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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 07.24.2024 7PM

STONER PARK [SMALL GYM]

1835 STONER AVE. CA 90025

OR JOIN ZOOM ONLINE

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All agenda items subject to discussion, motion and possible CIS filing.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **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 via Zoom. Establish quorum. Board participants on ZOOM.
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WEST LA SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - TALLY SHEET				
Agenda Item:				
	Present	Absent		
Adriane Ranson				
Alex Caryotakis				
Alexandra Polin				
Danilo Torro				
David Swartz				
James Altuner				
Jay Handal				
Kent Kaisaki				
Monica Mejia-Lambert				
Pierre Tecon				
Ron Ben-Yehuda				
Vic Pacheco				
Walton Chiu				
Vote Totals:	Present- 13	Absent		

3. **MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES** <https://tinyurl.com/26up6nnu>
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WEST LA SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - TALLY SHEET					
Agenda Item:					
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Adriane Ranson					

Alex Caryotakis					
Alexandra Polin					
Danilo Torro					
David Swartz					
James Altuner					
Jay Handal					
Kent Kaisaki					
Monica Mejia-Lambert					
Pierre Tecon					
Ron Ben-Yehuda					
Vic Pacheco					
Walton Chiu					
Vote Totals:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN	

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT [NON-AGENDA ITEMS - 90 SECONDS ALLOTTED PER SPEAKER]

GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS

4. **UPDATE:** CD11+ LAPD: ENCAMPMENT BARRINGTON UNDERPASS / BUNDY TRIANGLE AND OTHER ISSUES
5. **Announcement:** Looking for volunteers for the upcoming WLA OBON FESTIVAL- a cherished and exciting event that will take place on the weekend of July 27-28, 2024. The link to "Signup Genius" lists all of the booths and times that need volunteers. Please sign up for a shift or two. Your support will be very much appreciated! We welcome volunteers of all ages. But if you are not yet in high school, we ask you to bring a parent or guardian to volunteer with you. If you need community service hours, please check in with the booth supervisor with your paperwork. FYI - on the days of Obon, we will have "relaxed parking" in the neighborhood. That means you will be able to park even though the street signs say "restricted parking". If you have any questions, please contact Connie Yahata, WLABT at aznmom22@gmail.com
6. **UPDATE:** Felicia Mahood Senior Center Debris + Bundy Triangle clean up Updates & Discussion

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS Walton has met with Tascha Folsoi and her class at Uni.

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. **UPDATE:** TRAINING ROBERT'S RULES AND BROWN ACT SATURDAY HYBRID. [ADRIANE/JOHN DARNELL UPDATES]
8. **UPDATE:** Due to time constraints, deadline to submit agenda items is 12:00 PM the Friday

before the Board meeting

9. **UPDATE:** Discussion clarification of agenda item submission process to clarify process and how individuals can submit an agenda item.
10. **MOTION:** APPROVE OF ANY MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS [JAY]
11. **MOTION:** To approve of our organization, WLANSC will need to hire a temporary person for
 - a data entry person [for our emails. We have a lot of sign up newsletter emails that need to be entered into our Squarespace email list] and
 - a temporary multimedia person to help us with meeting videos/audio uploads/web [I can't be the only person doing this.]
 - a temporary AV person to help us set up tech at Board meeting and manage zoom meetings
 - AND someone to help with processing all the incoming letters/emails/archiving them to the appropriate meeting folder etc.
12. **MOTION:** TO APPROVE LEASING A COPIER THROUGH DONE CONTRACT FOR SIX MONTHS. [JAY H]

OFFICER's REPORT

13. **MOTION:** BOARD DRAFTS A LETTER TO THANK ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH OUR WORK FOR THE PAST YEAR.

CURRENT BUSINESS

14. **ELECTION:** OFFICERS [SEE APPLICATIONS.]
15. **ELECTION:** ORGANIZATIONAL SEAT: LYNN HILL, TRACI IMAMURA, KIMBERLY JOHNSON, TASCHA FOLSOI
16. **ELECTION:** AT-LARGE SEAT: TARA DERGRIGORIAN, GALEN PINDELL
17. **MOTION:** DISCUSS AND ASSESS RESOLVE AND RESTART COMMITTEES.
18. **MOTION:** TO APPROVE BOARD LETTER ON DENSIFICATION AT SAWTELLE TO MAYOR BASS AND CD11 COUNCILWOMAN PARK
19. **UPDATE:** Planning for upcoming listening sessions. We will only be able to do outreach after we have decided on the 4 dates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATIONS+OUTREACH

DEI COMMITTEE

MOBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

20. **ELECTION:** NOMINATE ELIZABETH WANG
21. **MOTION** (A. Caryotakis - MEC vote count 4 Yay - 0 Nay - 1 Abstain): to authorize the West LA/Sawtelle Neighborhood Council to submit a letter to LADOT and CD11 requesting safety enhancements for a list of intersections, and submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) if applicable.

To: Traci Park (CD11 Councilmember), Rudy Guevara (LADOT)
CC: Jeff Khau (CD11 Planning & Transportation Deputy), Michael Amster (CD11 Field Deputy)

The West LA/Sawtelle Neighborhood Council requests that LADOT study the following ranked list of priority intersections for safety improvements, including all-way stop signs, painted crosswalks, and traffic circles.

