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MCWCC Board Meeting of 2/8/11  
Minutes

Submitted by Sonia Rubin, Administrative Manager  
Subject to Approval by the Board at the March 2011 Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05pm. Roll was taken and 27 members were present. More members walked in later (attendance sheet on file).
2. Chair, Jeffrey Jacobberger, made some opening remarks.
3. **Public Comment:** -Lucille Saunders of the LaBrea Willoughby Coalition, spoke about the lawsuit that they filed against the LaBrea Gateway Project; Lynden Reilly, continued Lucille's sentiments on the LaBrea Gateway Project; Robert Chernob spoke regarding the Berri's Pizza motion that MCWCC passed previously. He informed the Board that a letter was never sent to the City Attorney. Jeff Jacobberger apologized for not getting the letter out in a timely fashion. He confirmed that the letter was sent earlier in the day; George Rheault announced a candidate forum on 2/9/11 with Tom LaBonge and Stephen Box.
4. **Announcements from City Representatives:** Nikki Ezhari from Tom LaBonge's office gave an update on the council projects, including cleanup, potholes, and bulky items, Measure L and a Neighborhood Council Breakfast; John Darnell from Paul Koretz's Office gave an update on the Melrose BID, and announced a budget/ballot meeting on 2/24/11 at the John Thomas Dye School; Nicole Carcel, new field representative for Mike Feuer, introduced herself and gave an update on the budget, a few assembly bills and passed out a health insurance flier;
5. **Report from LAPD SLO Hector Marquez:** Officer Marquez gave a brief history of his career, spoke about his new responsibilities, passed out maps and business cards and encouraged all to sign up to receive neighborhood crime reports.
6. **Public Comment:** Joan Taylor spoke regarding the LA Business Journal Article against high speed rail and urged the issue to be placed on the next agenda. She passed out fliers.
7. **Executive Council Motion to Accept the Resignation of Tamar Andrews:** Barbara Pflaumer moved to accept the resignation and it was seconded by Steve Kramer. The motion passed unanimously. The motion to remove Jefferson Brown was withdrawn. Jefferson Brown spoke regarding his absences and apologized for not being in contact for so long. He was very busy with work issues, but is now prepared to assume his role as Board Member.
8. **Approval of 1/11/11 Minutes:** The minutes, as amended with some typographical changes made by Charles Lindenblatt, passed unanimously.
9. **Approval of Budget Committee Financial Reports:** Sheryl Turner presented the reports and moved to accept the reports. The motion was seconded by Billy Baughman and passed unanimously. Sheryl Turner announced the next Budget Committee Meeting on 2/15/11 at the Harry Langdon Art Gallery.
10. **Bylaws & Grievance Committee:**
  - a. **Motion to adopt Amended MCWCC Bylaws to be brought into compliance**

**with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC's) Citywide mandated Bylaws Table of Contents:** Charles Lindenblatt presented the motion and it was seconded by Bob Abrahams. Charles Lindenblatt then made a friendly amendment to change pg 18 article 14 section 2 Ethics Training requirement from 90 to 60 days. The motion as amended was seconded by Bob Abrahams. There was a lengthy question and answer period and board discussion. There was a few motions regarding changing the ethics training requirement from 60 to 90 days made by Steve Kramer which lost with a vote of 8 in favor and 15 against. Jeffrey Jacobberger moved to increase the number of non-board members serving on committees, which was seconded by Julie Brame. The motion lost with a vote of only 6 in favor and the rest opposed. The original motion as amended by Charles Lindenblatt and seconded by Bob Abrahams passed with a vote of 28 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

**b. Report** Charles Lindenblatt gave a report as to the procedure going forward with regard to the Amended Bylaws.

**11. Public Safety:**

**a. Motion to Support CERT Neighborhood Team Program:** Paul Lerner presented the motion which was seconded by Steve Kramer and passed with a vote of 29 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

**b. Report** – Paul Lerner reminded the Board of the upcoming CERT Course and the possibility of a self-defense class. He announced a LAPD Drug Bust last Wednesday at 7306 Melrose Avenue and reminded the Board of the connection between the Medical Marijuana places and crime. He announced the Community Police Academy which begins on 3/9/11. There was a brief question and answer period.

12. **Planning & Land Use Committee:** Michael Barba had to leave so the report was postponed to the next meeting.

13. **Transportation, Parking & Streetscape Committee:** Tim Deegan spoke about FAST (Fixing Angelinos Stuck in Traffic). A motion will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

14. **Public Policy Committee Motion to Support Measure L (Library Funding Measure):** Sheryl Turner presented the motion, which was followed by a question and answer period, with comments both for and against this measure. The motion passed with a vote of 15 in favor, 8 opposed and 3 abstentions.

15. **Communications and Outreach Committee:** Bob Abrahams gave a report and asked that everyone visit the website regularly and let people know about it. He also stated that the committee is working on outreach and looking for input from the Board.

16. **Arts & Recreation Committee:** Bruce McCormick announced that the Farmers Market has donated 100 sqft of storage space to MCWCC for the MMAW banners and thanked them. Shawni Dracoules passed out cards for an International Art Fair.

17. **Chair's Motion to Co-Sponsor March 2, 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Council District Candidate Debate with Park LaBrea Residents Association.** Jeff Jacobberger presented the motion, which was seconded by Thomas Eisenhauer and passed unanimously.

18. **Board Comment:** Yudy Machado spoke about the lack of committee meeting minutes. David Mann wanted to know how much weight MCWCC carries with the Council Office. She requested that we get feedback from the Council Office. Stan Brent stated that the planning commission does read the letters that NC's send. Angela Guzman passed out a flier regarding an upcoming labor rally. Jeff Jacobberger announced a 2/16/11 Town Hall Meeting with the mayor. He also

mentioned that Metro is setting up advisory groups and some of the MCWCC Board members have volunteered 2/28/11 at LACMA.

19. **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:20pm.

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