

WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 7:00 PM

Held via Zoom video conferencing

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Los Angeles, CA

Attending: Ghorbani, Migdal, Pindell, Ross, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro, Zahedani, Ransom (**Note - Ransom was ineligible to vote due to incomplete trainings, but counts for purposes of quorum**)

Absent: Shigematsu, Hassani, Keeton, Handal.

TIME BEGINS: 7:01 PM TIME ENDS: 8:34 PM

1. Call to Order: Board is 15 members, 9 are required for quorum.

Jay Ross called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM with quorum. Molly Rudnick said she would have to leave at 7:45.

2. Administrative: This is a regular meeting, not a special meeting, because it is held at its regularly scheduled time (per DONE's virtual meeting requirements).

a. Minutes: Nov. meeting.

Ron Migdal motioned to approve, Jay Ross seconded.

Motion to approve November board meeting minutes. 8 Yes (Ghorbani, Pindell, Migdal, Ross, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 1 Abstain (Zahedani). **Motion passed.**

b. MERS: Nov. & Dec. (Monthly Expenditure Reports).

Jay Ross moved to approve. Ron Migdal seconded.

Motion to approve November and December MERS. 8 Yes (Ghorbani, Pindell, Migdal, Ross, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 1 Abstain (Zahedani). **Motion passed.**

c. Nominations for vacant Board seats.

i. Application: Galen Pindell (South West).

Ron Migdal moved to approve Galen Pindell as South West board member representative. Jay Ross seconded. Ross explained that Pindell's old seat would become an at-large seat which is easier to fill.

Motion to approve Galen Pindell as new South West representative. 8 Yes (Ghorbani, Pindell,

Migdal, Ross, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 1 Abstain (Zahedani). **Motion passed.**

ii. Application: Adriane Ransom (At Large).

Jay Ross went over Adriane Ransom's background, and she introduced herself saying she would like to improve her neighborhood and make it safe for her kids.

Ron Migdal moved to approve. Jay Ross seconded.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Lavenson said that Ransom has the LAPD's vote.

Motion to approve Adriane Ransom as At Large Representative. 8 Yes (Ghorbani, Pindell, Migdal, Ross, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 1 Abstain (Zahedani). **Motion passed.**

Ross added she could participate tonight but needs to take the trainings to be able to vote. She will count for purposes of quorum.

d. Cornerstone training: Roster of Boardmembers with emails and phones.

Ron Migdal asked if anyone knows who is delinquent with trainings. Atziri Camarena from DONE explained they are updating their roster. Anti-bias training will be mandatory along with ethics, funding, and code of conduct and the deadline has been extended to January 31st. As of right now Teri Temme, Migdal, Molly Rudnick, Jay Ross, and Jean Shigematsu have completed their anti-bias training. For ethics training, Ehsan Zahedani expired last year, his funding expired in June, code of conduct expired December. She said that Migdal is incomplete for code of conduct, but Migdal said that his was complete. Zahedani will not be able to vote on any matters. She added that the monthly DONE briefings contain training info, who is necessary for up to date trainings, and COVID info. It is made specific to each NC.

e. Brown Act revisions (AB 361): Requirements for agenda – see Exhibits at end of Agenda:

i. Public comment:

1. Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance.

2. Ample time must be given to allow stakeholders to “raise their hand” and comment. Public comment should not end because no stakeholders have raised their hands at the time the item opens.

Jay Ross displayed the revisions but noted that he believes they are moot because WLASNC already does them.

ii. Avoid time limits on items on the Agenda: The entire time should be exhausted before closing the item, in case a stakeholder arrives later during the item, and wants to comment.

iii. Disruptions: At first disruption, if it is not resolved, a recess should be called. If disruption occurs again and is not resolved, meeting should be adjourned.

f. Neighborhood Purposes Grant: Application from West L.A. Community Coalition for \$7,000 (see Exhibits at end of Agenda and Google Drive - Jan. 5 version):

i. Payments to musicians at 26 West LA Farmers Market events on Sundays - \$5,600.

Jay Ross motioned to approve and Ron Migdal seconded. Ross explained the motion.

Greg Ericksen from the West LA Community Coalition, 501c.3, clarified that \$900 is for supplies including tents and crafts: cleaning supplies, PPE, kids games, etc. for the market. He gave some background on the founding of the Coalition and their past partnerships with WLASNC, adding that the current item is really to keep the West LA Farmer's Market open, so they are doing everything in their power to draw people to the market so it can stay open. Ron Migdal added that Mr. Ericksen is a former board member.

Jay Ross called for public comment, and there was none.

Pierre Tecon asked if the developer of the LA Commons was not paying for these musicians any longer, and Mr. Ericksen said that they helped fund 3-4 months of that music. Tecon asked if they would be willing to support that for a longer period, and Mr. Ericksen said it was their current fundraising plan.

Atzi Camarena noted that because the NPG goes beyond the \$5000 dollar threshold, it may require a contract after the City Clerk reviews. Also because the motion is a funding motion, they have to do a roll call vote.

Galen Pindell asked if Mr. Ericksen could share more details about the developers' position since they always tout their support. Mr. Ericksen said they do not have any commitment as of right now but would be happy to have that support as well as for the library and garden. They have been supportive so far of everything the Coalition has done in the calendar year. Danilo Torro asked if he lived close to the farmer's market, and Mr. Ericksen said he was a resident of West LA for 12 years and now lives in Long Beach but members of their board live in West LA. Ron Migdal asked, if the Commons developers come through with the money, whether the Coalition will not need this \$5,600. Mr. Ericksen emphasized there is no guarantee of funding. This only funds something like 14 weeks, maybe 26 weeks and they need funding to sustain the calendar year.

<p>Motion to approve \$5,600 to musicians at 26 West LA Farmers Market events on Sundays. 7 Yes (Ghorbani, Pindell, Migdal, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 1 No (Ross). 2 Abstain (Zahedani, Ransom). Motion passed.</p>
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Ross then moved to 1520 Barrie before moving on to the next item.

ii. Purchase of 3 tents for childrens craft areas, supplies, games - \$900.

iii. Design and printing of marketing flyers (to include WLASNC acknowledgement, information, logo): \$500.

iv. Dates: Sundays from Jan. to Jun. 2022.

v. Funding requested: Jan. 5, 2022.

vi. Conflicts of interest: To be disclosed.

g. Motion: Support for audit of DONE election expenditures, per Reseda N.C. Resolution (see Resolution in Google Drive).

Jay Ross explained the motion, saying the group that did election PR did minimal effort for the money paid. It didn't specifically reference fraud, but did call into question the management of funds and work. Ross asked if they could vote on it right now, and Pierre Tecon thought they could.

Ross motioned to support and Ron Migdal seconded.

Motion to support an audit of DONE election expenditures, per REseda NC Resolution. 7 Yes (Ghorbani, Pindell, Migdal, Tecon, Temme, Torro, Ross). 0 No 2 Abstain (Zahedani, Ransom). Motion passed.

Stakeholder Faramaz asked if they were covering item 11. Ross said at this hour, the MTA person could not attend so people who have comments can refer them to the MTA. Faramaz would be happy to connect with any board member interested in this issue as he lives close to where the project is being run. Ross asked him to call and talk to him about it tomorrow.

Stakeholder Tina asked if there will be more discussion about the LA Commons prior to the vote, and Ross said he has to confirm with their Chair Keeton but they will most likely discuss next month. They want to invite the developers prior to a formal vote on what WLASNC decides to do next month.

Migdal noted that they have had an issue several times with not achieving quorum and it angers him by having people waste his time and the stakeholders', and that it is also embarrassing for WLASNC. He asked everyone to make a valiant effort to show up to board meetings.

Danilo Torro thought that DONE had a punishment built in for absenteeism like censuring. Jay Ross noted that they can vote to remove someone. Galen Pindell thought that the conditions for censuring or removing are in the bylaws, and Arman Ghorbani thought the provision kicked in if someone missed three meetings in a row.

Adriane Ransom brought up previous talk about changing bylaws so the quorum required fewer people. Migdal asked who was in charge of the bylaws committee, and Ross said it was either him or Chair Keeton, but they have not met in about 2 years. They can reestablish the committee and schedule a meeting in February. Migdal volunteered to be on the bylaws committee.

Stakeholder Walton Chu said he would like to apply for the board and that he had emailed Chair Keeton two or three times since November but she did not get back to him. Ross did not know if they have an open seat, but that they appreciate him and will find other things for him to do.

