

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

Minutes for June 22, 2016 - by Joan Winters - Secretary

Called to order: 7:05 PM

Approval of May 25, 2016 Minutes - Passed without any corrections or additions

Announcements, Public Comment. - None

Mar Vista Community Council Chair Rob Kadota - Rob gave a brief announcement and description of the volunteer position of Zone 2 director for the MVCC Board of Directors. Because no one in our area had run for Zone 2, which took place in Mar Vista at the Farmer's Market on June 5th, Rob said that he is trying to get people involved. He said that he will hold a meeting in July at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for those interested in being considered for the appointment. Part of the Zone 2 director's varied duties would be to represent issues in our area, including reporting on zoning variances, planning and development.

NWNA Traffic Liaison Helen Chin - Helen reported that there are approximately 120 surveys that have been completed, and that 16 neighbors attended the first traffic committee meeting, which was a strategy meeting. A second meeting is scheduled for July 11th.

Tiffany Allegretti, NWNA Public Relations - Tiffany gave a brief report on NWNA's re-activated Facebook Group Page, which was originally created by the former NWNA president, Bill Koontz.

new NWNA LAPD Liaison, Joseph Miller - Joe gave a brief overview of himself, that he manages a 66-unit building on Sawtelle Boulevard, which is on the eastern boundary of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association. He mentioned that he has a 16-camera security system, and that there is a lot of petty theft in his building; also that parked-car windows were broken along Sawtelle Boulevard.

President's Report and combined Airport Committee Report, Martin Rubin. Martin announced the July 9th 60th Anniversary of Primo's Donuts. He mentioned that Ralph Primo was the first president of the NWNA over 30 years ago and that at that time it was focused on neighbor's organizing because of ongoing crime in our area. Ralph and Celia Primo are longtime residents of this neighborhood. He also announced that Saturday, September 10th is the set date for NWNA's third Fall Block Party. He spoke briefly about Santa Monica Airport, that S.M. staff is considering renewing the lease of the jet center, Atlantic Aviation. He also mentioned that the City of Santa Monica has not made a request to the FAA about the air pollution problem that is brought on by the city's airport, and that North Westdale receives the majority of the toxic pollution.

Treasurer's Report - Matt Roethle. Matt spoke briefly on NWNA's treasury which he said is solvent. He also spoke about Frontier Communications, which recently took over for Verizon in our area. He arranged a special meeting for neighbors to discuss with Frontier representatives, issues regarding the switch-over. It will be on Wednesday, July 27th, to be held at Saint Andrew's.

Len Nguyen, Field Deputy for Councilmember Mike Bonin - Len arrived after the meeting was adjourned, so there was no report given by him, although there was casual conversation with him among the remaining neighbors.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM