

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westwood Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday September 15, 2009 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's. Board members present were Linda Blank, Antonio Braga, Mark Herd, Steven Kaufman, Tamara Pitman, Stephen Resnick, Ron Rogowski and Michael Zarrabian. Board member absent was Matt Casden. Also present were WHA members Debby Waggoner and Isabel M. Janken, Westwood residents Alina Nirshberg, Angela Sousa, Rose Cai and James Kung, Mark Davis from CD5, Pete Shubin and Jin Park from Sequoia-Royal Street, and Sandy Brown of HWPOA. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. 1762 WESTWOOD BLVD. HEARING given by Stephen Resnick

A hearing was held on September 10th on the application for a CUP permit filed by Royal Communications, requesting installation of a wireless facility on the top of the building at 1762 Westwood Blvd. which would exceed the height limitation requirement by 19 feet. The hearing was attended by WHA board member Stephen Resnick. At the hearing several homeowners spoke out against the facility and the hearing officer discussed alternate sites with Royal. When considering the wireless facility, the city can only take into account its height and appearance, and not any issues of radiation or health. Those issues are a federal concern. There is a 30 day period for further submissions on the facility.

2. WIRELESS FACILITY AT 1762 WESTWOOD BLVD. given by Royal Communications

The wireless equipment will operate 24/7. It will operate at 1850 to 1900 Megahertz and its highest output will be 200 watts, which is below what's allowed by the FCC. The equipment will be installed on the top of the building. There is already a penthouse there which exceeds the height limit and it will be enlarged in order to hold equipment and antennas. The screening material will be RF transparent and made of fiberglass and will hide the equipment. The signal can pass through the screen. There will be 6 panel antennas and one parabolic antenna. The expansion is necessary because the existing system can't handle the current volume. The site was chosen because of holes in coverage.

Westwood homeowners at the meeting expressed the following concerns: safety issues, setting a precedent, aesthetics, interference from signals.

3. WILSHIRE BLVD. BUS LANE UPDATE given by Sandy Brown

A hearing on the Wilshire Blvd. dedicated bus lane is coming up before the Transportation Committee. A new EIR is being prepared. The first EIR left Westwood out, but it was never certified. The bus riders union is the only group in favor of the bus lane. The bus lane will reduce car capacity by 1/3 during AM and PM peak hours, slow down traffic, impede right turns, and doesn't make sense because neither Beverly Hills nor Santa Monica will be participating, and it will just create a bottleneck.

Steve Kaufman made a motion that WHA continues to oppose the bus lane. Mark Herd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. WESTWOOD/OHIO SIGN UPDATE

The Persian community has withdrawn their request for a plaque at the corner of Ohio and Westwood Blvd. commemorating the woman killed in the Persian election protest, but would like one denoting the Persian community in the neighborhood.

5. SIDEWALK REPAIRS UPDATE given by Steve Kaufman

There is \$330,000 for sidewalk repairs which was authorized last year. The Bureau of Street Services wants the City Council to pass a motion allowing the money to be used for that purpose.

6. 1333 WESTWOOD BILLBOARD APPEAL UPDATE

There was a hearing on the digital billboard at 1333 Westwood Blvd. on June 25th. A response is still forthcoming.

7. FEE INCREASES

The City of Los Angeles has raised the fees for appeals and permits. The fee for filing appeals was raised from \$72 to \$500 for people not within 500 feet of the subject property.

8. COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 REPORT given by Mark Davis

A motion on the sidewalk repairs has been drafted by the City Council and the City Attorney is going over it.

JMB funds, which are being given to the community in return for the extension of JMB's entitlements for ten years, will be distributed. Recipients include Friends of the Westwood Library, Fairburn Avenue Elementary School, Westwood Recreation Center, Westwood Charter, and Palms and Cheviot Hills parks.

9. LADOT TRAFFIC ISSUES

Steve Kaufman will be meeting with LADOT officials tomorrow to discuss local traffic issues. Some local traffic issues noticed include speeding and no stopping at stop signs within the neighborhood.

10. BY-LAWS

Ron Rogowski has prepared a revision of the current by-laws. He and Michael Zarrabian will go over it. Some changes mentioned for the by-laws include streamlining elections so they will not be so costly and time-consuming.

11. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The proposed Neighborhood Council formation committee is preparing its by-laws. The next meeting is on September 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Westwood Presbyterian Church. A draft of the by-laws can be viewed at www.westwoodnc.org.

12. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

Linda Blank made a motion to approve the August minutes, which was seconded by Stephen Resnick. The minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.