

WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center  
11338 Santa Monica Boulevard – Community Room – Los Angeles, CA 90025

*Attending:* Chair Jamie Keeton, Jay Ross, Arman Ghorbani, Naomi Kageyama, Ron Migdal, Jay Handal, Dylan Wright, Jean Shigematsu, Desa Philadelphia, Danillo Torro.

*Absent:* Eric Nakamura, Jennifer Gavina, Zana Glisovic.

TIME BEGINS: 7:09 p.m.    TIME ENDS: 9:29 p.m.  
Community and stakeholder members present: count not taken

**I.     Call to order**

Chair Keeton declared that the board would hear community partner reports at 7:05, without quorum. She officially called the meeting to order at 7:09 when quorum was achieved with the arrival of Jay Handal.

**II.    Community Partner Reports**

Marlon Walker introduced himself as the assistant construction relations manager for the LA metro and described the work planned for early next year in the West Sawtelle area. He described the Purple Line extension project from Wilshire and Western all the way to the VA building at Wilshire. There are three segments, one from La Cienega/Fairfax, one from Beverly Hills, and one through Westwood. Southern California Edison will be starting work next year in February at Ohio and Sawtelle, then working their way west trenching to replace and upgrade power systems so they'll have enough power for the stations. He would like to be able to give a 20-minute presentation about the work at a future meeting. They've been working at the Westwood area since March of this year, and that work has mostly taken place at night. At Ohio and Sawtelle, some work will be done during the day, some at night, with the goal of avoiding doing work during rush hour traffic times. West Sawtelle is in area 3 of the line.

Hannah Levien introduced herself as Mike Bonin's deputy for Mar Vista and West LA. Regarding item #8 on agenda, she had printed out copies of two motions, one passed in 2017 by Councilmember Bonin, and a more recent motion passed by Councilmember Blumenfeld that basically address item number 8. There's a huge problem with graffiti on dumpsters in the right of way during construction in the area. She wanted to let them know the kind of work in item number 9 was being considered. Also, as far as the Community Plan Update: she sent over a couple links to Chair Keeton and board members Ross and Handal to a survey relating to the

Community Plan Update process. And if they have specific asks not covered by the sent information, she can connect them to people working on the plan. She asked the board to let her know if there are any fun holiday events for Councilmember Bonin to attend.

Fernando Morales introduced himself as representing Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office, explaining that he was representing his office because the usual representative had appendicitis. He gave updates on his office's coordination with LAFD and emergency local/federal services, saying people have started moving back into their homes following the fires. Also, it is discretionary review time now, so right now they are reviewing and at the next meeting they can inform the council on what organizations were chosen. He also brought materials on what to do if you are facing eviction, as well as the quarterly update for Measure H. The rent stabilization ordinance passed that relates to unincorporated land, and he added that housing issues are usually regional issues.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Lavenson introduced himself and gave a crime briefing. In January they get to hit the reset button on crime statistics, and he explained that 2018 was not the best year for crime. Deaths by motor vehicle were high, and he asked the audience if they want all the crime statistics for the area, email him at 30627@lapd.online. He explained that most crimes were homeless on homeless: violence, robbery, etc.

In other news, SLO Lavenson said that his area will be losing their captain Valencia Thomas, who will be transferring downtown to Internal Affairs. Their new captain Vic Davalos attended their ComStat meeting today, and the first meeting with him was very positive.

He added that the LAPD's christmas tree lot is not open this year, since it was at the animal shelter, and they had a homeless problem there recently. The problem has been resolved for now, but people were living in cages in the shelter and renting out portions of it. They flew under the radar, had electricity, did not have barbecues outside, and nobody knew it was there. Now they're working on properties that the homeless from there have relocated to, so he is working with the city attorney on it. Their Thanksgiving feast was a huge success, and he thanked volunteers and partners who helped put it on. They are all trying to make West LA better, and the event helps get people off the street and into housing.

Jay Ross asked if SLO Lavenson's traffic control officers could control the Wilshire bus lane more, saying during rush hour there were tons of violators. Handal suggested CD11 and the SLO should collaborate because it's a parking enforcement issue. Jean Shigematsu asked how often SLO Lavenson checks the animal shelter, and he said that he checks it every day he works. He explained that they can't do it with just one officer since it's a huge property. Field Deputy Levien added that it's slated to be demolished in March, and the developer doesn't have the funds to do it any earlier.