Torro thought they should issue a warning to people who are perennially absent to make a decision whether they want to be part of the board or not. Ross noted that he is also charting attendance. Ghorbani said to Pindell's point that they have board members who have missed three meetings already, and suggested they put an agenda item on a board meeting to warn board members. Ross said they can make a motion to send a warning or reminder next month. Ghorbani also added that everyone has things to do, sometimes people miss the meetings, and reminded that the board are also volunteers. Migdal formally requested that Ross as secretary keep records of who does not show up to meetings. Ross agreed and also thanked the board members for leaving their cameras on.

h. Motion: Support for Sawtelle Japantown Celebration (Feb. 25-27) - food distribution, vaccination or testing clinic, extra trash cans.

i. Motion: Add 2 geographic seats to Board of Directors (see maps in Google Drive and end of Agenda).

3. General Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum per speaker).

4. Government/Agency/Community Partner updates:

Michelle Persoff from the office of Assm. Bryan explained that the assemblymember is chair of the Elections Committee and is on Appropriations, Governmental Organizations, Public Safety, and the Select Committee for the Orange County Oil Spill. He has introduced 3 bills so far: AB1670, a commission on alternatives to incarceration; AB 1685, involving parking violations and direct aid helping homeless individuals to get housing; and AB1626, which ends the practice of charging parents whose children are taken into the Child Welfare System. He is also working on California single payer healthcare for all and gun violence prevention. She reminded everyone that her email is always available: michelle.persof@asm.ca.gov, and she would be happy to field any questions or concerns.

Ron Migdal asked about AB1685 and Ms. Persoff explained that it asks local organizations to have a parking violation forgiveness program. The gun violence prevention initiative levies taxes on sales of guns and ammunition.

Isabelle Duvivier explained that the tree inventory of the area is complete and if they want a presentation from Urban Forestry, she can arrange that. They have 32,000 trees, and she explained the top 5 trees.

Pierre Tecon said that he sent to her and Jay Ross information on Federal, where about 65-70 trees were planted by the city. Some are dormant, some have leaves. He asked if they could do the same on other streets in WLASNC's neighborhood, saying the team planting does not know where they will be dispatched on a day to day basis.

Ms. Duvivier said that there are a lot of different tree planting programs: they could have been replacement trees, or it could be a metro related project. Jay Ross said they are just happy someone planted them.

Stakeholder Tina asked if she could read the tree inventory report online, and Ms. Duvivier said she could and to google search Tree Inventory West LA Sawtelle. It will take stakeholders to the homepage, and there will be a link to the tree inventory schedule, and if you go to that page, you will go to all different NC's. Some NC's have not had their inventory completed, WLASNC's was completed only recently.

Philip Ganchiev from the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance said he had updates, but was not prepared to present.

a. Council District #11-Mike Bonin: Planning Deputy - Len Nguyen, WLA Deputy Gaby Markley.

b. Supervisor District #3-Sheila Kuehl: Zac Gaidzek.

Zac Gaidzik said that COVID case numbers are finally starting to trend down, and they feel like they have reached the top of the surge. He urged attendees to get vaccinated and boosted and remember to wear a high-quality mask, either KN95 and N95. The Supervisor also worked on additional renter protections, but he will email a full update to the board.

c. Police Dept.: Senior Lead Officer James Lavenson.

SLO Lavenson said that the LAPD had lots of complaints about homeless people at Stoner Park. They worked with Public Works, a sanitation crew, Vice and Narcotics Senior Leads who offered outreach. They issued some citations and made misdemeanor arrests, and the individuals are no longer living on park grounds. Another encampment was at the Goodwill on Santa Monica and Stoner, which had a fire there a few weeks ago. They impounded a car and RV that had been there.

Today they focused on Exposition between Barrington and Granville. The LA School of Ballet is there. SLO Lavenson noted that LA is fighting to keep the arts afloat and relevant, and if they do not clean this block up the school will close, and other businesses will be affected as well. They are looking out for the rights of homeless men and women, but the men and women who reside here and businesses also have rights. Today they were able to make some arrests and arrests are not his primary goal, but if people do not want to follow the rules, then he will start enforcing the laws. There are some that are tapping into the power from Edison and DWP. When you hear about encampment fires, that's the first thing he looks at because of the fire hazard, and that is not even talking about the disease and trash.

SLO Lavenson knows that the LAPD is not the homeless police, but as SLO it is his job to ensure that the community as a whole have a quality of life. Their crime numbers are down, but if stakeholders still feel unsafe around large encampments, that's not worth much. He noted that calls about encampments are mostly at night about safety issues. He is also more than happy to talk to anybody at any time, and his email is 30627@lapd.online. Galen Pindell thanked him for his efforts on Stoner and the encampments that are the biggest.

