**North Westwood Neighborhood Council**

**General Monthly Meeting**

**June 10th, 2019 from 7:00 to 10:00pm**

**Weyburn Commons Village View Room**

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

**MINUTES**

**1. Call-to-order and roll call (2 minutes)**

* Call to order at 6:09 PM. Russel, Arciniega, Tarighat, Arfin, Hajee, Beshay, Skiles, Lewis, Ranadive, Peters, Trifunovic present.
  + Quorum met.

**2. Announcements (10 minutes)**

* Mara Braciszewski from the Outreach Committee
  + Update on Places for the People space activation event funded by NWWNC neighborhood purpose grant was successful, also received funds from GSA, ASUCLA Catering, and UCLA Transportation
    - Around 100-150 attendees, 20 directly thanked her for the event, especially medical center staff who don’t have a place to congregate and eat lunch
    - Demonstrated community interest in permanent shading and seating
  + Helmi, Kurek, Reynolds arrived
* Skiles
  + Because this is the first meeting of the new board, the board has to choose new members and fill committees before addressing Westwood Park.
  + Public comment length will be determined by the size of the crowd, general public comment is allowed for 2 minutes per individual.

**3. Selection by Board of Board Members to Fill At-large and Faculty Seat Vacancies. (Stakeholders interested in applying should send a brief statement of interest to northwestwoodcouncil@gmail.com by 5pm on June 5th) (20 minutes)**

