



## **WEST LA SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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

**WEDNESDAY 03.27.2024 7PM**

**STONER PARK [SMALL GYM]**

**1835 STONER AVE. CA 90025**

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**MEETING ID: 824 7476 9234**

# AGENDA

## 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**To be present** are: James Altuner, David Swartz., Vic Pacheco, Walton Chiu, Alexandra Polin, Ron Ben-Yehuda, Adriane Ransom, Danilo Torro, Ron Migdal, Kent Kaisaki, Pierre Tecon, Alex Caryotakis, Monica Mejia-Lambert Jay Handel (online). Minute Taker (Charlene) Introduction viz Zoom. Establish quorum has been reached and also any board participants on ZOOM.

## 2) MINUTES (Ratify minutes from last meeting) <https://tinyurl.com/4vc2npwj>

## 3) GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS

- a. LAPD OFFICER Update ( if any)
- b. CD11 FIELD DEPUTY- MICHAEL AMSTER/Tracy Park Office
- c. LAFD Update (if any) and Safety Updates (if any)
- d. STONER PARK DIRECTOR-ADRIA DELIBERTO
- e. Other announcements from agencies or partners including Tristen from LA Sanitation (Presentation)

## 4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Update on PV parking (if any)

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS Walton with Xochitl Gonzales. Walton with Naomi. Walton with Keiko.

## 5) ADMINISTRATIVE

### OFFICER'S REPORT: CHAIR

- a) MOTION: NC STATEMENT ON ANTI-ASIAN INCIDENT
- b) Secretary split: James Altuner/Adriane Ransom/Vic Pacheco - Review of duties/responsibilities and procedures w/update Joh Darnell on procedures/protocols training for WLANC members. Vic Pacheco update on CIS Portal and training. Vic Pahceo update on letters sent. OFFICERS REPORT: SECRETARY
- c) Committee set dates for meetings for all committees moving forward [Secretary]
- d) Plum Action Committee Alternative Proposal
- e) Monthly Expenditure Report.
- f) NPG APPLICATION: Sawtelle Japantown Association Children's Day Celebration.
- g) Motion: to approve \$1,000.00 to the neighborhood council budget day fund.

### OFFICER'S REPORT: TREASURER

## 7. CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion: Request city to change door lock at NC office.

Subject matter for discussion per Monica Mejia: Phantom printing \$10,00 credit owed to WLASNC for service not delivered/completed. Over 15k was paid to Dave@phantom Printing for election postcards for a prior year (year in question is on invoice) for services including printing of postcards and mail service of postcards to be delivered to all Sawtell area residents prior to the election. Few postcards were mailed/received. This matter was brought to Phantom Print's attention, and they agreed to offer a \$10k credit in future. This subject was forgotten. Covid hit, the business closed shop, and began work out of a home garage.

Motion to allocate 500.00 for Stoner park Easter event

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

### b. Communications+Outreach:

- **MOTION: Board approval for mobile plan for NC wifi hotspot. Monthly with Mint Mobile. \$45x6 months**
- **MOTION: Adoption of LinkTree on IG and social media**
- **MOTION: CREATE A VISUAL SLIDESHOW FRAMEWORK**
- **FOR ALL NEIGHBORHOOD PRESENTATIONS/LETTERHEAD/SOCIAL**
- **MEDIA/DOCUMENTS**
- **MOTION: IG/SOCIAL MEDIA SCENARIO TEMPLATE**
- **MOTION: NOMINATION KEIKO DE LA TORRE TO COMMITTEE**
- **MOTION: CONDUCT ALL FUTURE C+O COMMITTEE MEETINGS ONLINE.**
- **MOTION: ZINE WORKSHOP SERIES COLLAB WITH LAPL + LOS ANGELES CONTEMPORARY ARCHIVE ON RENTER'S RIGHTS AND MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION : BUDGET UP TO \$100.00 PER WORKSHOP FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION. (for 3 workshops)**
- **MOTION: ZINE WORKSHOP IN 04.2024 AT LIBRARY [CARRIE]**
- **MOTION: CREATE RENTER'S RIGHT WEB PORTAL/MEDIA CAMPAIGN [CHRISTINE]**
- **MOTION: EVENTS: SUMMER MOVIES SERIES: PENGUIN HIGHWAY+ METROPOLIS [INPUT FROM RANSOM + DE LA TORRE FAMILY] OR Ponyo/Kiki's Delivery Service/Astroboy**

**c. DEI COMMITTEE**

**Committee Nominations: Kady Hoffman and Andrew Rahn**

**Motion to adopt and begin every board meeting with the following land acknowledgement: "We acknowledge that the City of Los Angeles is situated in the ancestral and unceded lands of the: The Gabrieleno-Tongva Indians current day known as the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Gabrieleno/Tongva and the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respects to the First People of the City of Los Angeles, as well as all First People, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the First People of this land and invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land."**

**d.. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (status of Letter to City-Bile Lanes)**

**e. HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

**f. PLUM COMMITTEE**

**Motion to recommend that the Board request that the City enact a land swap with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks to move the public park to the south side of the project adjacent to Iowa Ave. (5-0).**