- 1) **Wellesley Ave and Ohio Ave:** There is no stop sign or signal on Ohio between Bundy and Centinela (4 blocks). There is high foot traffic across Ohio to businesses and transit along Santa Monica Blvd. A common cycling route requires an unprotected left turn onto Ohio.
- 2) **Wellesley Ave and Idaho Ave:** There is no stop sign or signal on Idaho between Bundy and Centinela (4 blocks). A common cycling route requires an unprotected left turn onto Idaho.
- 3) **Wellesley Ave and Iowa Ave:** There is no stop sign or signal on Iowa between Bundy and Centinela (4 blocks).
- 4) **Purdue Ave and Iowa Ave:** There is high foot traffic across Iowa to the West LA Farmers' Market, the West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library, the Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center, and businesses and transit on Santa Monica Blvd. There is a pattern of all-way stops at all similar intersections in the vicinity, which could cause pedestrians to expect cross traffic to stop at this intersection.
- 5) **Sawtelle Blvd and Nebraska Ave:** There's no stop sign/signal on Sawtelle Blvd between Santa Monica Blvd and La Grange (4 blocks), so pedestrians don't have an easy or safe crossing in a half-mile segment. This intersection is adjacent to Nora Sterry Elementary School. It can be difficult for drivers to find a gap in traffic, so they make risky left turns onto Sawtelle Blvd endangering themselves, other drivers, and pedestrians. We acknowledge that recently a signalized pedestrian crossing has been added to this intersection, which is an improvement, but we believe the intersection would most benefit from a stop sign or signal.
- 6) **Beloit Ave and Missouri Ave:** There is a pattern of all-way stops at all similar intersections on Beloit between Santa Monica Blvd and Olympic Blvd, which could cause pedestrians to expect cross traffic to stop at this intersection. A pedestrian was killed by a driver at this intersection in a hit-and-run on February 13, 2024
<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/driver-sought-in-deadly-hit-and-run-crash-on-los-angeles-west-side/>

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc NW CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- 22. MOTION:** To approve filing a complaint with the planning department and any other relevant city departments regarding flagrant violations of the modify conditions approved by the planning and land-use management committee on April 28, 2015 (CF 15-0038) including the conditional use permit (CUP) and the Traffic Management and Mitigation Program (TMMP).

PLUM COMMITTEE

- 23. ELECTION: NOMINATE ANDREW RAHM AND ELIZABETH WANG**

Motion to approve Community Impact Statement in Appendix C Re: DCR Core Application No. 101796, or LA-R-24-101796-ANN, 12320 W Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064 – West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council (PLUM Committee) request for a new Community Meeting & Public Hearing due to a Lack of Notice for the March 24th and April 4th Meetings [PLUM Unanimously approved]

Appendix C: Community Impact Statement to the Cannabis Regulation

Commissioncannabiscommission@lacity.orgRe: DCR Core Application No. 101796, or LA-R-24-101796-ANN, 12320 W Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064 – West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council (PLUM Committee) request for a new Community Meeting & Public Hearing due to a Lack of Notice for the March 24th and April 4th MeetingsDear Commission members,West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council has not received any notices for public hearings regarding the licensing of cannabis within our boundaries for up to 24 months, including the latest hearing which took place on March 24th for Application No. 101796. Guidelines require notification to the neighborhood council and so there is concern regarding the lack of notice for such a prolonged period of time.Education and compliance with regulations are important to our residents. We request a list of community liaisons and contacts for these matters with your office and the operators within our neighborhood council area.Issues of concern include:

- (i) Ownership/management – people would be interested in hearing who owns the store, where are they based, is it part of a larger operation or a solo entrepreneur?
- (ii) Proposed hours of operation – is it in line with neighboring and/or sensitive businesses?
- (iii) Security – what is the protocol on site?
- (iv) Protection of minors – how will minors be protected from entering the property?
- (v) Loitering/cannabis use around the premises – are there complaints of people making a purchase and sitting in their cars in the surrounding area to use it?
- (vi) Parking – Is there dedicated parking spaces behind the building in compliance with retail guidelines for parking in the city of LA? Is there parking for employees? How are pick-ups handled?

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS
WRAC recommended motions:

1) Motion approved at the June WRAC board meeting (I believe you said you ran out of time to consider this at your June meeting): [Oppose CF 21- 0329-S5](#) -- the Katy Yaroslavsky motion to change/severely restrict 41.18. 6 councils have voted to pass this so far.

2) "New" motion approved unanimously this past Monday: [Support CF 24-0140-S1](#) -- motion by Park, et al, for a report on impacts of the *Grants Pass* ruling. So far, 4 councils have already passed this (or modified versions) – VNC just passed this

Background on this (#2) motion from sponsor of motion: This should be "easy" to pass - City Council would appreciate WRAC's support, so that would be important if that they can reach a majority for passage! The WRAC members understood this point and the vote to recommend was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT - Adjourn and record Meeting adjournment time: _____ PM

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 978-1551 or NCsupport@lacity.org Si requiere servicios de traducción, avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Contacte contact@westlasawtelle.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS: In compliance with Government Code 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Stoner Park 1835 Stoner Ave, via appt, at website: www.westlasawtelle.org, online at <https://tinyurl.com/WLASNC-Board>, or at the meeting. If you want a copy of any record on the agenda, contact James Altuner at: james@westlasawtelle.org.

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST: Requests shall be forwarded to DONE and the City Attorney for guidance in determining compliance with the request. The Board will respond to the person or agency requesting the records in writing, within 10 days of receipt of the request, informing them that their request has been received and forwarded to DONE and the City Attorney to determine compliance. Link <https://recordsrequest.lacity.org/> DONE link <https://empowerla.org/public-records-requests/>

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.

TELECONFERENCING: In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portanitino) an LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, The Sawtelle Neighborhood Council will be conducted virtually.

SB 411 UPDATES: If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the

meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph, to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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