### **III. General Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **IV. Approvals**

Jay Handal motioned to pull Item C, and Jay Ross asked to pull the minutes for submission.

#### **A. Outstanding draft meeting minutes**

Minutes were tabled for revision per Ross' request.

#### **B. Outstanding MERs reports**

Ron moved to approve, Handal seconded.

Motion to approve outstanding Monthly Expenditure Reports. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.
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#### **C. Motion to approve \$500 for Stoner Park Halloween Event**

Item was pulled per Handal's request.

### **V. Discussion and possible motion to appoint new members to the Board**

Chair Keeton wanted to include in this item 18B on the agenda, an approval of a new PLUM member. She explained they have one application for board membership, Cyrus for the Northwest Representative. She checked his address and it was in the area. Cyrus was not present, so the board did not consider his application. They moved on to PLUM applications. There was one from "Nicholas" and one from "Corey".

Jay Ross motioned to nominate Galen for the PLUM membership under XIX.B. to move him into the board member seat to PLUM. Jay Handal seconded.

Motion to approve Galen to board member seat on PLUM. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes, meaning there are now two open non-board seats.
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Ron Migdal moved that they approve the two applicants as PLUM committee members, Handal seconded. Ross had several questions he would like to ask the candidates thought they were not here. Migdal amended his motion to table Nicholas' discussion until he is at a board meeting. Migdal moved to add Corey, Arman Ghorbani seconded. Ross expressed that Corey was very intelligent and had attended 4 meetings in a row.

Motion to approve stakeholder Corey as a PLUM committee member. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Naomi Kageyama explained that there was an application to join the homeless committee (under agenda item XVII, which the board decided to consider. Kageyama explained that she had put in the board's packet the board members that they had approved for the committee, and there are two stakeholder statements as well. Corey asked her about an availability on the committee, and would be allowed to submit a statement. Molly Rudnick had been an applicant to the board of directors for WLASNC and had not made it on, but submitted a statement to apply for the Homelessness Committee. John Williams on the 1600 block of Amherst said he would want to help as much as he can.

Handal moved to approve all of the applicants to the homeless committee, Desa Philadelphia seconded. Ross asked for them to be voted on individually.

Migdal said he had a concern about the people being put on the committee who were not present, but moved to move Kageyama as the head of the committee and into board member seat. Handal seconded.

Motion to approve Naomi Kageyama as head of Homelessness Committee. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Migdal moved to put Handal on the committee, Kageyama seconded.

Motion to approve Jay Handal as Homelessness Committee member. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Handal moved to add Dylan Wright, Migdal seconded.

Motion to approve Dylan Wright as Homelessness Committee member. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Naomi commented that she did necessarily want everyone to be here to be voted on, and that they'd been trying to form the homelessness committee for months, and there were a lot of people who have wanted to be present but it was difficult with the holidays. She thought the commitment was there, and they need to get going. Migdal clarified that he was disgusted with the fact that last meeting they didn't make quorum and had people occupying positions that didn't show up. Naomi acknowledged his views, but explained that the committee situation is more flexible than the board.

Migdal moved to approve John Williams, stakeholder. Handal seconded.

Motion to approve stakeholder John Williams as Homelessness Committee member. 8 Yes (Keeton, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 2 Abstain (Ross, Ghorbani). Motion passes.

Migdal moved to approve Molly Rudnick, Handal seconded.

Motion to approve stakeholder Molly Rudnick as Homelessness Committee member. 9 Yes (Keeton, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 1 Abstain (Ross). Motion passes.

Corey got up to make a statement. He explained that he is a local guy who grew up here, and has lived in this neighborhood for a while. He has experience with the neighborhood, and he recently experienced a homeless woman rolling around the promenade jumping and screaming at one of the performers earlier today, and it made him want to get to the bottom of a solution. He figures they could get to the bottom of it somehow, and he would have some good ideas on that re: affordable Housing, which ties into PLUM. People come here thinking that they'll make it in LA, and they have to be able to afford someplace to live. A lot of people can't afford a \$2500 a month one-bedroom apartment. The solution has been to develop, develop, develop, but then they end up overdeveloping. They need to strike a balance.

