

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2012

I. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

II. Introductions and public comments

- 15 people in attendance, including President - Bill Koontz, Vice-President - Marty Rubin, Treasurer - Wayne Matsuyama and Secretary - Eri Kritekman plus LAPD Officer Drake and MVCC Chair, Sharon Commins

III. Special presentation by Sharon Commins, Chair, Mar Vista Community Council

- Sharon Commins spoke about LA City zoning being re-written over next 5 years and how that could impact Mar Vista communities, including North Westdale.
- LA City wants to change Mar Vista zoning from low-density (sfr's, duplexes and triplexes) to high-density (four-plexes, apt. buildings, group homes).
- Proposed changes could lead to higher transient population (e.g. group homes, student housing, sober living).
- Could lead to less neighbor accountability, more crime, more traffic, etc.
- Several informative articles distributed regarding potential impacts of zoning change.
- MVCC to submit motion to LA City asking for full transparency of re-zoning process and restrictions on group housing.
- Would like support from NWNNA in form of resolution of support.
- Motion by Bill Koontz to support MVCC's motion. Second by Lorraine Wells. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bill Koontz to write and submit letter of support on behalf of NWNNA for tomorrow's MVCC meeting.
- Next step – further research of Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey community plans and impact of density change.

IV. General reports

A. LAPD Senior Lead Officer crime update

- Report given by Officer Drake Madison
- Contact – 310-622-3973, 33997@lapd.lacity.org
- Continued neighborhood involvement necessary to keep crime down in North Westdale.
- Knock-knock Task Force making lots of arrests throughout LA (So. LA Gangsters posing as solicitors, etc.)
- Suggested neighborhood walk around to observe neighborhood lighting, inviting circumstances such as unlocked side gates, etc.
- "New" crimes tend to occur most often by freeways (easy and fast getaways)

- Call Off. Drake for inappropriately parked RV's
- B. All other groups or representatives
 - CD11-Len Nguyen could not make it
- C. Treasurer
 - Report by Wayne Matsuyama – we have \$6,500+ in checking account
 - Need to increase dues collection
 - Eri Kriteiman to create PayPal account for Nwana

V. Committee reports

- A. Santa Monica Airport
 - Report by Marty Rubin
 - CRAAP to host 5th consecutive SMCC candidates forum on Thursday, Sept. 13th at 6pm, 3250 Ocean Park Blvd.
 - Out of 7 seats total, 4 are open now (other 3 to open in 2 years)
 - These two elections critical for airport reform as airport lease expires in 2015
- B. Outreach
 - Discussed possibility of block party for community bonding
 - Can get funding from MVCC
 - Need to decide whether to have it at St. Andrews or on a specific block (more traditional)
- C. Safety
 - Discussed emergency preparedness and what we need going forward
 - Old supplies outdated
- D. Richland
 - Report by Kami Turrov
 - Richland has new Principal – Gerard Grenade
 - Annual Scare Fair/Haunted House in October
 - Holiday event December 7th
 - Volunteers needed for reading assistance (fill out volunteer and submit with proof of TB test)
 - Ongoing fundraisers – shoppingpartnership.com (Westside Pavilion) and Ralphs Rewards

VI. Public comment

- Parents' Expo being held at St. Andrew's on Sept 29th

B. Adjournment

- Next meeting October 8, 2012
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm