North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting
March 3rd, 2021 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone
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AGENDA

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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 February board meeting. (4 minutes)
- 7. Discussion and possible resolution with respect to proposed housing development at 10915 Strathmore and the following entitlements:
- 1. Conditional Use Permit to increase density greater than the maximum 35 percent allowed by the Density Bonus Ordinance. The applicant seeks a density bonus increase of 57.5 percent to permit 37 residential units with 5 Very Low Income restricted affordable units in lieu of 23 residential units permitted.
- 2. Project Permit Compliance Review with the North Westwood Village Specific Plan.
- 3. Design Review with the Westwood Community Design Review Board Specific Plan.
- **4. Density Bonus Compliance Review** to permit parking under AB2345 and the following incentives and waivers:
  - a. On-Menu Incentive to permit a 14 percent FAR increase (3.4 FAR) to permit 62,328 square feet of floor area in lieu of 55,128 square feet of floor area (3.0 FAR).
  - b. Off-Menu Incentive for an open space reduction to permit 5,888 square feet of open space in lieu of 7,400 square feet of open space otherwise required by North Westwood Village Specific Plan Section 5.C.
  - c. Off-Menu Waiver to permit a 0 foot front yard in lieu of 10 feet required for a key lot.
  - d. Off-Menu Waiver to permit a 0 foot side yard (northerly yard) in lieu of 10 feet.
  - e. Off-Menu Waiver to permit a 0 foot side yard (southerly yard) in lieu of 10 feet.
  - f. Off-Menu Waiver to permit a 0 foot rear yard in lieu of 19 feet.
  - g. Off-Menu Waiver to permit a height increase to 85 feet, 1 inches (95 feet, 1 inches to top of rooftop mechanical screen) in lieu of 45 feet (57 feet from Grade) otherwise permitted by North Westwood Village Specific Plan Section 5.B.3.
  - h. Off-Menu Waiver to permit nine (9) retaining walls with a maximum height of 14 feet in lieu of one (1) retaining wall with a maximum height of 12 feet otherwise permitted by LAMC Section 12.21.C.8.

- i. Off-Menu Waiver to permit 56.5 percent of the open space located above the ground level in lieu of the maximum 25 percent permitted by North Westwood Village Specific Plan Section 8.A.
- 8. Discussion and possible approval of the January 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report. (4 minutes)
- 9. Discussion and possible approval of up to \$1000 in social media advertising encouraging NPG applicants. (10 minutes)
- 10. Discussion and possible approval of \$3250 in Daily Bruin/UCLA Student Media encumbered expenses to be used towards an ad campaign encouraging stakeholders to register to vote and vote in the upcoming North Westwood Neighborhood Council elections. (10 minutes)
- 11. Discussion and possible approval of up to \$270 in expenditures to UCLA Student Media/the Daily Bruin for elections advertisement spending from the 2019 election which was erroneously unpaid. (5 minutes)
- 12. Discussion and possible approval of a NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT of up to \$5000 to World Harvest Food Bank to fund food boxes for families in need. (15 minutes)
- 13. Discussion and possible appointment of a North Westwood Neighborhood Council Data Liaison. (5 minutes)
- 14. Discussion and possible acceptance of the resignation of Grayson Peters from his positions of Vice President, Transportation and Safety Committee Chair, and Board member. (8 minutes)
- 15. Nomination and possible appointment of board members to fill the vacancies of Transportation and Safety Committee Chair and Vice President. (10 minutes)
- 16. Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement authorization concerning [Council File 20-1042]- LA Social Housing, including presentation from Yuisa Alegria-Gimeno from the 'End Homelessness Now-LA campaign'"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)
- 17. 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)

- 18. 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)
- 19. 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)
- 20. 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)
- 21. Adjournment