SLO Lavenson noted that at Pico and Centinela, the east side is a disaster while the west side is immaculate. Instead of giving him a commendation, he thought they should get their council members to pass legislation to empower the LAPD with the ability to arrest or cite for certain situations. Jay Ross clarified that the unhoused can sleep on sidewalks so long as they do not damage or destroy property. SLO Lavenson said that Adriane Ransom was able to dig up ADA violation policy, educate him, and that has been their saving grace.

Ron Migdal asked if the City Council has to approve an area to be a designated cleanup zone. SLO Lavenson said it is a fine line, and that the Sanitation Bureau, Care Plus, LAHSA, and LA-HOP have not been super helpful. But they had caseworkers who came out today who were amazing.

He said that they spent 6 hours cleaning up the area and appreciated the thank you calls from the dance studio and parents in the area. He does not know what the solution is to homelessness, but no one will ever hear him say there is nothing they can do. He is aware that in 2 days it might be bad again, but he just has to be consistent with outreach and enforcement.

Danilo Torro noted that they had aggressive and disruptive anti-vaxxers come to the west and asked if they can do anything so they have to stay away from the New West Charter School. SLO Lavenson was there during the protest with some school police and had contact with organizers and school administrators. The first day was bad because protestors got on school grounds, and the LAPD gave them a warning. Around the corner on Westgate and Nebraska was their mobile field force: his lieutenant, captain, and sergeants. All he needed to do was call in the cavalry to shut down that protest. He wanted them to stay back in the wings since they have to be aware of the first amendment. This was not the parents of non-vaccinated kids, this was a group outside that latched on to this with a goal to create chaos and anarchy. They want the department to do or say something stupid. The LAPD then needs to show patience, restraint, and knowledge of the big picture. The school is a charter school, but is run by the California State Board of Education not LAUSD. Migdal thanked him on behalf of the board.

Torro said that across the street from the golf shop on Nebraska and Amherst, a car from Arizona has been parked for two months. The tires have been marked but no one has come to tow it. SLO Lavenson said he would mark it this Saturday and have it towed Monday, and to send him an email about it.

In regard to a comment made by SLO Lavenson about being defunded, Stakeholder Lionel Mares said that he did not think according to the data the LAPD is being defunded. They have the largest budget of any department in LA, and the City Council are proposing to increase their funding. He also encouraged officers to wear a mask and had classmates that are in law enforcement. SLO Lavenson clarified that he made his comment in jest, but added that it really affects the hiring of new officers. He also confirmed that they do wear masks in public or in the station around other officers, and the reason he is not wearing one on Zoom currently is because he is in his apartment currently. He thinks officers should wear masks in public because otherwise the optic is bad.

d. Website for affordable units: <https://LAHousing.LACity.org/AAHR>

5. Ex parte communications: J. Ross conferred with Ali Heshmati, Allied Design, for scheduling (1920 Barry Ave. houses), Lara Regus, Abode Housing for scheduling (West LA Commons).

6. Officer Reports:

a. Chair.

b. Vice Chair.

c. Treasurer.

d. Secretary: Motion to use email service for communications with stakeholders.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Planning and Land Use Management (J. Ross, Chair).

i. Motion: 1920 Barry Ave. - 4 proposed houses.

Jay Ross explained the project, which will replace 3 vacant and run-down houses and an empty lot with four three-story houses over two lots. He introduced Ali Heshmati as a project rep from Allied Design and described the setbacks and showed concept designs. The PLUM resolution recommends that the board support with conditions: Plant 2 street trees, plant 5 box trees in front and rear, front setback should comply with prevailing setback which it should or will, and 1 EV outlet per unit.

Ron Migdal asked if the front and rear buildings are closer or the side to side buildings closer. Mr. Heshmati said that the building separation is 12 feet per code, and the separation between the two lots is 22 feet. Migdal asked if there are windows on the front to back separation, and Mr. Heshmati said there are, placed strategically so windows are staggered to maintain privacy. He added that the units will be condominiums and they are applying for condo designation.

No public comment.

Ross motioned to support and Migdal seconded.

Arman Ghorbani asked how the developer felt about the conditions proposed by PLUM, and Mr. Heshmati said as a whole they had previously planned for it. They are in talks with a landscaper to provide public parkway trees and one large tree in each parcel. EV chargers are a requirement per code under Title 24. The front setback is also part of building code which is prevailing. They will be following what is enforced by the block. In calculations at the schematic level, it may not look like it's sitting far back enough, but it is. Regardless of code, they accept those conditions. Ross said he liked the design but will vote against it because he thinks 3 bedrooms is sufficient to provide more setback release and would like to see bigger yard space.