Migdal moved to approve Corey. Ghorbani seconded.

Motion to approve stakeholder Corey as Homelessness Committee member. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

## **VI. Discussion and possible motion re: Stoner Park Sidewalk Repair**

Jay Handal explained that the motion calls for immediate collaboration between CD11, Urban Forestry, Rec and Parks, and repair companies to facilitate repairs on the Stoner Park Sidewalk. The trees have ripped up the sidewalk, it's impassible, and has led to falls. Handal filed an ADA complaint about the sidewalks and met with the citywide Department of Disabilities enforcement person, and he is on top of it. The inside sidewalks in the park are Rec and Parks jurisdiction, the outside is Bureau of Engineering jurisdiction. It is unsafe, and if it isn't done soon he will move to have the sidewalks declared unsafe and closed off to foot traffic.

Handal moved, Ron Migdal seconded.

Migdal would like to include in the motion an access ramp to be cut in the entrance to Stoner Park. He explained that he has gotten tipped over and injured on his scooter trying to enter the park. If they're going to do it, do it right, including an access ramp in the middle of the entrance by the fountain. Handal suggested they have it as a separate motion, since it will require engineering, and he doesn't want to hold up all the other work for the ramp. Chair Keeton agreed, and said they should at some point talk about a second sidewalk at the top of Stoner Park. She would like to see the trees saved, and Field Rep Hannah Levien explained that they would be saving the still-living trees around the park (two are dead). Handal explained that it is a major project that's not just repaving. Hannah Levien explained that the project touches multiple jurisdictions. Typically when they do a remove and replace it's the same type of tree. It would go through the Parks Committee and Rec and Parks Commission, and she will need to go in front of the commission to present the request from her office/neighborhood councils.

Motion to call for immediate collaboration between CD11, Urban Forestry, Rec and Parks, and repair companies to facilitate repairs on the Stoner Park Sidewalk. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

Handal moved the second motion by Ron to have the city investigate implementing an ADA ramp at the Stoner entrance to the park. Migdal seconded.

Desa Philadelphia said it is important that they include “investigate” because there are so many issues potentially involved, including loss of parking spaces, etc. Migdal added that the sidewalks to the north are inaccessible, the walk to the south is impassible with cobblestones that nothing wheeled can go on, so the only access to the park is the Stoner entrance by the fountain between Nebraska and Missouri.

Motion to have the city investigate implementing an ADA ramp at the Stoner entrance to the park. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.
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## **VII. Motion to request a flashing pedestrian crossing sign and floor lights across the crosswalk on Sawtelle & Nebraska**

Arman Ghorbani moved to request a flashing pedestrian crossing sign and floor lights across the crosswalk on Sawtelle and Nebraska. Jay Handal seconded.

Ghorbani explained that the intersection is next to an elementary school, and he has seen so many people almost get hit by a car (himself included). People speed down Sawtelle quickly, it’s dark, and there is not much visibility. He thinks they can implement flashing lights controlled by a button that pedestrians can activate for the crosswalk. Ron Migdal added that he lives near it, saying that it isn’t the most dangerous intersection he’s seen, but it’s pretty bad.

Desa Philadelphia explained that the elementary school presented at the Outreach Committee meeting to put in flashing lights at Santa Monica Blvd and Onikoss (SP?) because they’d had similar issues there. They were planning to come to this meeting to make a presentation because this came out in the greater context of talking about how the community can be better involved with their plans. Chair Keeton said that they could not add the second intersection to the motion, but they can pass Ghorbani’s motion and then email her intersections that should get flashing lights and she can put it on the December agenda. Handal added that the other issue is getting funding, so he would encourage that when they meet with developers they should add to their community benefits to put in lights and flashing crosswalks in these intersections to make it slower and safer without road diving. He would encourage it and what Keeton suggested makes sense.

Philadelphia asked if there were any guidelines for how much it would cost to put in flashing lights. The school was asking for lights because they thought they would get pushback if they looked for some greater stop sign. Field Rep Hannah Levien explained that if it’s a request, they can get the Department of Transportation to get a quote.

