

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

Minutes for February 24, 2016

by Joan Winters - Secretary

Called to order: 7:10 PM Attendance: Approximately 50

January 27, 2016 Minutes - approved

Announcements, Public Comment. - None

President's Report and combined Airport Committee Report - by Martin Rubin.

Martin opened the meeting welcoming Nelson Hernandez, new SM senior advisor to the Santa Monica city manager on airport issues. He also mentioned that our Congresswoman Karen Bass will be attending our next Nwana meeting, which will be on Friday, April 8. - At that same meeting, we will have a speaker from Metro to give a progress report on the new EXPO line. The meeting will start early, at 6:00 PM, and the first hour will be devoted to the Metro updates and audience Q & A's; at 7:00 PM Congresswoman Bass will take the stage. Also, Martin briefly mentioned that we have a Nwana traffic committee in the formation. Right now, it seems the focus is on cut-through traffic happening throughout our community. A survey is in the process of being completed for neighbors to fill out as to how they are adversely being affected by this type of traffic. He also mentioned that there is not a Nwana meeting scheduled for the month of March.

Guest speaker: Nelson Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez spoke and answered questions for almost one hour. He explained his new job as an advisor to the city manager of Santa Monica on SMO airport issues, gave a brief overview, from his perspective on airport issues, and spoke about some of the airport-related lawsuits the City of Santa Monica is undergoing. There was active and intelligent audience participation with many questions asked to Mr. Hernandez. As an advisor to the city manager, he felt he needed to be cautious answering some of the questions.

Adjournment: 8:10 PM