Motion to approve PLUM resolution re:1920 Barry Ave. - 4 proposed houses. 7 Yes (Migdal,

Ghorbani, Pindell, Rudnick, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 1 No (Ross). 2 Abstain (Zahedani, Ransom).
Motion passed.

ii. Motion: Request to BOE to install street lamps in Centinela Nebraska-Amherst neighborhood.

Jay Ross explained that neighbors living north of LADWP plan to install streetlights. Ross motioned and Pierre Tecon seconded.

Danilo Torro suggested they table it until they get more specifics. Ron Migdal noted that SLO Lavenson had shown up and requested they hear his report.

Note: SLO Lavenson's report will be under his section in item 4.c.

Ross continued with agency reports.

Note: Zac Gaidzik's report will be under his section in item 4.b.

At this point Ross jumped to Deborah Hong from LADWP's item.

iii. Discussion: West L.A. Commons – review of redevelopment proposal for civic center and courthouse (possible vote at Feb. 23 Board meeting).

b. Homeless (J. Handal, Chair).

c. Outreach.

d. Budget Advocates (J. Handal, Chair): Review of Report #3 (Dec. 2021) (see Google Drive for report).

After Tree Inventory.

e. DWP: Updates (Deborah Hong).

i. Construction staging equipment and noise.

ii. EMF impacts of new high-power lines.

iii. Landscaped median design and installation.

Deborah Hong with LADWP introduced herself. Jay Ross explained that neighbors have concerns about Electric and Magnetic Field radiation, and that DWP might be able to do EMF reading on the sidewalk right away, adding that there are no definitive conclusions about the effects of EMF. There has also been a request to landscape the parkway, and sidewalks have been repaired. Neighbors have concerns about construction activity, loud noises early in the morning, staging of supplies and equipment.

Ms. Hong introduced her colleagues Eduardo Cuevas from the Environmental Investigation Group and Sharat Batra from the Substation Engineering Group.

Ms. Hong explained that their presentation is about monopoles and their construction. Mr. Batra showed a map detailing the new banks they are installing. The Bank E and F replacement will have all monopoles located inside the station with the heights between 60-101 feet. The hours of construction are from 7 am to 6 pm. No traffic impact is expected during construction, and the first bank will be placed in service in April 2022. The second bank will be finished mid-April 2023. He explained that they are doing this to meet LA100 goals, since the original banks were constructed in the 1950's and 1970's, and this will support the import of green power from the Mojave desert.

Mr. Cuevas spoke on the CEQA and EMF topics. CEQA considers routine modifications within an existing footprint to be exempt from CEQA. This work is consistent with CEQA exemptions. For a brief overview of Electric and Magnetic Fields, magnetic fields are generated by electrical appliances by flow of electricity through a wire. This is at the extreme low end of the EMS, non-ionizing and low-frequency. The fields get weaker with distance and pass through most objects. He explained there is currently no applicable regulatory standard for EMF, but research is ongoing. They have taken measurements around the area on the sidewalk and at varying distances between 50 and 200 feet. It is worth noting that there are a number of potential sources of EMF in the area including distribution lines outside of the station. There could be other potential sources that would not be visible to their investigators from the public right of way, so it can be difficult to accurately model changes in EMF emission because of the number of sources.

A report by the Electric Power Research Institute displays EMF levels at varying distances. Monopole lines are 138 KVs. Lastly, Mr. Cuevas talked about EMF resources and how to request EMF home measurement for free.

Stakeholder Paul asked if the EMF they said was coming out is tested or figured, since they also have the Edison power line going down Nebraska. Mr. Cuevas confirmed they were actual levels. Paul emphasized that this is a residential neighborhood, and said Mr. Cuevas was showing pictures of the same sized pole for different areas like it didn't matter and it does matter to stakeholders.

Stakeholder Faramaz asked if there will be an increase in the MVA line rating of that 138 KV line? If so, he asked how much of an increase there is going to be in that MVA rating so they have a sense of how much the EMF's might increase. Mr. Batra confirmed that they will be rated up to 600 MVA now. Typically they will see that loading in the summer when everything is running full blast. Faramaz noted that it sounds like they are increasing the capacity by 50 percent.