* Applicants for the unfilled At-Large seat
  + Brandon Boukhim
    - Second-year UCLA undergraduate studying Public Affairs and History
    - Life-long Westwood resident, familiar with the history of area
    - Formerly involved in the USAC Office of the President and Financial Supports Commission
    - Served as Vice Chairman of ASUCLA Communications Board overseeing publications including Daily Bruin and UCLA Radio
    - On Board of Directors for Bruin Political Union
  + Mara Braciszewski
    - Community relations director for the GSA, graduate student in urban planning and design, and renter in Persian Square
      * Has events + organizing experience, has worked within immigrants’ rights, neighborhood, and labor groups
      * Wants to mobilize diverse constituents
    - If chosen, would continue work with placemaking
    - Wants to strengthen the relationship between UCLA and Westwood Village, increase commercial activity, and improve cultural relevance
    - Would advocate for womens’ rights, neighborhood safety, and greater representation
  + Peter Clinco
    - Real estate attorney, owner of Skylight Gardens
      * Has formerly represented several restaurants interested in opening in Westwood
    - Remembers Westwood from the 60s, 70s, and 80s, and wants to restore it to former glory
    - Member of the board of the WVIA, catalyzed the business community behind Westwood Forward
  + Michelle Rivas
    - First generation transfer student at UCLA studying sociology and Spanish
    - Prior experience in community college working in domestic and homeless shelters
    - Wants to work on homelessness, housing affordability, transportation, and infrastructure, especially as it relates to UCLA students
    - Wants to represent unheard students
  + Jay Manzano
    - Fourth-year Spanish and Chicano Studies UCLA student
    - In San Diego area, worked in a coalition to reduce substance abuse and gun violence
    - At UCLA, served as USAC Financial Supports Commissioner addressing financial insecurity, providing job opportunities for students
      * Raised over $10,000 in student scholarships
    - Personal experience as a low-income and first generation student inform the ways in which he has succeeded and struggled in Westwood including housing and food insecurity
      * Wants to bring these experiences to represent marginalized students
    - Will stay at UCLA for another two years working in UCLA housing
  + Furkan Yalcin
    - The current council can improve online outreach and event planning
      * The NWWNC is not fully utilizing its social media platforms
    - Has experience in marketing and social media engagement
    - Has experience in event planning, including in Westwood, and on behalf of the UCLA
    - Was the neighborhood council’s in person representative to the Far Out Fest
    - Life-long Westwood resident and wants to revitalize it according to Westwood Forward’s ideals
  + William Larson (email statement)
    - Long-time resident of Westwood for 14 years, has worked as several Westwood businesses and is financial planner
    - Dismayed by rise in homelessness, lack of affordable housing and business
    - Wants to reduce car traffic in the Village and prioritize a pedestrian and bike-friendly neighborhood
    - Cares about Westwood and wants to better the neighborhood for future generations
* Board Discussion
  + Trifunovic
    - Recommends Peter Clinco for his expertise and connections.
  + Tarighat
    - Hopeful that all candidates can remain involved in committees. Recommends Peter Clinco.
  + Skiles
    - Urges those not appointed to the board to consider service on committees.
  + Lewis
    - Concerned about gender ratio on board, wants council to keep representation in mind.
  + Hajee
    - How will the voting be structured?
    - Skiles
      * Will suggest a voting procedure to be voted on itself.
  + Beshay
    - Asks candidates what their tangible actions would be if they were on the board.
      * Yalcin
        + Would tangibly improve the council’s social media presence and has experience with full process of event planning
      * Boukhim
        + Would want to focus on lobbying for SB 50 and/or its policies. Concerned about designated taxi zones along sidewalks when there are no longer taxis, changing this to improve pedestrian/bike/rideshare access. Also wants to increase parking supply.
      * Clinco
        + Wants to rework the Westwood Specific Plan, reduce parking requirements, increase entertainment and music. Has the experience to act on these goals.
      * Rivas
        + Wants to improve relationship between UCLA students and the neighborhood council, prioritize outreach to students. Suggests council-sponsored events on campus.
      * Braciszewski
        + Wants to continue the ‘Places for the People’ space activation series, emphasizes education as an urban planning student and work as a planner at the city of Los Angeles.
      * Manzano
        + Has prior experience with community mobilization from an outside/marginal perspective.
  + Hajee
    - Asks all candidates to name a committee they’d like to serve on if not selected for the board.
      * Yalcin
        + Would continue work on events and outreach committees
      * Barcizewski
        + Attended every council meeting last year, engaged with the community activities and projects and ad-hoc homelessness committee
      * Manzano
        + Land use committee
      * Clinco
        + Would continue work on the land use committee and outreach committee
      * Boukhim
        + Transportation and/or land use
      * Rivas
        + Safety committee
  + Skiles
    - Thinks that it’s important for the board to consider prior experience working with the council as an important factor. Clinco, Yalcin, and Bracizewski all have worked with the neighborhood council before, whereas the others, lacking committee or board experience, should consider committee positions.
* Public Comment
  + Phil Gabriel
    - None of the candidates discussed engaging with Westwood, business owners, customers, employees, or property owners. Not everyone uses social media, all board members should actively outreach to businesses. Also possible to be involved in the Westwood Neighborhood and Community Councils.
  + Steve Sann
    - Why was Arciniega chosen for the Westwood Forward slate instead of Clinco? Surprised that students aren’t advocating for students, business owners are already sufficiently represented on the council.
  + Roxanne Stern
    - Recommends Clinco and Bracizewski
* Skiles moves that the council select its At-Large stakeholder by the following process:
  + Skiles reads the name of each candidate. Each boardmember votes for one candidate. If one candidate receives a majority, they are selected. Otherwise, there is a run-off vote between those candidates whose vote totals sum to greater than or equal to 10.
    - Tarighat seconds.
    - Motion carries unanimously, May abstains.
* Tarighat calls the question, Beshay objects.
* Skiles moves to end debate and move to a vote
  + 7 yeas, 6 nays, 2 abstentions
  + Motion does not carry because a ⅔ majority is needed
* Russel
  + Recommends someone with a community organizing background
* Beshay
  + Student representation is important given the length of the term, graduating seniors currently on the board.
* Lewis
  + Reiterates need for improved gender representation, student representation.
* Reynolds
  + Important considerations include prior involvement, student representation, and gender parity.
* Beshay
  + Recommends Rivas for prior experience working with the homeless
* Skiles
  + Torn between Clinco and Bracizewski
* Skiles re-opens public comment
  + Community member emphasizes need for improved gender parity, recommends Bracizewski
  + Ms. Reynolds asks what the exact requirement for an At-Large member is.
    - Skiles
      * This process is attempting to determine who would best represent North Westwood, important to consider whether the board looks like the community it represents.
  + Phil Gabriel
    - Concerned that a boardmember cannot specifically endorse a candidate by name, that’s a potential Brown Act violation.
* Vote for an At-Large Member
  + Round 1
    - Yalcin
      * 0 votes
    - Manzano
      * 0 votes
    - Braciszewski
      * 7 votes
    - Boukhim
      * 0 votes
    - Clinco
      * 5 votes
    - Rivas
      * 2 votes
    - Larson
      * 0 votes
  + Round 2: Bracizewski vs Clinco
    - Discussion
      * Ranadive
        + Recommends Clinco based on his experience and vision
      * May
        + Will abstain because she didn’t hear the candidates’ presentations.
    - Bracizewski
      * 5
    - Clinco
      * 5
    - 3 abstentions
  + Round 3: Clinco vs Braciszewski again
    - Clinco
      * 6
    - Braciszewski
      * 7
    - 1 abstention
  + By a vote of 6-7-1, Mara Braciszewski is selected as an At-Large member of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.
* Without objection, Skiles moves to postpone consideration of candidates for the faculty seats until the end of the meeting.

