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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 10.23.2024 7PM

NO IN PERSON MEETING

VIA ZOOM ONLY <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82474769234>

OR DIAL VIA TELEPHONE (669) 900-6833 or (833) 548-0282

MEETING ID: 824 7476 9234

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

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL ZOOM MEETING ONLY THIS SESSION

	Call to order time	7:02PM	
	PRESENT	ZOOM	ABSENT
JAMES ALTUNER			
RON BEN-YEHUDA			
ALEX CARYOTAKIS			
WALTON CHIU			
TASCHA FOLSOI			
JAY HANDAL			
KENT KAISAKI			
MONICA MEJIA-LAMBERT			
VIC PACHECO			
VINCE PEAGLER			
ALEXANDRA POLIN			
ADRIANE RANSOM			
DAVID SWARTZ			
PIERRE TECON			
DANILO TORRO			
SUBTOTALS			
TOTALS			

II. MINUTES

A. MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES for 09.25.2024 <https://tinyurl.com/4kw2dedd>

Moved	
Seconded	
Opposed	
Abstain	

In favor	
Motion passes	
Motion does not pass	

III. GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS

A. UPDATES:

1. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT (DONE)
2. LAPD + LAFD
3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY LINDSEY HORVATH OFFICE ZACH
4. CD11 COUNCILWOMAN TRACI PARK OFFICE MICHAEL AMSTER
5. STONER RECREATION CENTER ADRIA DELIBERTO
6. ELECTED OFFICIALS & MAYOR'S OFFICE
7. BUNDY TRIANGLE POP-UP FRIDAY 10.25.24 3-7PM W/OHIO SLIP LANE CLOSURE

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

- a. NAKIESSA ABBASI, RESEARCHER Los Angeles River Master Plan
 - i. LINK <https://tinyurl.com/2r9xu3m7>
- b. 1569 Mississippi Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025. We live right next to the nursery for sale and my brother in law just bought his home 2 blocks from the development on Missouri and Butler. I am most concerned about the parking situation in our neighborhood with the enactment of ED1. To build with such density as 44 units in a 15000 sqft lot without providing parking is basically shelling the responsibility of parking onto the neighborhood. I understand the need for housing, but housing without parking is disingenuous to the modern needs of Los Angelenos. I believe that providing parking should be a requirement to build, for the renters sake and as a courtesy to neighbors.

V. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. MOTION:

Moved	
Seconded	
Opposed	
Abstain	
In favor	
Motion passes	
Motion does not pass	

B. MOTION: TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT [MER]

Moved	
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Seconded	
Opposed	
Abstain	
In favor	
Motion passes	
Motion does not pass	

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. UPDATES:

1. CHAIR

2. VICE CHAIR

- a. We [in conjunction with the Bundy Triangle Committee] organized a Uni Wildcats drumline performance at Bundy Triangle. [James + Adriane]
- b. Sawtelle Mobility Survey is out. Please help us distribute flyers. [Gema + Joseph + Walt]

3. SECRETARY

- a. Citizen Concern: intersection of La Grange Ave and Bundy Dr (12098 La Grange Ave) that is impacting our community. Daily, drivers are waiting over 10 minutes to make a left turn. The traffic light only changes when someone presses the crosswalk button, which is not sufficient for the heavy traffic flow, especially for those trying to access the 405 freeway. This has resulted in dangerous situations as frustrated drivers make risky maneuvers to get through. It would be greatly beneficial for our community if the timing of this traffic signal could be reviewed and adjusted to improve safety and traffic flow.

4. TREASURER

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. MOTION: NPG for Cal Poly Pomona DEPT Landscape Architecture [Natasha Harkinson]
- B. MOTION: Neighborhood Council support being a community partner with the UCLA Film/Television Archive for former Neighborhood Council member and Giant Robot founder Eric Nakamura's film series to be open and free to the public at the Billy Wilder theater. [WALT]
- C. MOTION: We are asking for a budget of up to \$500.00 to organize a community fair at the first week of December to connect neighbors with community organizations, services and nonprofits. [Annie+Vince]
- D. MOTION: Nominate MICHAEL MIRNOFF to the Public Safety + Homelessness Committee.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. BYLAWS & Standing Rules

II. BUDGET + FINANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS+OUTREACH

- A. ANNOUNCEMENT: We restarted our monthly Farmer's Market presence. Board and Committee members, please sign up. <https://tinyurl.com/25d8a75f> [Vince]
- B. ANNOUNCEMENT: We are organizing a street cleaning with neighbors.

