Board Members present: Michael Skiles (can Vote Financial), Andrew Lewis, Grayson Peters (can Vote Financial), Noreen Ahmed (can Vote Financial), Nina Long (can Vote Financial), Alisha Ranidivie (can Vote Financial) , Furkan Yalcin, Joseph Riussel (can Vote Financial), Wren Reynolds, Peter Clinco, Kevin Crummy, Ernesto A (can Vote Financial)

2. Comments by Public Officials or their representatives including but not limited to: (30

minutes)

a. Los Angeles Police Department

b. Councilmember Paul Koretz

-Jasmine Shamolian

-Councilman Koretz has set-up Anti-Hate Fund to combat discrimination based on protected classes

-Changes for clean-ups at Westwood Park (spot clean-ups)

-Looking into other measures other than Sweeps

c. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

d. Mayor Eric Garcetti

-Brad Fingard

-Beginning on 3/1 Education workers, Teachers, and Law Enforcement became eligible for the Vaccine

-Ramping up with 8 Vaccination sites across the City

-8k doses across S LA and Valley

-Notify LA used to notify folks for appointments

-CA expected to receive 21k of Johnson and Johnson Vaccine

-Several webinars will be held in English and Spanish

-Street sweeping will be done every other week

-Brad has launched weekly Newsletter

e. Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove

-Jamie Kennerck:

f. Congressman Ted Lieu

Janet Turner (Office of Rep Ted Lieu);

-HR 1 Passed

-Lots of Options included on ACA Health Insurance (including COBRA)

-Goes to Senate on ¾

-Optimistic it will pass through Senate

g. Westwood Village Improvement Association (BID)

h. UCLA Government Relations

-Carmen Healey

-Update on Sepulveda Overpass Project

-2 Proposals in consideration

-One with stop at UCLA, one without

-Public Comment needed

-County Health has relaxed a few Public Health Orders

-Outdoor gatherings now allowed at UCLA

-Including Study Groups and Students with professors Socially Distanced

3. Announcements (10 minutes)

-Noreen: Community Health and Homelessness Committee will be Hosting Homelessness Stigma Town Hall on April 3rd

-Joey: Please spend money allocated to your Committee

-members needed for Budget Committee

4. Multiple Agenda Item Comment Period. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)

-Steve Sann: Feature changed on Zoom where Panelists are hidden

-Believes its DONE Policy that Panelists must be shown

-Mario Hernandez (DONE): Tomorrow will Send DONE Zoom Protocols to set back to original Settings

5. General Public Comment (Up to 2 minutes per speaker)

6. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the February board meeting. (4 minutes)

Aye: Michael Skiles, Andrew Lewis, Grayson Peters, Noreen Ahmed, Nina Long, Alisha Ranidivie, Furkan Yalcin, Joseph Riussel, Wren Reynolds, Peter Clinco, Kevin Crummy, Ernesto A

Abstain: 0

Nayes: None

7. Discussion and possible resolution with respect to proposed housing development at

10915 Strathmore and the following entitlements:

-Aaron Stange: Landmark is the largest Student Housing Develepor in the United States

-Have Projects in Berkeley and Miami

-7 Story building

-37 Residential Units

-Lorcan O’Herily: Site is just north of Strathmore & Gayley

-Mix of metal and cement board

-Ghazal Kherzy: One level of subterranean parking

-Activated Courtyard on the project

-Matt Dzeruc: Project fits into North Westwood Village Specific Plan

Michael Skiles: Move that North Westwood Neighborhood Council Support the following development with the following exemptions:

-Second: Andrew Lewis

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.

Aye: Michael Skiles, Andrew Lewis, Grayson Peters, Noreen Ahmed, Nina Long, Alisha Ranidivie, Furkan Yalcin, Joseph Riussel, Wren Reynolds, Peter Clinco, Kevin Crummy, Ernesto A

Abstain: 0

Nayes: None

8. Discussion and possible approval of the January 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report. (4

minutes)

Aye: Nina, Joseph, Michael, Ernesto, Furkan, Noreen, Kevin

Non-Vote: Nuha

9. Discussion and possible approval of up to $1000 in social media advertising

encouraging NPG applicants. (10 minutes)

Joey: Public Encouragement for groups to Apply

-NWWNC has $10k remaining in NPG Budget

-To make public aware of NPG’s and process to Apply

-$650 on Facebook and Instagram Ads

-Twitter: Total $350 in Ads ($20/Day)

Joey: “Motion that the NWWNC approve $1k in Ads , or $1k in Ads on Twitter if Facebook & Instagram are not allowing Ads for Social Political Activity to solicit NPGs ”

Aye: Kevin, Ernesto

Naye: Nina, Michael, Joey, Furkan

Abstain: Wren

Michael: Believes Council should utilize Outreach Committee to post in a free way, as not to use up remainder of Council funds

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)

Joey: Instagram: $1250

“Move that the NWWNC expend $3250 to UCLA media funds to encourage folks to Vote in Election

Second: Alisha

Steve: Believes it's quite a bit of money for ads to support mostly unopposed Seats that are running for available Seats in the upcoming Election

Alisha: We are in non-normal times that do not allow us to physically flyer, as the Council would normally do