**4. Nomination and Appointment of Board Officers. (20 minutes)**

* Reynolds moves to open nomination for board officers, Lewis seconds.
  + May moves to nominate Skiles for President, Reynolds seconds, Skiles accepts.
    - Public comment
      * Philip Gabriel
        + Board needs a president who plays by the rules and isn’t divisive. Encourages someone else to run.
      * Steve Sann
        + Slanderous comments at the May meeting were not legally protected, Skiles needs to set a better example.
      * Ms. Reynolds
        + Rotarians should tell the truth.
    - Trifunovic moves to elect Skiles as president of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, Reynolds seconds.
      * Motion passes unanimously.
  + Lewis moves to nominate Hajee for Vice President, Bracizewski seconds, Hajee accepts.
    - Long-time member and organizer in the movement to create the NWWNC, prior USAC Facilities Commissioner wants to make the vice presidency a more active role.
  + Tarighat moves to nominate Arciniega for Vice President, Ranadive seconds, Arciniega accepts
    - Surprised by nomination, recommends the other two candidates. Has GSA experience, would represent those without a voice at the table.
  + Kurek moves to nominate Braciszewski for Vice President, Trifunovic seconds, Braciszewski accepts.
    - Surprised by nomination, argues it’s important to have gender parity in officer positions.
  + Skiles
    - Supports the vice president taking on a larger role on the council, explicit by-law roles only require taking over the roles of presidency if the president is absent.
  + No public comment
  + Skiles moves that the selection of the Vice President be determined by a first round of voting in which any one candidate winning a majority of votes is selected, otherwise there is a second round between the top-two vote getters.
    - Tarighat seconds
  + Skiles moves without objection to an immediate vote.
    - Round 1
      * Braciszewski
        + 4
      * Hajee
        + 7
      * Arciniega
        + 3
      * 1 abstention
    - Round 2
      * Braciszewski
        + 3
      * Hajee
        + 11
    - Zahra Hajee is selected as the Vice President of the NWWNC
  + Skiles moves without objection to postpone consideration of the remainder of item 4 until the end of the meeting, Tarighat seconds.

**5. Nomination and Appointment of Committee Members and Chairs. (20 minutes)**

* Skiles moves without objection to divide the matter to consider only the appointment of non-boardmembers and postpone the consider of boardmembers until the end of the meeting, Russel seconds.
* Committee Candidates
  + Erin Coutts
    - Westwood resident and trained urban planner
    - Wants to join the planning and land use committee and the outreach committee
  + Sachi Cooper
    - 1st year geography and public affairs/GIS UCLA student
    - Wants to serve on the land use committee and transportation and safety committee
    - Served in USAC OP Affairs Committee, will work in USAC FAC Blank Space committee
  + Jay Manzano
    - Wants to serve on the land use committee, support housing development
  + Brandon Boukhim
    - Wants to serve on the transportation and safety committee and land use committee, promote housing development and accessibility
  + Michelle Rivas
    - Wants to serve on the outreach committee, improve visibility to the UCLA undergraduate community
  + Skiles recommends appointing each candidate to one of their desired committees.
  + Skiles moves to appoint Rivas to the outreach committee, Boukhim to the transportation and safety committee, Manzano to the land use committee, Cooper to the land use committee, and Coutts to the outreach committee
    - Beshay seconds
    - Skiles moves without objection to amend his motion to switch Coutts’ nomination from outreach to land use, Russel seconds, the motion is amended.
  + No public comment
    - Motion unanimously carries

Appointment of boardmembers to committees considered at the end of the meeting.