Motion to request a flashing pedestrian crossing sign and floor lights across the crosswalk on Sawtelle & Nebraska. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

**VIII. Motion to amend the board’s position on the 15 foot set back for developments from shall to recommended.**

Chair Keeton explained the motion, and Jay Handal added that the setback doesn’t always make sense, and oftentimes mandating it for all projects loses them affordable housing. He is recommending that they change it from “shall” to “recommended” and then at the PLUM or board level they can feel out whether it makes sense for each individual project. If they don’t take the bonus density, they don’t have to include affordable housing.

Handal moved, Arman Ghorbani seconded.

Ross asked to have a paper copy of the motion. Ron Migdal said that he understands wanting to adjust requirements for individual developers, however, if you make a hard and fast rule it obviates a lot of the necessity for negotiation back and forth. Ross asked if this was a reconsideration, since he was told on some previous motions that it was ironclad and could not be changed or reconsidered. Chair Keeton said that they had not received an answer, but she believed it was an edit of a standing rule, so it is not a reconsideration. Ross countered that it changed the intent of the position, and that it was still a big difference. Naomi Kageyama asked, for each individual project that comes to the board, if they would have the ability to renegotiate. Handal did not think they could, but Chair Keeton did. Kageyama explained that a stakeholder had written in pleading that the council take a bigger look at green space, setbacks, and walkability. She does not think 15 feet is a lot, and adds to walkability, safety, and aesthetics. Handal said that they have a standing rule now that says what people need to do, and was tired of going to meetings and being told that the developers didn’t know why they changed the standing rule. Ross added that developers will not always tell the truth, but they never show you the construction budget when they say they cannot afford a setback or some other alteration. It will be a tradeoff, not a total loss. The point of the original motion was so they do not waste time negotiating. Desa Philadelphia added that the minutes have the motion to approve the original motion, and that the “shall” is in the motion. Handal said he was more than willing to wait for the full paperwork. Handal withdrew his item.

**IX. Motion to ask CD11 Mike Bonin to pass a council motion instructing building and safety to cite any and all construction sites that do not meet code mandated postings and graffiti removal**

Handal moved, Migdal seconded.

Handal explained that he so moved because he wants Councilmember Bonin to know that there is not one construction site that is conforming to building safety law nearby.

Motion to ask CD11 Mike Bonin to pass a council motion instructing building and safety to cite any and all construction sites that do not meet code mandated postings and graffiti removal. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

**X. Motion to amend the current standing rule requiring three bids for any expenditure over \$1000 to read any expenditure exceeding \$5000.**

Handal motions. Arman seconds. Handal said that he's not doing three bids, and that committees have to do RFP's for each bid. He thinks \$1,000 is a ridiculous number considering the funding rules from the city do require it. He does not want to see events canceled because people say they did not know who to go to or have time to do due diligence. He believes it is handcuffing them again and will cause paralysis by analysis. He adds that he does not want to do 12 RFP's as election chair. Chair Keeton explained that it is raising the requirement so they have less bids to do. Desa Philadelphia added she was happy to hear this, and asked where the policy originated. Ron Migdal supported it as well, and thinks \$5,000 is too low. Handal said he would support an amendment. Migdal motioned to amend it to \$10,000 instead of \$5,000. Arman Ghorbani asked if the cost for movies in the park was \$5,000, and Handal confirmed that it was, and was one item. Handal seconded Migdal's amendment.

Ghorbani clarified that the idea behind it was to make sure they're spending money effectively, and he supports that idea, but after planning the renters' rights fair, this is bureaucratic red tape that ties people's hands.

Naomi Kageyama added that she wants more flexibility, and hates not being able to spend what little money they get. She comes from a nonprofit background and added that it's usually not hard to get the bids. Sometimes there does need to be a check and balance. If they tie their hands too much they get paralyzed; She feels uncomfortable with \$10,000, but is comfortable with \$5,000. Ross thought \$5,000 was a good amount and suggested making an announcement for the RFP so people know about it and have the opportunity to bid. Philadelphia wanted to respond to Kageyama, saying just because \$10,000 is a goalpost doesn't mean that they wouldn't get bids if it's less than that. She explained that it meant they wouldn't have to bid anymore on the movies if they are happy with their vendor. Kageyama added that anyone who's going to head up an event should want to own it and be careful with their budget. She just thinks the amount of \$10,000 is a lot, and wondered how many single expenditures are over \$5000 over the course of one year.