Joey: The encumbrance must be spent, as its been earmarked for previous use by ads

* If it does not go to use for ads this current cycle, it will not get rolled over

Noreen: Believes Outreach Committee should hold more welcoming space for Students and those interested in the Committee in learning/getting involved

Aye: Nina, Michael, Grayson, Alisha, Joey, Noreen, Wren, Ernesto, Furkan

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)

Joey: Got Invoice from Daily Bruin for invoice that had not been paid - August 23rd, 2020, 2 invoices remaining each for $135

“Move that the North Westwood Neighborhood Council pay the two expenses from 2020 to the Daily Bruin for $135”

Second: Grayson Peters

Aye: Nina, Michael, Grayson, Alisha, Joey, Noreen, Wren, Ernesto, Furkan

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)

Michael: Table Motion

Furkan: Second

Aye: Nina, Michael, Grayson, Alisha, Joey, Noreen, Wren, Ernesto, Furkan

13. Discussion and possible appointment of a North Westwood Neighborhood Council Data

Liaison. (5 minutes)

Nina Long: Mayor’s Office is looking for a NC Data Liason

-Nina is seeking to become this Liason

Michael: Move that NWWNC Apppoint Nina Long as NWWNC Data Liason

Second: Ernesto

Aye: Noreen, Alisha, Joseph, Nina, Kevin, Furkan, Wren, Andrew, Grayson, Ernesto, Peter

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)

Aye: Ernesto, Peter, Grayson, Kevin, Wren, Joey, Nina, Alisha, Andrew, Noreen, Michael

Nay: Furkan

Michael: Nominates Kevin Crummy to be Vice President of the NWWNC in light of Grayson resignation

Kevin: Accepts Nomination, but open having VP Seat become again post-Election

Aye: Noreen, Alisha, Joseph, Nina, Kevin, Furkan, Wren, Andrew, Grayson, Ernesto, Peter

15. Nomination and possible appointment of board members to fill the vacancies of

Transportation and Safety Committee Chair and Vice President. (10 minutes)

Michael: Nominate Nina Long to Transportation Committee Chair

Second: Andrew Lewis

Aye: Noreen, Alisha, Joseph, Nina, Kevin, Furkan, Wren, Andrew, Grayson, Ernesto, Peter

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)

Andrew Lewis - A wrong council file was listed with this item.

Presentation from Yuisa Gimeno, activist with End Homelessness Now LA campaign. For two years, urged local government to turn their housing into large scale permanent housing. Asking for the endorsement of their social housing letter to ensure that city council supports efforts to find other options to increase housing by developing studies of social housing programs in other countries. This letter ties with Council File: 20-0197.

* *Shared presentation:* Outlined examples of successful social housing programs in Vienna, Austria and Singapore. They worked with a UCLA student for more resources.
* LA City Council motion underscores the importance to think of housing a social resource rather than a private commodity.

Andrew Lewis - Question on if we are waiting on report back from council.

Gimeno - Yes, and city is asking to follow-up on how to implement after doing a study. Want to show that there is community support.

Michael Skiles - Clarification on CF number.

Gimeno - Main campaign effort is around CF 20-0197. The other was for a zoning code related. Question to council - When can the council consider this CIS?

Skiles - We could not vote tonight because it comes with the wrong file.

Mario Hernandez - Question if the other council file was at all related to this topic.

Gimeno - Yes, the other CF does count for social housing.

Hernandez - Argument could be made that council file is there but due to a typo, a wrong council file is there.

Skiles - If good to proceed, happy to open more discussion to this item.

Andrew Lewis - Moves for the council to support CF 20-0197. Noreen seconds.

Joey Russell - References and resources in presentation include reports Joey has read. Echoes the effectiveness of Vienna’s program. Highly supports this motion.

Skiles - Expresses that many residents push back on housing efforts in the City. Also expresses the exorbitant cost of building that are outlined by public officials. Why social housing versus other mechanisms?

Gimeno - Public/private partnerships allow private companies to inflate costs. This opportunity allows City to get more creative about how to find lots and vacant areas that are not effectively being used at the moment. Wants the City to really consider existing opportunities to build this type of housing.

Gimeno shared the following contact information to reach her: Title Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources

https://endhomelessnessnowla.typeform.com/to/LNVlD6d1

The request is for the CIS as well as considering endorsing the end homelessness now-la social housing letter of support.

If anyone would like more information please contact endhomelessnessnowla@gmail.com

Kevin Crummy - Concerns with government providing the housing. Ex. New York and Chicago in the 70s built housing that could not be run. Wants to the city more effectively use their land to develop on it to lower the price of housing. Does not feel they are efficient.

Noreen Ahmed - Supports but agrees that the City alone could not do this. Would want to see local organizations and groups work closely with the City to implement this program.

Lewis - Thinks we should get on board with this considering the direness of the situation.

Skiles - Since the report has been approved already, what would our support do?

Gimeno - City needs to community support for this effort. In terms of Kevin’s example of New York, believes should look at why those programs failed? The government invested money into these programs and then let it dilapidate. There’s a chance for this if they build public support.

Skiles - We have lost quorum about four minutes ago at 10:10. Must adjourn from here.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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)