**Facts and background:**

- The proposed location of the park is at the Felicia Mahood Center site on land owned by the Dept. of Recreation and Parks, which is along Santa Monica Blvd. (The Mahood Center will be moved to the new Municipal Building).**
- Excessive noise and unhealthy pollution from constant traffic on Santa Monica Blvd. will harm the users of the park with the only mitigation is a tall masonry or concrete wall, which will be unsightly blocking off the park from the right-of-way.**
- Stoner Park is beloved because it is in the middle of a neighborhood, surrounded on 4 sides by residences and quiet streets (i.e. no boulevards with constant loud traffic and air pollution).**
- The same development program with the same number of units can be retained. It will require some redesign and reworking of programs to different areas.**
- Changing the location is a relatively simple process that involves paperwork. A civil engineer can revise the parcel map and create a new parcel of the same size as the RAP / Mahood Center land anywhere on the south side along Iowa Ave.**
- CD11 can direct the City General Service and RAP to approve the land swap.**
- The park benefits the community and residents of the neighborhood including the proposed apartments.**

**Findings and justifications:**

- A. The NC has made clear since 2019 that it prefers a park located closer to the existing south neighbors, many of whom are poor and middle class. By simply crossing Iowa Ave., they will have easier and quicker access and use the park more.
- B. The developers' constant opposition to a public park from the beginning of the project delayed the selection of the best location of the park on the south side.

2. ED 1 / AHSO Update Presentation: Cesar Aranguri (5-0).

3. Discussion regarding WLA 3 stakeholders and motion to schedule a series of mediated meetings to (i) safeguard against hearsay, personal attacks, accusations from neighbors, (ii) investigate claims regarding the community plan update, reCodeLA (the new zoning code), Executive Directive 1, as well as the Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance, (iii) and discuss possible approaches to the City's current community plan update proposal (5-0 passed).

4. 2318-2332 Amherst: Construction of an 8-story, 83 feet in height building with 114 apartments, including 13 Extremely Low Income Units, 106,019 sqft of floor area, and 113 parking spaces (related CPCs: CPC-2013-621-ZC-GPA-SP, CPC-2018-7547-CPU; CPC-2005-8252-CA) (passes 5-0).

**Unit Count:**

- a. 1BR: 36 (715sqft)
- b. 1BR+DEN: 2 (746sqft)
- c. 1BR JR: 12 (672sqft)
- d. 2BR: 26 (1049sqft)
- e. 2-STORY 2BR: 1 (662sqft)
- f. 2-STORY L/W: 5 (639sqft)
- g. 3 BR: 1 (1254sqft)
- h. Studio: 31 (544sqft)
- i. Total: 114 (average 742sqft)

**ITEM a. 11430 W. Exposition Blvd., 11434 W. Pico Blvd., 11460-11488 Gateway Ave. *Did not get to this item will CARRY FORWARD from last meeting***

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 Developer Onni and their architect. Had two meetings.

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) , submittal on May 3.

vii. NC status: Board remanded to PLUM at its Sept. meeting. Ad Hoc Committee is conferring with Developer on revisions.

b. 1375 Meeting with Neighborhood, WLANC Board Members David Swartz and Ron Ben-Yehuda

and

c. MOTION: The PLUM Committee is in favor of the project based upon the neighborhood and developers agreed changes as follows:

1. 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.**

**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.**

**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.
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.

**Proposed agenda items regarding PLUM issues :**

**Motion: To hold a special PLUM/BOARD joint meeting to hear community concerns about PLUM's current Alternative Proposal. [Jay Handal]**

**Discussion and possible motion to remove Cesar Aranguri from the following committees:**

**ByLaws, PLUM, DEI, Environmental, WRAC's LUPC representative**

**Motion: to appoint Xochitl Gonzalez as n c rep to United neighbors**

**BUNDY TRIANGLE AD HOC *Following items carried-forward from previous meeting as we did not cover***

**UPDATE: Community Party and First hearing on Public Safety.**

**Update: Farmer's Market Pop up event in May.**

**WEST LA COMMONS AD HOC**

**Danilo Update meeting with Jeff Khau**

**NEW WEST CHARTER AD HOC**

**UPDATE: Vice PRINCIPAL MARK HERERRA IS OUT ON PATERNITY LEAVE.**

**UPDATE: NWC DESIGNATED A NEW OMBUDSMAN JUDGE DIANE GROSS.**

**UPDATE: RON MIGDAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WRAC:**

**NOMINATION:** Jay Handal, and/or Monica Mejia-Lambert to primary.

**NOMINATION:** Chiu to secondary.

**Motion:**

To replace current wrac reps for failure to attend meetings, and to appoint Jay Handal as primary and Walton Chiu as alternate.

**Support CF 24-0055 (report back on gas leaf blower ban enforcement):**

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-cf-24-0055-enforcement-of-gas-leaf-blower-ban/>

**Request cap on waivers for ED1 and affordable housing streamlining" ordinance projects:**

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-cap-on-waivers-for-ed1-and-affordable-housing-streamlining-projects/>

**Request compensation for transfer of PROW easements:**

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-compensation-for-transfer-of-prow-easements/>

**Oppose Metro congestion pricing proposal until robust transit options are in place:**

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/9660/>

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

February XX, 2024

West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C.