

North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting
April 7th, 2021 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone
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AGENDA

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC

PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the North Westwood Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council may dial toll-free, (833) 548-0276, and enter 838 2865 3843 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to give public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

Public Speakers

The public is requested to dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. The Council shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Council on each agenda item before or during the Council's consideration of the item. A member of the public wishing to speak on only one agenda item that is eligible for public comment shall be given an opportunity to speak for up to 2 minutes when that item is considered by Council, or, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, before consideration of the item.

Members of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall combine and present their comments addressing the agenda items at or near the beginning of the meeting during a segment called "Multiple Agenda Item Comment." A member of the public speaking on more than one agenda item shall be allowed to speak for up to a total of three minutes per meeting. This will be the only opportunity to speak, other than during General Public Comment, for those members of the public who have submitted speaker cards on more than one agenda item. Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the General Public Comment period and shall be limited to 2 minutes.

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Public Access of Records

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1. Call-to-order and roll call (2 minutes)
2. Comments by Public Officials or their representatives including but not limited to: (30 minutes)
 - a. Los Angeles Police Department
 - b. Councilmember Paul Koretz
 - c. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - d. Mayor Eric Garcetti
 - e. Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove
 - f. Congressman Ted Lieu
 - g. Westwood Village Improvement Association (BID)
 - h. UCLA Government Relations
3. Announcements (10 minutes)
4. Multiple Agenda Item Comment Period. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
5. General Public Comment (Up to 2 minutes per speaker)
6. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from March board meeting. (4 minutes)
7. Discussion and possible approval of the February and March 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports. (6 minutes)
8. Discussion and possible approval of up to \$135 in expenditures to UCLA Student Media/the Daily Bruin for elections advertisement spending from the 2019 election which was erroneously unpaid. (5 minutes)
9. Discussion and possible approval of a NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT (NPG) of up to \$5000 to World Harvest Food Bank to fund food boxes for families in need. (15 minutes)
10. Discussion and possible approval of an NPG of up to \$5000 to the Westwood Village Improvement Association to provide hygiene kits and restaurant gift cards from participating Westwood vendor(s) to serve unhoused community members. (15 minutes)
11. Discussion and possible approval of an NPG for \$5000 to Friends of the Westwood Library to fund purchases of physical books for the Westwood Branch Library. (15 minutes)
12. Discussion and possible approval of up to \$1,000 of encumbered funds for social media outreach towards paid facebook and instagram ads for the election outreach, and to return \$1,000 to the City. (10 minutes)
13. Discussion and possible approval of up to \$500 in expenditures to Westwood Copies for lawn signs for election outreach. (5 minutes)
14. Discussion and possible approval of up to \$500 in expenditures on paid twitter ads for election outreach. (10 minutes)
15. Discussion and possible approval of an amended Administrative Packet and Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year. (15 minutes)
16. Discussion and possible resolution with respect to Council File 21-0002-S18 (Koretz), a resolution that the City of Los Angeles should oppose CA Senate Bill 9 (Atkins) which

would require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial ('by right) approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and a parcel map dividing a lot into two equal parts ('lot split'), for residential use; and exempts environmental review; and would approve these projects without discretionary review, or a public hearing. (10 minutes)

17. Discussion and possible resolution with respect to Council File 21-0002-S21 (Koretz), a resolution that the City of Los Angeles should oppose CA Senate Bill 10 (Wiener) which requires that cities allow midrise, medium-density housing on sites that are either within one-half mile of high-quality public transportation or within a jobs-rich, high-opportunity neighborhood dose to key job centers. (10 minutes)
18. Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement authorization concerning [Council File 20-0197] LA Social Housing "Los Angeles needs a dramatic increase in low-income, affordable, and mid-range work-force housing. Westwood Village specifically is one of the most rent-burdened neighborhoods in Los Angeles. A potential solution is social housing -- built and owned by the government. Social housing is generally mixed income, adequately served by public transportation, has access to amenities and shops, regulated to deter discrimination, and self-financed after the initial public investment, with tenants paying rent on a sliding scale." (15 minutes)
19. Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement authorization concerning (CF 21-0062)- PERMANENT RENTAL RELIEF REGISTRY (CF 21-0062): "Far too many residents of our City are at risk of falling into homelessness, and Student renters such as those in Westwood are especially vulnerable. Study after study has proven that prevention of homelessness is far more cost effective for a city than rehousing the same person when they become homeless. In order to better prepare for the waves of housing needs, the City must acknowledge that there is a permanent citywide need for rental assistance and create a standing registry for residents who need help. Residents signing up for the registry should be able to securely request help from the City. In return the City will be able to triage assistance to those who will need the most help paying back rent and avoiding future eviction." (15 minutes)
20. Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement authorization concerning Council File 20-0875 - "Removing Armed Officers from Traffic Enforcement: "Law enforcement agencies nationwide and here in Los Angeles have long used minor traffic infractions as a pretext for harassing vulnerable road users and profiling people of color. This is no different in Westwood, where students and community members of color have historically been disproportionately targeted by LAPD/UCPD. The Los Angeles Police Department's history of misusing traffic enforcement has fostered decades of distrust in communities of color that ultimately undermines true traffic safety initiatives. Data has shown that Los Angeles police officers stop and search Black and Latino motorists far more often than whites. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is considering replacing armed law enforcement with alternatives such as a transit ambassador program, design strategies, and alternative crisis response models for mental health and substance abuse incidents. Now is the time for the City of Los Angeles to reevaluate how to best structure and fund efforts to provide public safety." (10 minutes)

21. Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement authorization concerning Vote for CF #21-0002-S8 - LADOT's legislative priorities: "The LA DOT legislative priorities include several reforms that would bring several benefits to the Westwood Community including our pedestrian and community well-being : 1 - Reforming state law, allowing LA to lower speed limits (today LA doesn't have control over its own speed limits) 2 - Automating speeding tickets using speed safety cameras. Speed is the #1 factor in determining if someone lives or dies when hit by a car, and speed cameras are a proven solution to reduce excessive speeding. Armed officers must be removed from traffic law enforcement, and this is a great way to do it. LADOT has a thoughtful proposal that takes into account privacy and makes sure the burden doesn't fall disproportionately on communities that can least afford it. 3 - Increase legal protections for the most vulnerable road users (pedestrians and cyclists). This would increase civil fines and penalties in the event of crashes caused by carelessness or driver distraction (ex. texting). 4 - Get rid of handicap placard abuse by reforming the benefits they provide and increasing enforcement, so we can preserve handicap spots for those that truly need it." (10 minutes)
22. Discussion and possible resolution with respect to WRAC Motion on Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen and Wiener)
"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) recognizes the need for positive solutions to the state's affordable housing crisis, specifically as it relates to workforce and low-to-moderate income housing. Solutions should involve legislation that 1) focuses on increasing the production and supply of truly affordable housing; 2) does not compromise public safety or the environment; and 3) respects principles of democracy, local land use control and self-determination of local governments to expand housing opportunities unique to their jurisdictions. WRAC supports Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen and Wiener) as examples of positive legislation that forward the goal of achieving more affordable housing consistent with these principles." (10 minutes)
23. Adjournment