



## **WEST LA SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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### **WEST LA CIVIC CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT REGULAR MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 --**

**6:00 PM**

**WEST LA MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOBBY –  
1645 CORINTH AVE.**

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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.**
  - a. Link with meeting documents:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XoQq5AbXjGW01SHQiroe8lZMj-n3mKWe>
- II. **MINUTES:** Approval of Feb. 19 meeting.
- III. **GOVERNMENT/AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS:** CD11 - Craig Bullock, Jeff Khau, Planning Deputy; Michael Amster, WLA Field Deputy; County Supervisor District 3 - Zac Gaidzik, Field Deputy.
- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Non-agenda items (minimum of 90 seconds).
- V. **EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** J.Ross conferred with City (Kathleen King) and County (Jolee Hui, Kevin Finkel) planning staff about application status.
- VI. **ADMINISTRATIVE**
- VII. **NEW / CURRENT BUSINESS**
  - a. Tour of WLA Municipal Building.
  - b. Review of status of WLA Commons project: Planning application is on hold, but it does not expire. The application can be cancelled for lack of activity, or withdrawn by the developer/ applicant.
    - i. Will City/County issue new RFP for new developers and new proposals?
  - c. List of organizations and events that can use the Municipal Building rooms and outdoor plaza.
    - i. Are they safe and usable, and is city staff available to clean, maintain and monitor?
  - d. Path of action and goals for NC.
    - i. Create framework for future development.
    - ii. Preservation / renovation / adaptive re-use of Municipal Building (city) and Courthouse (county).
    - iii. Short-term uses and activities - Should NC do outreach and notify that space is available?
    - iv. If no development will be done for several or many years, how shall we proceed?
  - e. Discussions with the City and County.
    - i. County may build affordable housing on its own parcels (Courthouse and some west parking lots).
  - f. Graffiti art wall (like Venice Beach).
  - g. Motion (JR): City and County shall collaborate directly, and clean up, repair and maintain the site in a 1<sup>st</sup> class, welcoming manner for the residents, and find funding with no excuses.
    - i. Repair lampposts and add bollards (cars keep crashing into them).
    - ii. Steamclean and wash every week.
    - iii. New landscaping.
    - iv. Paint over graffiti within 24 hours.
    - v. Better secure buildings with fences, cameras, guards, police patrols to prevent trespassing and graffiti.
    - vi. Remove homeless camps regularly from parking lots and plaza.
    - vii. Fix the fountain with water and add skate guards (unless it's for skateboarders).
    - viii. Fence the entire site with gates that are open during daytime. A nice wrought-iron fence (not chain link).

## **VIII. OLD / CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- a. Motion (JR): Request that future development plans follow the current plan that the NC supports [tabled at Feb meeting]:
  - i. A public park, preferably on the south portion along Iowa Ave.
  - ii. Apartments and townhouses, with a significant portion restricted as affordable (30-60% AMI).
  - iii. Adaptive re-use of the courthouse and municipal building.
  - iv. Commercial/ educational/ cultural/ athletic uses as part of mixed-use design that will activate Santa Monica Blvd. and the project during the day and evening.
- b. Motion (JR): Request that City and/or County develop plan and funding for [tabled at Feb meeting]:
  - i. A permanent wrought-iron fence to enclose the plaza area, and gates that are open for public use during daytime hours and prevent trespassing and camping during night hours.
  - ii. A temporary park on a portion of the south parking lot with grass and/or artificial turf, potted plants/trees, benches, picnic tables and playground equipment.
  - iii. Active open space in the plaza area, such as a playground, operating fountain
- c. Resolution from Dec. 15 meeting: Invite Planning Deputies from City (CD11, Traci Park) and County (SD2, Lindsey Horvath) offices to next WLASNC Board Meeting to give a detailed report of redevelopment status of the West LA Civic Center:
  - i. Is the West LA Commons development team of Abode Housing and Avalon Bay still involved? Is their Planning submittal and EIR active, or are they on hold?
  - ii. What are the next steps that the City and County are considering?
  - iii. Are the City and County still working together on a joint project? Or will the County pursue a separate project on its land (Courthouse and north and west parking lots)?
  - iv. What new ideas are being discussed for the property?
  - v. How will the City and County stay engaged with the Sawtelle neighborhood while developing new plans for the property?
  - vi. What funding is available for redevelopment of the Civic Center from the City and/or County? Is funding available for short-term projects like fencing, lighting, temporary parks/open space, playgrounds, and renovating / maintaining the bandshell?

**IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Non-agenda items (maximum of 90 seconds).

**X. ADJOURNMENT.**

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