**6. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness. (10 minutes)**

* Skiles moves without objection to postpone the item until the end of the meeting, Lewis seconds.

**7. Review and approval of minutes from May meetings (5 minutes)**

* Skiles moves without objection to postpone the item until the end of the meeting, Lewis seconds.

**8. Comments by Public Officials or their representatives including but not limited to: (15 minutes)**

a. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

* Erin Schneider
  + County working on new strategies to combat homelessness
    - Over 31,000 waiting for supportive housing, over 20,000 moved into housing.
  + All-gender restrooms increasingly available in county owned buildings

**3.** Skiles moves without objection to resume discussion of the candidate for the faculty board seat, Tarighat seconds.

* Michael Rodriguez
  + professor in the David Geffen School of Medicine, Fielding School of Public Health, faculty-in-residence on the Hill, chair of the Global Health minor
  + Lived in Westwood since 2002, the Village specifically since 2010
  + Work focuses on improving health through environment
* Board discussion
  + Beshay supports Rodriguez’s nomination
  + Lewis shares support for Rodriguez
* Skiles moves to appoint Dr. Michael Rodriguez to the faculty seat, Tarighat seconds.
* No public comment.
  + Motion carries unanimously.
  + Dr. Michael Rodriguez is appointed as a faculty board member of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council

**9. LADWP Sunset Blvd Work Update, Deborah Hong/Thomas Martinez (10 min) 10. PATH - Westside Homeless Outreach, Qiana Williamson (10 min)**

**11. Purple Line Extension Construction Update, Marlon Walker (15 minutes)**

* Work will begin on Ohio in half-block increments, causing intermittent parking restrictions and traffic detours
* Metro is considering different possible work schedules
  + Options: non-peak, night work, or AM peak
* Next pre-construction community meeting
  + Thursday, June 20 2019
  + 6:30-8pm at the Belmont Village Senior Living, 10475 Wilshire Blvd

**12. Presentation on proposed soccer/multipurpose field at Westwood Park, discussion, and possible board resolution taking a position on the matter. (50 minutes)**

* Presentation in support of the soccer field
  + Tom Gibson (landscape architect Dept. of Parks and Rec), Nicki and Doug Mark
    - Dispelling misinformation
      * This isn’t a project, it’s a proposal for a project. Won’t become a project until the Department of Parks and Recreation approves it.
      * Long, routine approval process is being followed
      * The Department and Council Office supported the concept, fundraising totaled $1.2 million
      * Speculation and misinformation disrupted public meeting
      * Donors have been patient, followed
    - Westwood park is considered a community park, not a neighborhood park, has more amenities and serves a larger area
    - Parks and Rec currently has over 70 synthetic grass fields
    - Department willing to forgo some proposed fences, bleachers, and a concrete path in order to preserve the sense of open space + grassy area around the oak trees as a compromise
    - Other sites proposed by opponents are unworkable
* Nicki and Doug Mark
  + - Going to Westwood park, noticed that the center was empty dirt
    - A prior project proposal had included synthetic grass
    - Wanted to make a full size soccer field in the Westside
    - 13 year old son Tommy passed away, decided to memorialize him with the park
    - Raised $1.2 million through community efforts, individual donors, concerts, auctions
    - Surprised by vocal opposition at the first community meeting from neighbors
    - Current field isn’t being properly utilized, not fit for play
      * Empty until a soccer club uses it at 5 pm, says it's the worst field they’ve ever used
    - Goal is to activate the space, increase activity and play
    - Artificial turf would minimize budget constraints of grounds staff, limit water use
    - There would still be 5.6 acres of remaining open space