[Deborah]

1. School (Cosmos Gakuin Japanese School) have been cleaning Sawtelle Blvd on Saturdays since Spring 2023, and now it is open to the public. If you are looking for opportunities to clean our neighborhood, please come join us! Meet every Saturday. Meeting Place: Cosmos Gakuin Japanese School 1819 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025 Meeting Time: 2:25 PM (we will start at 2:30 PM Ending Time: 3:45 PM (we will finish cleaning at 3:30 PM and scale the trash for recording.)
2. The school next to Hayama(now closed) have been doing a street cleaning for a while now. And, even the W.LA Buddhist Temple does their own clean-up on Sat. or Sun. mornings. There is a neighbor on Butler who picks up trash from SM Blvd-Olympic each week.

C. ANNOUNCEMENT: We will send out our first newsletter soon. Committees please provide updates to [Tascha + Tina]

- IV. MOBILITY ENVIRONMENTAL
- V. PLANNING + LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM)
- VI. PUBLIC SAFETY + HOMELESSNESS
- VII. AD HOC: NEW WEST CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY Gary Gosen: Update status
- VIII. AD HOC: WEST LA COMMONS
- IX. WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS (WRAC)

Background – Request Investigation of Funds Used for Homelessness

(motion recommended to the WRAC Board by the WRAC HOC) Recommended motion text: “ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges (1) the federal government to intervene and conduct a federal investigation into the use by the city of Los Angeles, the county of Los Angeles, the state of California and all city, county and state agencies of federal funds received to address homelessness; (2) the state government to investigate the use of state funds for such purpose; (3) the county government to investigate the use of county funds for such purpose; and (4) the city government to investigate the use of city funds for such purpose, due to the mismanagement and non-accountability of taxpayer dollars being squandered while leaving a humanitarian crisis on our streets. " _____ NC/CC further calls upon our city Councilmembers to communicate this request with the relevant respective federal, state, county and city authorities, including our U.S. Senators, Congressmembers, the U.S. Attorney General and Dept. of Justice; our Governor, state Senators, Assemblymembers and state Attorney General; our county Supervisors and District Attorney; and our Mayor and City Attorney.”

X. BUSINESS PARTNERING COMMITTEE:

- A. Business Partnering Committee Update (New Committee) Purpose and Intention statement in development.
- B. Organize Business forum and attract businesses to Sawtelle.

XI. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Secretary: document was approved by the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council on August 28, 2024, regarding; "Letter to Council District 11 requesting LAMC 41.18 safety enhancements for the Bundy Triangle."
- B. The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council passed the motion in support of the following WRAC Motions;

1. Motion to Support the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman
2. Support for CF-24-0602 (report on impact of artificial turf installations)
3. Support for CW Park Letter re Governor’s Executive Order #

- N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 11.
4. Request CW Yaroslavsky to Send Similar Letter re Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5.
 5. Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors.
 6. Request for City Homeless Reporting Dashboard that Mirrors the Culver City Homeless Reporting Dashboard.
 7. Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted.
 8. Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited.

We will submit a CIS for Motion 2 (CFN 24-0602, Artificial Turf) but are uncertain if there is further action required for the other items. Please advise if the other Motions, which do not have Council File Numbers (CFN) or City Planning Case Numbers (PCN), will require further processing by WLASNC.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved	
Seconded	
Adjournment time	

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.

PAID REPRESENTATIVES: If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

**City of Los Angeles
Office of the City Clerk
Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

Neighborhood Purposes Grants

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A “Project Completion Report” template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org
- (213) 978-1058

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	teachers (2)	\$1,200	\$
	music/food/promotion	\$300	\$
		\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
 No Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: **\$1,500**

10a) Start date: 11/26/24 10b) Date Funds Required: 6/30/25 10c) Expected Completion Date: 6/30/25
 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?
 No Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?
 Yes No *(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - **REQUIRED***
Nancy Vescovo Chair *Nancy Vescovo* 09/17/24
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - **REQUIRED***
Sarah Fillmore Treasurer *[Signature]* 09/17/24
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form