Migdal added that he thinks if they do not require getting three bids it does not mean whoever is heading the project will not get a lot of bids. Ghorbani said for the record that he shopped around on the renters' rights fair and came in \$500 under budget.

Stakeholder Corey added that he would be comfortable with \$8,000 instead of \$10,000, and asked how easy it was to get bids.

Chair Keeton moved to amend the amount to \$7,500 instead of \$10,000.

A stakeholder said that they supported \$5,000 with the condition that a majority vote of the board can make an exception to the rule and bypass the three bids for a project/event. Chair Keeton said that she thought Handal's issue is that he will be doing election materials and a lot of printing, and he does not want to have to separate it into separate items to prevent it from becoming too bogged down. She said \$7500 takes care of the movie problem and lets them split the printing costs into two items. She called vote on the motion with her amendment.

Motion to amend the current standing rule requiring three bids for any expenditure over \$1000 to read any expenditure exceeding \$5000. 8 Yes (Keeton, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 1 No (Ross). 1 Abstain (Migdal). Motion passes.

Ross moved to approve the minutes, and Arman seconded. Unanimous aye vote, Desa abstained.

Motion to approve outstanding draft minutes from the September board meeting. 9 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Migdal, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Torro). 0 No. 1 Abstain (Philadelphia). Motion passes.

**XI. Motion re: request that the planning department be funded to extend the Community Plan Update Outreach Timeline for more than three years.**

Jay Handal moved, Ron Migdal seconded. Chair Keeton explained that sometimes community plans take longer, up to 7 years. Arman added that if they give the city 7 years, they will take 7 years, and that they need to put pressure on people to do their jobs.

Motion to approve outstanding draft minutes from the September board meeting. 9 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Migdal, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Torro, Philadelphia). 1 No (Arman). 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

**XII. Motion requesting the planning department provide all information (below) prior to commencing any work on the community plan update process.**

Jay Handal motioned to table the issue until he and Chair Keeton take the survey mentioned by Field Rep Hannah Levien. Handal decided to move it anyway after Jay Ross suggested they still request it since it will have more power coming from an organization. Ross seconded.

Motion to request the planning department provide all information (below) prior to commencing any work on the community plan update process. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

**XIII. Motion re: City council file 18-0467. The WLASNC recommends that the NC reforms proposed by Councilmember Ryu include the following:**

Jay Handal explained that the measures were trying to unscrew-up the Neighborhood Council systems, that Councilmember Ryu is a former NC guy who gets the problems they pose. Handal moved to support the motion. Migdal seconded.

Naomi Kageyama said that she had heard a lot about Ryu's recommendations, and as a point of interest made copies of the Palms Neighborhood Council and the Westside and Bel Air Neighborhood Councils's documents to see what other NC's had been doing with this issue. She would like a chance to study it and create a CIS for it, but it may be too late. Handal explained that everything they approve by the board involving a Council File, they can go ahead and file a community impact statement on any agenda item approved by the board. Kageyama clarified that the text of the CIS is supposed to be approved. She added that she would like to do more CIS's formally filed through the City Clerk's office. Handal said if they approve it, they can just file a CIS. Migdal added that anyone can author one through a motion.

Handal asked for the vote as Jamie Keeton stepped out. Arman Ghorbani said that they need to define "stakeholders" properly, and wondered if they could amend to include people who work at organizations that are headquartered in their area. Handal added that after their motion they can amend their own bylaws to include whatever organizations they want (churches, etc.) Ghorbani asked what Community Councils as mentioned in council file were, and Handal explained that the MidCity West and Mar Vista councils call themselves Community Councils instead of Neighborhood Councils.

Motion re: City council file 18-0467. The WLASNC recommends that the NC reforms proposed by Councilmember Ryu include the board's recommendations as specified in agenda item XIII. 9 Yes (Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Chair Keeton was not present for vote. Motion passes.