Stakeholder Mark Fiore asked why LADWP's crews arrive at 6 AM but don't start until 7 AM. He hears them outside talking, leaving trash along the street, and parking from his house and he has to clean it up. He is disappointed in LADWP for how they've managed the crews and pushed them as far as possible into the neighborhood. Last meeting about the subject, an engineer talked about an iron cross that was already installed, and a couple feet bigger poles. Now they can see that they are significantly more than a couple feet bigger. The radius of the poles are twice what they once were. He asked why they are just

seeing this layout now after three of the poles have already been installed, and lamented that it feels like stakeholders' voices do not matter at this point and they are going through this process without any concern with how it affects their neighborhood, children, property values, etc. He and his neighbors are disappointed.

Ross asked if the workers and trash were current problems, and Mr. Fiore confirmed they were ongoing. Ross asked Ms. Hong if she could tell the workers to park onsite and stop the workers from talking and throwing trash, and Ms. Hong clarified that the previous crew was for the sidewalk repair. And a lot of workers live far away so they drive in early for a full day of physical labor. She has spoken to the facility manager to remind them to keep the noise level down. She has heard that that information has been relayed to the crews and they are doing better about that. They have all been told to please be more quiet and mindful. They have heard a complaint that guys show up in Harleys revving the engines, which she cannot speak to. New construction work is going on inside the station and she wanted to make a distinction.

Ross said that he works in construction and it is a very simple thing to manage. Mr. Fiore said that every morning trucking companies working with LADWP pull along Nebraska and park illegally in front of the no stopping sign. According to the DOT, they don't have the right to park there. Every morning they park there and leave their diesel engines running. Nebraska is a public street, but one side of the street is a no-stopping zone and LADWP has no more right to park there than he does.

Ron Migdal added that he thinks EMF is a lot more insidious than temporary construction issues, not to minimize them, and thought that Mr. Cuevas glossed over a lot of it when showing the graphs, and noted that EMF drops off according to inverse square law. He added that in Ms. Hong's letter it said that if a resident requests it LADWP can do EMF measurements. He asked why residents have to request it for poles that are generating EMF towards residential structures. Second, regarding Mr. Cuevas saying that research is ongoing about low-frequency EMF, he noted that cancer research is also "ongoing", and that gamma rays can also go through material. Migdal said that research has shown low-frequency EMF causes depression, cancer, and birth defects and thought the recklessness they are displaying in this issue is appalling. He thought they were hiding behind CEQA regulations.

Danilo Torro said he lives by the plant and that the DWP is a terrible neighbor that does not care about anyone. He thinks they are all about themselves and their salaries. Migdal reiterated that he would like a response from Mr. Cuevas to his comments and why they are only doing measurements if requested.

Mr. Cuevas explained that EMF measurements are a service they offer to customers and that they follow similar protocols to other California companies. This was a unique case so because of the concerns they went out to do these preliminary measurements. Typically they conduct measurements specifically for individuals with EMF related concerns. Migdal asked if they know what safe levels are, and Mr. Cuevas said based on info available from science and health communities, there are no clear links between any EMF level and specific health effects, and there is a lack of regulatory standards. Ross noted that they had given their estimates for EMF levels. Ms. Hong noted that they were allotted five minutes for Q and A and are currently into minute fourteen. They are doing what they can do, and while she understands if people have a different opinion and different research to point to, Mr. Cuevas is stating the facts. The

department will do readings at request for residential and public areas. They do not do that for every single home. Migdal reiterated that his questions were not for his benefit, but for his stakeholders’.

Pierre Tecon asked, independently of money, if it would be possible to put those poles somewhere else on the site away from homes, and Ms. Hong clarified that money was not the only issue. She compared the station to a jigsaw puzzle and said you cannot just put in new things on the other side of the south side because in most places there is preexisting equipment there. The way they are laid out is the most feasible location for the poles.

Ross asked if there was not another feed from the north, and what the heights of the poles on the northeast corner and the north and center areas, and Mr. Batra displayed the heights of the poles. Ross asked why the poles are so far north, and Mr. Batra explained that the decision is based on where the new banks will be installed. It would not make sense to have all the poles over here when the equipment is somewhere else.

