



**May 28, 2014 Annual Election - Meeting agenda:**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of March 26, 2014 Minutes (See back side of agenda)
- III. President's Report -
- IV. Airport Committee Report: - by Chair Martin Rubin  
Vote on two separate motions passed unanimously by committee.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

Motion #1:

**1. NWNA Support for the draft ordinance to reduce Santa Monica Airport's air pollution impacts on NWNA residents.**

Whereas, air pollution from Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations has been a contentious issue for many years; and

Whereas, no effort by the City of Santa Monica nor the Federal Aviation Administration has been made to regulate the amount of air pollution carried into the downwind North Westdale neighborhood; and

Whereas, two air quality monitoring studies by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and several studies by the UCLA Dept. of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences have measured highly elevated levels of pollutants in the North Westdale neighborhood; and

Whereas, the U.S. EPA monitored elevated levels of lead at their monitoring sites in North Westdale; and

Whereas, presently there is a draft proposed ordinance being considered by the Santa Monica Airport Commission that will set cut off levels of pollution by engine ratings; and

Whereas, the health of North Westdale residents is at risk; and

Whereas, no environmental ordinance has yet been tested

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the North Westdale Neighborhood on behalf of its residents who experience negative air quality impacts from Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations, support an ordinance that will reduce the harmful aircraft emissions.

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## **2. Motion to join with Santa Monica community groups in opposing AOPA's deceptive petition.**

Whereas, a current petition drive funded by the Airport Owners and Pilots Association to place on the ballot an initiative that would change Santa Monica's City Charter; and

Whereas, this change to Santa Monica's City Charter would require a majority vote by Santa Monica voters before any changes can be made at Santa Monica Airport; and

Whereas, this initiative attempt is deceptively cloaked to appeal to Santa Monica residents using the fear of over development of Santa Monica Airport; and

Whereas, not one community group in Santa Monica supports the initiative; and

Whereas, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, Friends of Sunset Park, Mid-City Neighbors, Northeast Neighbors, Ocean Park Association, and the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition are some of the community groups that already oppose the initiative; and

Whereas, the petition drive management firm Arno Petition Consultants Inc., also known as Arno Political Consultants has been the subject of controversy over allegations of petition fraud; and

Whereas, the current paid professional signature gatherers have been reported using false statements to gather signatures

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the North Westdale Neighborhood Association on behalf of its stakeholders that experience negative impacts from Santa Monica Airport operations, join with the Santa Monica neighborhood groups in opposing this deceptive airport initiative.

### **North Westdale Neighborhood Association**

#### **Minutes for March 26, 2014**

by Joan Winters - Secretary

*Called to order:* 7:10 PM

*Attendance:* 12

January 22, 2014 and February 18, 2014 Minutes Approved

*President's report:* Martin Rubin announced that the May Newsletter would have information regarding the annual election of officers. He added that all the officers with the exception of Treasurer Wayne Matsuyama plan to run again. Martin reported on the successful Council District 11 Community Cleanup at Ocean Park and Bundy Drive; with more than 10 NWN members participating with 40 others from local neighborhood organizations.

*Committee Reports:*

Airport Committee report from Chair Martin Rubin included a summary of the March 25 Santa Monica City Council meeting. Council directed staff to investigate possible closure or scaling back the airport, and to report back by December, 2014.

*Guest Speaker:* Christy Wilhelm and Shelly Wiseman spoke about the Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase. this year fewer gardens were selected in order to reduce the time necessary to visit them, and with clusters of gardens in mind.

Guest speaker Keylaundra McClelland from the Department of Public Works spoke about how to go through the process of getting free trees. Questions were answered.

Paula Henson, scheduled to speak on the current drought situation, could not attend

*Public Comments:* Kami Turrou brought up a date, May 31, for a block party, and President Martin Rubin informed those in attendance that an event like this would need to go through an NWN process starting with a committee open to all interested in participating

*Adjournment:* 7:45 PM