**XIV. Treasurer's Report**

Jay Handal explained that their expenses to date amounted to \$5,116.43. \$36,799.27 is left, which does not include movie money.

### **XV. Outreach Report**

Desa Philadelphia explained that during the last few outreach meetings they started inviting community stakeholders to talk about their particular interests, starting with elementary schools in the neighborhood. The purpose was to get to know them and what their concerns are, and what plans they have in the coming calendar year that the NC might get involved with. Both schools that had attended had substantial plans they want to share with the NC and would come to a meeting early in the year so the whole NC can hear from them. They do need to approve new outreach members for the committee, and she will agendize for December. They'll be looking at Dylan Wright and two community stakeholders.

### **XVI. Public Safety Report**

Ron Migdal reported on disaster planning in LA, and an initiative called Resilient LA. To his way of thinking, it's a little wordy and doesn't really get you anywhere. People need something they can look at to see the next steps they can take so they'll be safer in a disaster. In a nutshell, he explained that it comes down to getting to know your neighbors well and what particular skills or abilities they might have. At the last meeting on Saturday, they talked about communications and having FRS radios. Finally, he added that he was thinking of having a public safety fair sometime next year. Jay Ross suggested teaming up with neighboring neighborhood councils to share the workload.

### **XVII. Homelessness Report**

No report, officers selected previously.

### **XXI. Formation of ad hoc committee and selection of members to same re: West LA Community Plan.**

Field Deputy Hannah Levien explained that the West LA Community Plan updates are part of a larger series of updates to plans around Los Angeles. It is important because it will determine what their community looks like for years to come. Her recommendation is that the NC should form an ad hoc committee.

Motion to form an ad hoc committee and select members to same re: West LA Community Plan. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.
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Field Rep Levien asked who wanted to be on the ad hoc committee, and Jay Handal said that if they don't bring community on, they aren't subject to the Brown Act. Chair Keeton suggested keeping it to themselves for now, then talking about how to expand it. Jay Ross and Desa Philadelphia volunteered to be on it.

Motion to approve Jay Ross and Desa Philadelphia to the ad hoc committee re: West LA Community Plan. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

## **XXII. Homeless committee report and approval of members**

Content of this agenda item was already covered under agenda item V.

## **XXIII. Discussion and possible motion regarding speed limits**

Jay Ross explained the motion, and Jay Handal said that he thought they had asked to have a traffic cop come in to go over speed tables, and Ross said that they had intended it, but it never happened. Handal suggested tabling it until they can get an officer, and asked Ron Migdal to make contact as their Public Safety Committee head. Ross agreed to table it.

## **XXV. Motion request that CD11 coordinate a study in order to make a collaborative solution to Westside traffic congestion involving a metro busway development of lanes adjacent to the freeway to be included on a Flow Boulevard Frontage roadway in the I-405 corridor.**

Jay Handal moved, Jay Ross seconded.

Under public comment, a stakeholder, Phil, explained that the collaboration solution is between LA City and Metro. They want a busway but cannot get one because they do not have the square footage. A collaboration that gives them their busway also allows them to eliminate the congestion on the westside.

Handal explained the motion is on the agenda because the stakeholder, Phil, has worked on Flow Boulevard looking at the traffic and the infrastructure and comes up with designs to mitigate some of the traffic. He has some ideas that should be vetted, and Handal put it on the agenda because it's time to think outside the box. It's talking about Cotton and Beloit. When it's all said and done, traffic is terrible and they have no control over it. Ron Migdal wondered if having a bus lane put in would mitigate traffic or make it worse, and Ross said that they would find that out through this process. Handal proposed they send Phil's proposal on and monitor it.

Desa Philadelphia said that it makes her feel really good to know someone like Phil is out there doing this work and coming up with alternative solutions, and asked if he'd tried to present it. Phil explained that he has been slowly developing the idea, and the most recent contact was with Metro, the Office of Extraordinary Innovation. When he talked to their rep, he was very excited, and his supervisor was excited. He would like the city to get into the discussion on what Metro has.

