**Meeting of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council**

**November 7th, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**UCLA Weyburn Commons Village View Room**

**4Th Floor, 11020 Weyburn Dr. Los Angeles CA 90024**

**Public Speaker Card**

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**Agenda**

1. Presentation by City Officials on Policies and Procedures (1 hour)
2. Swearing in by City Councilmember Paul Koretz and Photographs (5 minutes)
3. Q&A with Councilmember Paul Koretz (15 minutes)
4. Call-to-order and roll call (2 minutes) at 8:32 p.m.
5. Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:32 p.m. and all boardmembers were in attendance: Gabriela Meza, Katja May, Kaveh Navab, Michael Skiles, Andrew Lewis, Alex Helmi, Josh Trifunovic, Kevin Crummy, Chantelle Eastman, Ashraf Beshay, Melissa Tapia, Paul Kurek, Wren Reynolds, Ryan Snyder, Peter Clinco, Alisha Ranadive, Christian Green, Grayson Peters and Amir Tarighat.
6. Comments by Public Officials (10 minutes)
7. Nomination and Selection of NC Officers (20 minutes)
   1. Andrew Lewis seconded to move selection of NC Board Members.
   2. Peter Clinco moves to nominate Michael Skiles as President
      1. Michael Skiles accepts nomination as President
      2. Seconded by Andrew Lewis
      3. Public comment: Steve Sann: Sand is a stakeholder in the neighborhood.  Says a female confidant sent information re: Michael Skiles to Sann. During time at Princeton, Skiles took a position that said according to his religion of Catholicism, a women should not be allowed abortions even following rape.
      4. Michael Skiles rebuttal: Thanks Mr. Sann for “irrelevant distortion of a position [he] took nearly 10 years ago.”  In his sophomore year he wrote paper to define traditional catholic view on abortion. Was not addressing legality but morality.  In that paper he came to conclusion that abortion is immoral. In his Junior year he wrote a paper arguing that catholic doctrine could actually justify abortion under burdensome circumstances.  Rather than impose restrictions, he believes those who are Pro-life should empower women to have the resources they need to make meaningful choices. As a leader in this community he has done nothing but support mothers on campus, and worked with Mothers of Color in Academia to bring lactation stations to campus as well as medical care for pregnant and parenting students. Promises to never use his position against women and urges the council to look past Sann’s distraction.
      5. Ryan Snyder: motion to move on
      6. Amir Tarighat motions to vote. Seconded by Kevin Crummy.
      7. Unanimous vote for Michael Skiles as President.
      8. 8:41 p.m. Michael Skiles is elected as President.
   3. Movement to nominate Gabriela Meza for Vice President by Alisha Ranadive,  seconded by Ashraf Beshay
      1. Gabriela Meza accepts nomination.
      2. Michael Skiles calls for a vote.
      3. Unanimous vote for Gabriela Meza to serve as Vice President
      4. 8:45 p.m. Gabriela Meza is elected as Vice President.
   4. Movement to nominate Chantelle Eastman as Secretary by Christian Green.
      1. Chantelle Eastman accepts position for Secretary.
      2. Unanimous vote for Secretary.
      3. 8:48 p.m. Chantelle Eastman is elected as Secretary.
   5. Movement to nominate Amir Tarighat as Treasurer by Paul Kurek.
      1. Amir Tarighat accepts position for Treasurer.
      2. Unanimously approved.
      3. 8:50 p.m. Amir Tarighat is elected as Treasurer.
8. Nomination and Confirmation of Committee chairs and members. (20 minutes) (\*denotes Committee Chair)
9. Land use committee:  Melissa Tapia, Alex Helmi, Kevin Crummy, Peter Clinco, Michael Skiles\*
10. Transportation and safety committee: Ryan Snyder\*, Amir Tarighat\*, Grayson Peters, Wren Reynolds, Andrew Lewis
11. Outreach and communication: Paul Kurek, Peter Clinco, Josh Trifunovic\*, Wren Reynolds, Gabriela Meza
12. Community activities and projects: Christian Green\*, Paul Kurek, Wren Reynolds, Melissa Tapia, Chantelle Eastman
13. Budget and finance: Andrew Lewis\*, Amir Tarighat, Christian Green, Ashraf Beshay, Ajwang Rading
14. Elections committee: Joseph Russel, Andrew Lewis, Alisha Ranadive\*, Kaveh Navab
15. Skiles moves to approve committee appointments, Kevin Crummy seconds.
16. Public comment:
    * + 1. Phil: Wants more diversity on council.  Land owners, business owners, homeowners.
        2. Abdala: Wants to be on Transportation and safety committee.  He is senior Transportation planner from UCLA, works on purple line, negotiated for $4.99 flat rate for Lyft.