**Swearing-in by Councilmember Koretz, Q+A**

* Working to find new sites for HHH homeless housing given increase in homelessness, Chabad site fell through
* Open to reforming the appeals process to prevent frivolous appeals
* Hasn’t taken a side yet on the Agora project, hoping to get the developers to relocate to Wilshire and Sepulveda to combine HHH and student housing
* Presentation from opponents of the proposed soccer field
  + The field as it is now is Westwood Park’s last remaining undeveloped open space for multi-use, unstructured activity
  + Important in dense Westwood especially for those living in multifamily dwellings without private yards
  + Development would cut out the heart of the open space very close to the playground
  + Large upswell of community opposition
  + Soccer field would convert a community commons into a fenced, excludable space reserved much of the day for teams
  + Westwood needs more open + accessible space, not less
  + The new field can’t be truly multipurpose
    - Rules for artificial turf
      * No food, drinks, tables, chairs, takes, animals
      * Continuous monitoring to protect turf/enforce rules
      * Hotter artificial turf - 120+ degrees during peak day usage time
  + Safety concerns because the soccer field would be right next to a sandbox and universal playground
  + Westwood Park is already smaller and much more densely developed than other Westside parks
  + Not consistent with existing master plan
  + Not consistent with Recreation + Parks’s community-wide needs assessment
    - West LA residents prioritize more park land and natural space far higher than soccer and athletic field
* Public comment on the proposed soccer field at Westwood Park
  + Unidentified resident
    - Park does a great job of catering to small children who have space to run and play, but there’s no regulation size field anywhere nearby. This part of the city is desperate for fields, many supporters were at the
  + Stacy Kravitz
    - Resident, in favor of the field, wants children to have enough field space to be active. This would be sustainable green space in a drought zone.
  + Unidentified resident
    - Many contradictions in the proposal; the proposal was originally for a soccer field, now it’s a multipurpose field. There’s already a soccer field and a dog park at Westwood Park. There was poor planning on the original design of the park, which is now full of structures. Important to protect open space.
  + Unidentified resident
    - Concerned about real green space. The VA is going to build new units, important to preserve nature for mental and physical health. The park isn’t just for soccer players, all kinds of people use the park.
  + Dianne Good
    - Director of Westwood Transitional Village on Sepulveda for homeless families. Take 75 children to the park regularly to play, but they generally don’t go to the open field because it’s rough and full of holes. Kids want to play soccer, she’s in favor of the field.
  + Rebecca Kaufman
    - Raised 3 kids at Westwood Park, the kids played almost no time on the field because it’s dangerous. The park doesn’t belong just to the immediate neighbors, it’s everyone’s backyard.
  + Unidentified resident
    - The green space is being used frequently. As a property manager of a large residential building and a neighbor across the street, she doesn’t think the park, which already has a soccer field, needs another. Important to preserve open access to the space, the artificial fenced field will dominate the park. No reason why the park couldn’t be properly maintained like at Holmby Park. Concerned about the environmental impact of removing the green space. Plaque at the park says it was given to the city by the federal government for general use.
  + Unidentified resident
    - The further south you go, the less people have. The park is used by people who don’t have a lot, shouldn’t put up barriers to usage with class implications.
  + Unidentified resident
    - Club memberships aren’t affordable to everyone, especially people living in apartments. There’s already a soccer field, another isn’t needed. Natural space has value in of itself, outside of official club use. Fencing or netting would need to be very high to prevent balls from flying into the sandbox.
  + Jordan Fishman
    - Lived in Westwood since 2003, in commercial real estate, raised 3 kids here. Not all development is bad development. A fully funded project with new infrastructure for the community, open for multiuse, is worthwhile. Current field is in poor shape, supports the project.
  + Dr. Jay Reznick
    - Has two kids, one a soccer player. Son has to go many miles away to find a field to play rather than being able to use one in his neighborhood. Incredible rainfall this year makes the field currently look lush, but that’s not how it normally is. It’s an uneven, unsafe dirt field. Tommy’s Field would be a gift to the community and kids in surrounding areas. Field will reduce water usage, not have a fence around it, and will be open for free play and used much more than the existing dirt field.
  + Jamie Rook
    - Westwood resident, UCLA graduate, goes frequently with her children. Values open and accessible space. Good intentions behind the project but Santa Monica requires permitted users to hire a supervisor, doubts the field would remain open and unfenced.
  + Unidentified resident
    - Has two children, use the park frequently. Has strong reservations because of the displacement of unstructured play. Concerned that his kids would be hit by flying balls. Multi-use isn’t just different kinds of athletics, it’s a range of activities by all kinds of community groups.
  + Jim Lam
    - Faculty member at UCLA, Westwood resident since 2010. Soccer dad with 4 children, AYSO volunteer. In favor of keeping the field as an open, natural space. Goes weekly to the field with his kids, it’s frequently used by those living close and far. Don’t push out all uses for one narrow use.
  + Martha Gonzalez
    - Resident since 2007. Only people cheering for the field are soccer people, everyone else is against it. Goes three times a week, her son plays organized soccer. Why sacrifice grass for synthetic turf?
  + Steve Sann
    - Requests that a discussion and decision be delayed given the late hour and the importance of the issue. Westwood Park isn’t in NWWNC’s borders, it’s adjacent, so don’t complain when the WWNC opines on issues within the NWWNC’s borders. Wants a time-out to massage the project, explore options. Not a black-or-white issue.
* Skiles
  + Does the board think we should decide tonight?
  + Tarighat
    - Re-agendize and reconsider
  + Peters
    - Given the long timeframe of the issue, no need to decide tonight
  + Skiles
    - Heartened that the project proposal has been altered, both sides finding common ground.
* Skiles moves to table this item until the next meeting, Peters seconds.
  + 14 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions
  + The motion is tabled

**13. General Public Comment. (10 minutes)**

* Unidentified resident
  + Lives on Kelton Ave. close to UCLA. Serious issue with pine trees falling and crushing cars, no action by the city or Koretz.
  + Surface of the street is in poor repair, garbage collecting.
  + Birds and other scooters need to be regulated so that they don’t block sidewalks, urges board action.
* Roxanne Stern
  + AB 1197 would streamline the process for homeless housing construction, being discussed in the state senate. Important to support.
* Steve Sann
  + Two Sundays ago, the WWNC election was held. Resounding victory for the Team Westwood slate elected to a 4 year term, next election in 2023. The community plan isn’t scheduled to be reevaluated until 2024. Food use and parking are little tweaks, but a comprehensive rehaul won’t happen until 2024, could take even longer than that. Progress in the community won’t happen by battling other entities/organizations, that will cause paralysis.

**14. Update on general finances, and review and approval of monthly expense reports (Amir, 10 minutes)**

* Skiles moves that the council approve the May monthly expenditure report, Lewis seconds.
  + The motion carries unanimously.
* Skiles moves that the council approve the $150 expense to UCLA for the room rental for tonight’s meeting room rental, Beshay seconds.
  + The motion carries unanimously.
* **Items 18 and 19 were scheduled as a precaution, will not be heard.**

**4. Nomination and Approval of Board Officers**

* Skiles moves to nominate Grayson Peters for Secretary, Amir Tarighat for Treasurer, both accept.
* Beshay nominates Braciszewski for Secretary, Braciszewski accepts. Arfin seconds.
* Vote to appoint Tarighat as Treasurer
  + Motion carries unanimously, Rodriguez abstains.
* Braciszewski
  + Doesn’t want the job, will vote for Peters.
* Vote on motion to nominate Peters for Secretary
  + Motion unanimously carries

**Recess into Special Meeting**

* Call to order at 10:28 pm
  + Russel, Arciniega, Arfin, Hajee, Beshay, Braciszewski, SKiles, Reynolds, Lewis, Peters, May
  + Quorum met
* Skiles moves to appoint Tarighat as bank cardholder and Lewis as second signatory, Beshay seconds.
  + Motion carries unanimously.
* **Special Meeting adjourned without objection**

**5. Committee Appointments**

* Budget Committee
  + Skiles moves to nominate Lewis as chair of the Budget Committee, Tarighat and Arciniega as members of the Budget Committee, Beshay seconds.
    - The motion unanimously carries