Motion to request that CD11 coordinate a study in order to make a collaborative solution to Westside traffic congestion involving a metro busway development of lanes adjacent to the freeway to be included on a Flow Boulevard Frontage roadway in the I-405 corridor. 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

## **XXVI. Discussion and possible motion regarding short-term rentals**

Jay Ross said he is not sure of the status of public opinion on Air BnB, saying that some people want no Air BnB, others depend on it to make rent. LUPEC (Sp?) has a motion governing how long they're able to rent Air BnB, and hopes they pass something. Jay Handal motioned, Migdal seconded.

Chair Keeton said that she uses Air BnBs a lot, but understands the impact on housing, particularly with taking rent controlled units off the market. If someone has a rent controlled building, she asked why not just make LLC's that allow them to rent to tenants to get out of regulations governing renting out property. Ross said that LLC's couldn't rent units out, only individuals, and Chair Keeton said that was not true thanks to Citizens United. Chair Keeton added that enforcement would be a problem.

Ross then explained the various items of the motion. Handal suggested sending it back to PLUM to work on the motion. Ross said that it won't help sending it to PLUM.

Handal explains it doesn't designate a period of time, so they can't do a blanket motion, and that it would need to be thought out top to bottom, and suggested passing on the motion. He would not want to pass vague motions, and suggested taking it back to PLUM to come up with numbers. Handal said it was a PLUM issue if affordable housing was going down the toilet with Air BnB. Ross and Arman Ghorbani said they would be willing to take it back to PLUM.

## **XXVII. Discussion and possible motion re: recommendations from the Evaluation of the State of Street-related Infrastructure Programs (CF-17-1311)**

Jay Ross moved, Jay Handal seconded. Chair Keeton thinks they should absolutely support it and more integration. Arman Ghorbani thought the picture in the presentation highlighted everything that's wrong with government.

Motion to support recommendations from the Evaluation of the State of Street-related Infrastructure Programs (CF-17-1311). 10 Yes (Keeton, Ross, Ghorbani, Kageyama, Migdal, Handal, Wright, Shigematsu, Philadelphia, Torro). 0 No. 0 Abstain. Motion passes.
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Chair Keeton added that they have several PLUM items that didn't get agendized. She suggested taking care of it on the next board meeting date, building in extra time for anything they need to approve money to, or have a special meeting on a different day. Ross said that PLUM had a jam-packed plate, and suggested having a special meeting. Chair Keeton suggested doing it on the 10th or 11th. The board decided that it would be on the 10th.

Jay Handal left the meeting at 9:02 PM, since he would have to recuse himself from future items anyway.

#### **XIX. Bundy Triangle Committee Report - discussion and possible motion**

Jay Ross explained a resolution on short-term and medium-term things to do with the park that had come out of the somewhat contentious meetings of the Bundy Triangle Ad-Hoc Committee. They had some community people show up and heard comments from businesses. He explained that the ad hoc committee had not come up with a long-term plan while PLUM had, but their plan is controversial. Ross moved, Migdal seconded.

Desa Philadelphia thought it was premature for a motion and that more discussion needs to be had, including with the group that has the right to develop the park. The only thing she knows is that Jay Handal is a member of that group. She does not think they have the authority to mandate anything happening there, and also even though the discussion was very passionate and involved great stakeholders with good ideas, there were probably ten people there or less. She felt it was a great first meeting, and these are good ideas for when they have greater discussion.

Chair Keeton agreed, and added she doesn't know what deals the city has made with everybody to have this land. She doesn't know who has gotten what. Field Rep Hannah Levien explained that nothing has been signed with the city, and no external lease has been signed at all. So while the group Friends of Bundy Triangle Park has expressed interest and financial interest in the project, the city has not signed a lease with them. Councilmember Bonin has said that while there will be a nonprofit formed around the project, the board has not been formed and nothing has been signed. A neighborhood council cannot lease it from the city, but a non-profit can lease it with input from an NC. She explained that they wanted to move the newsstand from Brentwood

onto Santa Monica, and they found out that the sidewalk is CalTrans jurisdiction still, and that item is now dead and not going to happen.

