

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

Minutes for October 17, 2018 Meeting - by Joan Winters - NWN Secretary

Meeting had been moved to the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's because of a scheduling conflict.

Called to order: 7:05 PM

Attendance: Approximately 40

Welcome: NWN President **Martin Rubin** welcomed attendees.

Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2018 minutes tabled.

President's Report: Martin Rubin announced that this is the last official NWN meeting until January 30, 2019. He also mentioned that the 5th Fall Block Party was a success and he plans for next year to be even better.

Martin then introduced **Mary Hruska**, Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) Zone 3 Director, representing areas in Mar Vista that include Westdale and "Hilltop", adjacent to North Westdale. She mentioned that the position for Zone 2 Director is now open and urged North Westdale residents to apply for the position, as this zone coincides with our NWN boundaries. She also urged our involvement with the MVCC Community Plan Ad Hoc Committee that meets at St. Andrew's. Mary also made available two Westside Community Plan Update surveys for us to fill out.

Guest Speakers: Public Affairs Representative **Matthew Lyons**, and **El Cid De Ramus**, Special Assistant to Los Angeles County Assessor **Jeffrey Prang**, gave an informative presentation along with lots of Q&A. The subject of their talk was Property Tax Savings for Homeowners, and covered such things as Prop 13, parent-child transfers, new construction and remodels, and assessment appeals. They emphasized the importance of getting exemptions done correctly at the proper time through the Assessor's Office, rather than correcting them later through a much more timely and difficult process. For more information, visit their website, <https://www.assessor.lacounty.gov>, and look at the Lower My Taxes box, information on property tax exemptions, exclusions, value reviews and formal appeals of appraised value, or email helpdesk@assessor.lacounty.gov, or call 213 974-3211 or 888 807-2111.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM