

# North Westdale Neighborhood Association

Minutes for June 27, 2018 Meeting - by Joan Winters - NWN Secretary

***Called to order:*** 7:05 PM

***Attendance:*** Approximately 35

***Welcome:*** NWN President **Martin Rubin** welcomed attendees and announced the guest speakers.

***Approval of Minutes:*** March 28; May 8; and May 30, 2018 Minutes approved without objection.

***President's Report & Airport Committee:*** Martin Rubin announced that this is the last official NWN meeting until October, the start of the new year for the association. He also mentioned that the 5<sup>th</sup> Fall Block Party is scheduled for Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and will be held again in St. Andrew's parking lot. He updated us regarding the Pelton appeal (owners of the adjacent building to the Barrington/National apartment-mixed use project) on traffic issues affecting their property. The appeal will be heard by the L.A. City Council's Transportation Committee, of which our CD 11 Councilmember Mike Bonin is the chair. The date has not been set. Martin also mentioned that the MVCC Board of Directors recently voted in support of the Pelton appeal. Martin told us about another development project at Barrington and Pearl, where there is a small mall which includes the Gateway Cleaners. According to the permit, the apartment complex would be five stories, with over 70 units and mixed-use businesses on the ground level. Martin brought up the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and encouraged neighbors not to set off dangerous and illegal fireworks. He reported that after a two year decline in our dues donations, 2018 improved. He mentioned that if even 300 of our more than 1,500 neighbors would send in dues donations, we would be in an even better position to function for the community as the neighborhood association. As part of the Airport Committee report, he cautioned that it is still too early to get a clear picture of Santa Monica Airport's changes, as Uber-like charter services, including helicopters, are based there, and jets can still use the runway as long as they meet the requirements. The Airport's closure date of 2029 depends on the decision of the SM City Council and staff serving at that time.

Martin introduced MVCC's newly elected chair **Elliot Hanna** who mentioned that he is hoping for positive changes to the MVCC Board and asked for residents become involved and to join committees. Martin then introduced **Mary Hruska**, MVCC's new Zone 3 Director, representing areas in Mar Vista that include Westdale and "Hilltop", adjacent to North Westdale. She further introduced herself and spoke about a few large proposed projects and her interest in chairing a MVCC Community Plan committee. She hopes and urges neighbors to get involved.

Martin then introduced **Selena Inouye**. Selena gave a short overview regarding the Venice Blvd. "Road Diet." She briefed us on a newly created 501(c)4 non-profit, the Westside Los Angeles Neighbors Network that filed a lawsuit targeting the Livable Boulevards Streetscape Plan out of the Westside Mobility Plan. She said the communities that will be affected are: Venice, Del Rey, Playa Vista, Palms, Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, Westside and WLA Sawtelle. She urged all to start building a Westside coalition to fight back.

Hannah Levien, CD 11 Field Deputy, for Mar Vista and WLA, was not in attendance.

Damien Newton, Zone 2 Director for North Westdale, was not in attendance.

***Guest Speaker:***

**Adrian Acosta**, LAPD SLO for our district, spent a good portion of the meeting speaking and fielding questions and comments about homelessness, crimes of opportunity, and crime prevention. He spoke about guidelines for the Safe Parking program for parking lots in communities. The homeless would camp in their RVs overnight in those lots. Officer Acosta responded to neighbors concerns regarding the availability of street parking outside their residences and safety concerns for their community.

***Official Adjournment:*** 8:30 PM