community Impact Statement: West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council  
Council File No: XX-XXXX

Dear City Council, Planning Commission and Developers:

As per the no-public notice policy of Executive Directive 1 (ED 1), the negative impacts of the project at 11418 Missouri Ave, LA CA 90025, have not been thoroughly addressed, which raises violations of public trust, transparency, and accountability.

ED1's amendment to exclude R1 parcels placed the weight of the current housing crisis squarely on lower density, multifamily lots. On Los Angeles' Westside, very few such areas are available to shoulder the brunt of this executive decision. In the West L.A. Community Plan Area, the available residential area for ED 1 projects is approximately 5.7%. Among these areas is the cultural core of Sawtelle Japantown. It is clear that our core is being placed under the heel of this unprecedented weight of the housing crisis. Our Japantown historic core is a community formed by the redlining of the same R1 neighborhoods that currently enjoy ED 1 exemptions. These neighborhoods have effectively transferred the pressure of the housing crisis to Japantown's most culturally sensitive area. We strongly believe that this disparate impact was never the intention of ED 1.

We are currently undergoing the updating of our community plan. Our neighborhood council approved an Affordable Housing Alternative Community Plan, based on over 1000 petition signatures, that would result in the same number of units proposed by City Planning in its initial draft, but that would focus the impact in areas that would result in minimal, if any, displacement. Moreover, the Affordable Housing Alternative Community Plan provides for the redressing of prior environmental justice inequities as well as mixed-use districts that would be focused on supportive services for vulnerable populations. These services would serve to reverse past multi-generational displacement among the aging Japanese American and Native indigenous communities.

In contrast, ED 1 directs even greater density to our historic core than under the original proposed community plan update draft, while denying us the community benefit system of the update that was to offset the impact of the added densification. The foregoing of the Community Plan's benefits system forecloses for us the essential-service facilities and institutions that would support our new incoming neighbors. Instead, the cumulative effect of the high concentration of projects with extraordinarily lax development standards under ED 1, will severely reduce the current liveability of our core, and, as climate change advances, will threaten the health and safety of our most vulnerable existing residents to the point of displacement.

In Sawtelle, ED 1 denies the zoning necessary to provide vulnerable communities with the essential service facilities they need to thrive, and exploits the low density multifamily zoning to the detriment of existing residents. It would also deny the priorities of the West LA Community Plan Update decided upon by our Neighborhood Council. We implore you to uphold the appeal of this project, as its denial would set a negative precedent both for historically harmed communities in need of supportive services coupled with housing, as well as those communities absorbing the residential density. Please allow us the opportunity to have a meaningful community plan update.