Ross said that once these are installed they can call DWP out there to do an EMF test. He would also ask if they could do a projection mask for the existing EMF from power lines. Mr. Cuevas noted that their equipment can measure real world, real time EMFs but cannot predict or model potential EMF. Ross noted that in any CEQA projection they make predictions. Mr. Cuevas said considering the specific nature of this location and the distribution lines running along Nebraska, what could be done is trying to project it and isolate that component. But it would not be accurate without taking in other sources around. Ross noted that people do model this stuff, and Migdal added that even if it is difficult, it should still be done. Mr. Cuevas said that they work closely with EPRI, the Electric Power Research Institute, so they can reach out and ask for support specific to this. Ross asked them to do that, saying neighbors should at least have a good idea of what to expect.

Ross returned to the topic of construction and asked if there was any way to stage vehicles and equipment by a south entrance. Ms. Hong said that they did talk to the construction superintendent and moved equipment as much as they could to the south, but the equipment they are working on is at the north side.

Torro asked if they could erect temporary sound barriers. Ms. Hong said that she can talk to the construction supervisor about that. They have used dampening blankets on the fence. And she will remind them not to idle their trucks.

Stakeholder Paul asked if they were getting EMF also from the new wire run down from Sepulveda 6-9 months ago. He thought they were just adding and adding and it seems like none of this has been approved by the neighborhood at all. It seems like it is just LADWP saying “We’ll do whatever we want to do.”

Ross said they were disappointed that the LADWP is exempt from CEQA. It would be better if they could be a good neighbor and get the board EMF info ahead of time. Paul said that there was an issue one and a half to two years ago about the noise from the fans, and that has not changed, and there are no sound barrier fences. Torro added that that is where DWP is not a good neighbor, and does not go a step farther.

Ms. Hong asked to answer questions instead of people piling on and losing track of questions. As Mr. Batra mentioned they are replacing banks E and F, which were the source of some noises. Sound barriers were installed around Banks A and B. This project is for LA100, the direction the city is going in. There are stations and DWP facilities undergoing a lot of changes and upgrades. LA100's 100 percent renewable deadline is here. As a citizen, if you do not like it, you need to vote and contact public officials. LADWP is charged with meeting aggressive renewability mandates. She said they have been accused of singling out West LA, when they are making changes all over the city because they are required to. There is no other answer for renewability. Migdal said that the community is saying the effects of the renewal project are affecting them disproportionately.

8. Motion: Request that CD11 expedite removal of homeless camp from Stoner Park, and request that LAPD investigate threats to neighbors (see photos on Google drive).

9. Slow Streets: Motion - Support DOT proposal for slow streets on Texas, Westgate, Nebraska and Purdue (see map in Google drive and at end of Agenda).

a. DOT: Kevin Ocubillo, Planning Associate - Kevin.Ocubillo@LACity.org

Jay Ross explained that they had Kevin Ocubillo at their November meeting, and the proposal will put more permanent sidewalk bulb-outs, barriers, and painted road signage.

Ron Migdal asked, on Purdue, why they decided to put the traffic circle on Nebraska instead of Missouri. Mr. Ocubillo explained that they are trying to keep those features limited to where two slow streets intersect. The streets on this map were also nominated by WLASNC. Danilo Torro asked if the traffic circles have yield signs or stops at the end, and Mr. Ocubillo explained that they have full stops, and in other neighborhoods, compliance has been very high.

Ross motioned and Migdal seconded.

Stakeholder Walton Chiu is a huge fan of slow streets, and is glad they will be able to enforce them.

Stakeholder Mark Fiore did not see anything in this area around DWP, and nothing in the southwest part of Sawtelle. That would be something they should consider implementing so there's more connectivity and it does not turn their neighborhood into a place where people rip through.

Ross amended the motion to have the DOT expand the motion to the southwest. Migdal seconded.

<p>Motion to amend to have the DOT expand the motion to the southwest. 7 Yes (Migdal, Ghorbani, Pindell, Ross, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 2 Abstain (Zahedani, Ransom). Motion passed.</p>
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Galen Pindell motioned to amend the motion further to extend the Broadway bike path from Santa Monica so they can connect it to the Slow Street infrastructure. Currently, the path ends at Bundy. Ross agreed and seconded.