Without objection, Skiles moves out of order to consider **item 6.**

* Skiles moves to constitute an ad-hoc committee called the “Community Health and Homelessness Committee,” Lewis seconds.
* Lewis moves to nominate Dr. Rodriguez as chair of the Community Health and Homelessness Committee, Arfin seconds.
* Russel moves to nominate Braciszewski as chair, she declines.
* Braciszewski nominates Beshay as chair, Skiles seconds.
* Public comment
  + Steve Sann
    - There’s a standing ad-hoc committee on homelessness including the WWNC, WCC, and elected offices. It’s such a difficult problem that collaboration is important. Recommends that the NWWNC stay involved in the collaborative committee.
* Lewis moves to retract without objection his motion nominating Dr. Rodriguez
* Vote on constituting a Community Health and Homelessness committee chaired by Beshay
  + Motion carries unanimously

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* Land Use Committee
  + Lewis moves to nominate Skiles as chair of the Land Use Committee, Skiles seconds.
  + Skiles moves to nominate Helmi, Kevin Crummy, Russel, Lewis, and Peters to the Land Use committee. Hajee seconds.
    - Motion carries unanimously, Arfin abstains.
* Transportation and Safety
  + Peters nominates himself as transportation co-chair of the Transportation and Safety committee, Hajee seconds.
  + Russel nominates Arfin as transportation co-chair of the Transportation and Safety committee. Hajee seconds. Arfin declines.
  + Skiles
    - Supports Peters’s nomination
  + Skiles moves to nominate Tarighat as safety co-chair of the Transportation and Safety committee
  + Lewis nominates Reynolds as a member of the Transportation and Safety committee.
  + Skiles nominates himself as a member of the Transportation and Safety committee, Peters seconds.
  + Motion to approve the nominees carries unanimously.
* Outreach and Communication
  + Hajee nominates herself as co-chair, Beshay seconds.
  + Skiles nominates Trifunovic as co-chair, Beshay seconds.
  + Lewis nominates Reynolds as a member, Beshay seconds.
  + Arfin nominates himself, Braciszewski seconds.
  + Skiles nominates Kurek, Arciniega seconds.
  + Motion to approve the nominations carries unanimously.
* Community Events and Projects
  + Skiles nominates Braciszewski as chair, Hajee seconds.
  + Beshay nominates Lewis and Russel as members, Arfin seconds.
  + Beshay nominates Arfin, Skiles seconds.
  + Motion to approve the nominations carries unanimously.

**15. Presentation/Review of April and May Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Meetings (Andrew, 5 Minutes)**

**16. Designation of Westside Regional Alliance of Councils representative, and alternate. (10 minutes)**

* Skiles nominates Lewis, Hajee seconds.
  + Motion carries unanimously.
* Beshay nominates Russel as alternate, Russel declines (no second)

**17. Approval of $150 room rental for June council meeting at Weyburn Commons. (10 minutes)**

(Addressed in 14)

**18. Consideration of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Kaleidoscope Amount: $5,000, Grant Use: “Kaleidoscope is a conductorless chamber orchestra dedicated to enriching lives through exhilarating concert experiences that connect diverse communities of Los Angeles. Kaleidoscope would use the NPG Grant to pay the musician fees to provide a free Concert in Westwood, Kaleidoscope has previously performed at the UCLA Powell Library and the Hammer Museum”**

* Public Comment
  + Steve Sann
    - Invites the board to the free concert series at the library. Concerned that $5,000 is too much for a single concert. Not sure it’s the most prudent expenditure of that amount. More worthy causes in the community, including on campus, shouldn’t give that much money to outside groups.

**19. Consideration of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for West Cal Academy: (Amount Requested: $4,991.5, Grant Use: “WestCal Academy® is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax deductible education organization, that helps registered students, identify their career pathway in partnership with industry mentors and academic institutions, through its Make Education Great Again® (MEGA®) Career Pathway Program. Our academic advisory board includes academic professionals, industry representatives, and labor representatives. West Cal Academy would use the funds to educate the community about career pathways and why it is important to implement it. If one observes the trends of successful people, common themes are apparent. Themes such as good mentors, working in their field, and loving their career.”**

**20. Skiles moves to adjourn at 11:03, Lewis seconds, motion unanimously carries.**