17. Board discussion:
18. Chantelle: suggest that chairs get in contact to talk about future committee members.
19. Gabriela Meza: wants Abdala to serve on board.  Wants diversity and members of the public to serve in the committees.
20. Gibson: Insists that only five members are allowed to serve on each committee.
21. Skiles: Argues that Brown Act restriction against a voting majority of a quorum of the board meeting outside of meetings applies only to board members and that, as such, committees can have more than 5 members, as long as those in excess of 5 are non-board-member-stakeholders.
22. Gibson disagrees and says that he’s “100% sure” that no more than 5 people can be on the committees. Period.
23. Ryan Snyder calls for a vote; Michael Skiles moves to a vote without objection
24. Passed unanimously (18-0-1) Gabriela Meza – abstained
25. 10:09 p.m. Committees approved.
26. General Public Comment. (10 minutes; 2 minutes per speaker)
27. President Skiles: Keep comment to 2 minutes.  Fair for everyone.
28. Phil Gabriel: Business owner, homeowner.  Phil said the entire meeting started with a Brown act violation.  He requested that the City attorney void the meeting because it didn’t follow Brown Act:  No free parking available, no handicap pk. Find another meeting spot that will accommodate wheelchairs and walkers.  Hope that people won’t dismiss topic and move on. Phil also commented that he doesn’t want food courts. “We need retail.”  Highest concentration of millionaires and billionaires in the country. Need to drive these customers to the neighborhood.
29. Jamie Kennerk: UCLA Undergraduate External Vice President. Excited by the grassroots organizing that made this council happen.  Invites the council to reach out to her if she can help.
30. Andrew Thomas: Executive director Westwood Village Improvement Association.  Excited to partner, let him know how to be of service. Friday meeting: Hammer 8:30a.m. -10 a.m. meeting.
31. Steve Sann: Important to recognize NWWNC is one of many voices.  WWNC empowered community for 6-7 years and will not go away. Community council is not going to splinter or be gerrymandered.  4 very established homeowners associations. Urged to be aware. Warning that they will look towards Washington. Claims that new NWWNC has mentality of “move aside guys we are the new sheriff in town.”
32. Roxanne Stern: thank you and congrats. WWNC never represented and WW Community Council never represents [her].  E-mails would be helpful until schedule of meetings are set up online. Hate to have missed it and didn’t know of meeting until day of.
33. Aiden: second year UCLA: Is excited about the Westwood Forward Coalition promoting civic engagement.  Students are happy about the birth of this New NC; thank you and congratulations!
34. Setting Time/Place/Budget for Future Board and Committee Meetings (20 minutes)
35. Room needs to fit budget and comply to ADA
36. Gibson says BONC requires free parking.
37. Skiles recommends for Budget and Finance Committee to look into locations
38. Steve Sann notes that Westwood Design Review Board meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.
39. Skiles moves to have board meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 7-10 p.m. at UCLA Weyburn Terrace Commons 4th Floor, but to authorize the President to select another time or place if needed. Ryan Snyder seconds.
40. 10:23 p.m. unanimously approved.
41. Discussion of resolution to adjust the food use classifications and parking requirements outlined in the Westwood Village Specific Plan to make them less restrictive. (See attached resolution) (20 minutes)
42. Gibson: Notes that he has not checked whether members have completed their funding or conduct training since early that morning but, as of then, many members had not. As such, he recommends a  motion to table items because not all members received Ethics training.
43. Michael Skiles moves to table items 11-13 without objection; seconded by Kevin Crummy.  Passed unanimously (19-0-0)
44. Consideration of request by Tri-West Enterprises for the North Westwood Neighborhood Council to support the removal of Rocco’s Tavern’s Alcoholic Beverage Control conditions outlined in the attached document. (20 minutes)
45. Tabled to next month
46. Approval of expenses and reimbursements for selection, outreach, and first neighborhood council meeting in Weyburn Commons Village View Room. (5 minutes)
47. Tabled to next month
48. Adjournment at 10:27 p.m.