Motion to amend to extend the Broadway bike path from Santa Monica so they can connect it to the Slow Street infrastructure. 7 Yes (Migdal, Ghorbani, Pindell, Ross, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 2 Abstain (Zahedani, Ransom). **Motion passed.**

Vote on amended motion:

Motion to support DOT proposal for slow streets on Texas, Westgate, Nebraska and Purdue, amended to have the DOT expand the motion to the southwest and to extend the Broadway bike path from Santa Monica so they can connect it to the Slow Street infrastructure. 7 Yes (Migdal, Ghorbani, Pindell, Ross, Tecon, Temme, Torro). 0 No. 2 Abstain (Zahedani, Ransom). **Motion passed.**

10. Water Equity study: Presentation – results of study and potential projects (see information in Google drive).

a. Tree People: Xiomara Duran - XDuran@TreePeople.org

Annakaren Ramirez from Tree People introduced herself. She explained that their program is called Water Talks. It came out of Prop 1 back in 2014, the Water Quality Supply and Improvement Act. The goal is to identify needs in communities for water access. Anything that has to do with water they have been able to track over last year. They did a county wide needs assessment during the peak of COVID last year, with a survey accessible in 5 different languages. The goal was to understand the unique needs of communities all over the county. Areas of the valley experience a lot more flooding and issues related to trusting tap water. The goal is to be able to come back to communities and to think about how they can connect some of these issues that the community brought up to potential projects.

She explained that certain projects that can be funded look like green allies that can connect different corridors with increasing vegetation and permeable surfaces and increase public safety, and some projects that have increased wetlands. Curb cuts that filter water before it makes its way into the storm drains. They also identified needs in schools, and solutions that can be just retrofitting people's lawns. Also things like rain barrels and underground retention pools. Also, filtered water stations in public stations. They are currently in stages of developing a few of these. The survey is still ongoing, and CalState is partnering to run the survey.

Jay Ross asked if there were any projects targeted for the WLASNC neighborhood yet, and Ms. Ramirez said not yet. Danillo Torro suggested that she reach out to local schools to take the survey to parents, and Ms. Ramirez said she could get him flyers. Ron Migdal asked if she was suggesting Torro take flyers to the schools, and Ms. Ramirez said she was open to it. She added that Measure W has an annual funding cycle and every year about 5.5 million dollars are funded for stormwater projects with multiple community benefits. The more they learn from the community beforehand, the better. Greening projects have been funded more recently.

Ross asked if they could suggest a free rain barrel project for neighbors here, and Ms. Ramirez said they could. Ross added that they have mostly pavement in this neighborhood, so bioswales might be a good

idea. He offered to connect Ms. Ramirez to Nora Sterry Elementary School's Principal, and Torro thought that New West Charter might be a good school too. Ms. Ramirez asked what type of projects Ross would suggest, like gardens or retrofitting asphalt. Ross suggested she talk to the principal, but both would be good, as well as greenery to collect water and funnel to some kind of aquifer.

Stakeholder Tina suggested Ms. Ramirez also talk to the West LA Commons people about their plans.

11. Sepulveda Corridor Transit: Discussion of options to build subway or monorail to connect Valley to Expo Line (with stop at UCLA).

a. Information: <https://thesource.metro.net/2022/01/05/reminder-virtual-meetings-on-jan11-and-jan-22-for-sepulveda-transit-corridor-project/>

b. Project overview: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/642fc3ce99c2418bbaeff9bf3bfe3804>

c. Scoping meeting (Dec. 2021): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcucT0xMZxA>

d. Public comment: SepulvedaTransit@Metro.net .

12. WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils): <https://westsidecouncils.com/>

a. Homeless Committee (J.Handal, Chair).

b. Land Use and Planning Committee (J.Ross, representative).

c. Motion: Support for Council File 21-0002-S186 - Support any Sacramento legislative or administrative action that will allow the City to include SB 9 sites in an addendum to the Housing Element thus allowing for the inclusion of these SB 9 sites in the Adequate Sites for Housing inventory. <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-council-file-21-0002-s186-koretz/>
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/BackgroundInformation-re-Support-for-CF21-0002-S186.pdf>

d. Motion: Support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7 (Muratsuchi/ Glazer), which would place on the ballot for voter decision a Constitutional amendment to restore local governmental control over land use, zoning and planning decisions. <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-aca-7-muratsuchi-glazer/> <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BackgroundInfo.-Support-ACA-7.pdf>

e. Motion: Support for CF 21-1115 - Prohibition of businesses, such as bicycle shops, in public ROW and on public property that damage property and fail to provide ADA access. City Clerk: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1115>
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-council-file-21-1115-buscaino/>

13. General Public Comment - Items not on the Agenda: 1-minute minimum per speaker.

14. Member announcements.

15. Adjournment.

Jay Ross motioned to adjourn and Ron Migdal seconded at 9:32 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.