Chair Keeton reiterated her agreement with Philadelphia that the motion is still premature. They need to find out what the community wants to use that space for. Naomi Kageyama added that they talked about the small businesses and that there was no clarification for what would happen with the parking spaces on both items. Ross said that he's been by the parking spaces multiple times and they've been about 30% full each time. Philadelphia said the businesses there said they are unequivocally against losing parking spots. Chair Keeton suggested the best way to use the space now is adding more trees, more green, and more seating. She thinks rather than having a resolution for short, medium, and long-term plans, instead they should get clarification so they can put those ideas in an MOU.

Philadelphia said she would like to hear from CD11, and Field Rep Levien said that the councilmember wanted to make clear that he wanted it to be a space the community could use. He was also concerned that, regarding potentially removing the fence and putting in ballards, they're afraid of a safety incident like what happened 20 years ago when someone was macheted there.

Ross said that the proposals were fairly innocuous and if they didn't like some they could take it out. Chair Keeton clarified that she wants to talk about a negotiation to come up with more specific items. Ron Migdal added that he doesn't think ballards are a great idea because it could open it up into becoming a homeless encampment again. Chair Keeton countered that more frequent police enforcement could prevent that.

Philadelphia added that many of the items on it are contradictory, and the list needs to be culled down to something specific, saying that a lot more discussion needs to happen: for example, having ballards and a sliding gate. Ross said the committee would not meet again, it's too contentious, and it's up to the board now to make a decision. Chair Keeton said on this motion, if the committee was that contentious, they need to discuss as a board of what are the most important items to see happen in that space. Number one: letting people get into the space. Ross reiterated that the suggestions in the resolution are fairly innocuous.

Migdal said that more police enforcement doesn't necessarily stop homeless encampments; at Smart and Final, the police are by there all the time and there are still homeless. Ross said that he didn't want the homeless situation to stop them from doing something nice for the people.

Ross suggested tabling the item for next month. Naomi Kageyama would like to ask CD11 if there's a reason they are selecting an organization that is untested and not a non-profit yet. Chair Keeton asked Field Rep Levien how the organization even got picked. Field Rep Levien said the

story goes back to development at Barrington and Santa Monica. There was a group of developers wanting to bring development to the community area in the form of improving Bundy Park. They have the money, but would have to go through the process of forming a non-profit. She explained that the community could revisit this relationship, but that the safety component would have to be addressed. She will reengage with Friends of Bundy Triangle to come to the NC.

Chair Keeton and Ross agreed to table it.

### **XVIII. PLUM Report - All items for discussion and possible motion**

A. PLUM resolution re: Bundy Triangle Park

Tabled.

B. Selection of new PLUM member to fill vacancy

Already covered in agenda item V.

### **XX. Formation of ad hoc committee and selection of members to same re: written agreement with the Farmer's Market**

Chair Keeton said that the neighborhood council cannot enter into a written agreement with an entity about its use of city property, and thinks the committee would basically be asking the city attorney to enter into an agreement with the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market has a deal with the city. What Jay Ross is getting into is regarding the tables and NC property, and they legally can't enter the agreement. So Chair Keeton says they can form a committee with the intent of getting the community attorney's office to deal with it. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative Jasmine Elbarbary said the solution is to get their own storage area, or coming up with an internal system they agree on, as she has consistently recommended. Ross asked if they were allowed to charge for their equipment use, and she said they were not. Chair Keeton added that she has not been able to locate the entity that runs the farmer's market, so they have no one to call to ask about it, even after research. She said any information CD11 has on it could be useful. Chair Keeton said that there must be some agreement with the city, and it would have to be a non-profit, and asked Field Rep Hannah Levien to look into the agreement and the type of entity it is.

Corey suggested forming a committee and drafting something to have the city attorney sign off on. Ross said he thinks they don't need a committee for that. Chair Keeton worries that if they draft something, it'll get lost on someone's desk, and the people on the committee would have a

much better use of their energy and time on another committee. Ross suggested putting it on a future agenda.

**XXIX. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**XXX. Board Member Comment and Announcements**

Ron Migdal congratulated Chair Keeton for passing the Utah Bar.

**XXXI. Adjournment**

Jean Shigematsu motioned to adjourn. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:29 PM.