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## MCWCC Board Meeting of 11/11/08

### MINUTES

Submitted by Sonia Rubin, Administrative Manager  
Subject to approval by the Board on 12/9/08

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Andrew Lachman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Andrew announced that Prop R passed, which means there will be money for the subway project. He also stated that the Council is sorry that Prop 8 passed, since the Council officially opposed it.
2. **Roll Call:** Of the 45 members, 26 were present (The attendance sheet is on file).
3. **Approval of Minutes:** There was a motion to pass both the September 9, 2008 and the October 24, 2008 minutes, which passed with no opposition. There were a few typos that were mentioned.
4. **Public Comment Period:**  
There was no public comment.
5. **Announcements from City Representatives:**
  - a. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Naheed Qureshi was not present due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.
  - b. Wendy Greuel, City Council Woman, and Chair of the City's Transportation Committee, came to talk about transportation and how the City is embarking on a Strategic Plan for Los Angeles and involving the community. They are focusing on short and long term goals and Prop R will provide \$40 billion.
6. **Financial Report from Treasurer:** David Strouse presented the budget (on file) and it was accepted with no opposition.

#### Committee Reports and Motions

7. **Transportation Parking and Streetscape:** Teresa Feldman reported that the Department of Transportation is putting in speed humps and a landscape median at 6<sup>th</sup> and Fairfax.
8. **Land Use Committee:** Brad Seiling announced that on November 19, 2008, LUC Meeting will be an information session on the Weatherly Drive/Burton Way Project. He encouraged the public to attend. He also mentioned the upcoming Caruso-Burton Way/La Cienega Project.
  - a. **The Little Room:** 364 N. La Cienega is the longest motion that LUC has done to date, due to the amount of opposition. LUC had four meetings with the owner, who was very cooperative and conciliatory. The LUC recommended approval of this request and a motion to adopt their motion was made and passed with 24 in favor; 3 opposed and 0 abstaining. Some public comment was made about how far the owner had come in complying with almost everything that was asked of them. There was some opposition regarding the parking.

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b. 132-138 N. Swall Drive: LUC opposed this application unanimously and the motion was passed 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, after public comment was heard from several members of the Clark-Swall Homeowner's Association.

### 9. **Bylaws and Grievance Committee:**

a. Charles Lindenblatt informed the Board that the purpose of their motion was to clean up the inconsistencies in the Bylaws and make them technically correct. The motion passed with 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining. The Chair thanked Mr. Lindenblatt for going through all of these documents.

b. Mr. Lindenblatt informed the Board that everyone received a copy of the current bylaws. The amendments that were previously approved by the Board but never followed through on will be looked at the Bylaws Committee in the near future.

10. **Communications Committee:** The Communication Committee's motion to authorize funding of the new website and basic marketing materials in the amount of \$2,000 was approved by a vote of 27 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstaining. Mr. Nava announced the next committee meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There were a few comments made regarding looking into digital billboards and the Street Furniture Program run by the City Council's Office.

### 11. **Arts and Recreation Committee:**

a. Rebecca VerStratten McSparren mentioned again that she has requested to be put at the top of the agenda so that the public can hear her announcements. She discussed that the Arts Committee is working on developing an e-blast list to replace flyers, which are the most costly items of the MMAW budget. The committee is also looking for community sponsors. The motion to authorize another \$5,000 to fund the MMAW was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstaining. There was some concern voiced by some Board Members as to the percentage of the total MCW annual budget being spent on this as opposed to other critical issues such as crime, traffic, graffiti etc.

12. **Public Safety Committee:** Tara Brown announced the Great California Shake Out, the country's largest earthquake drill, scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 10:00am. Paul Lerner demonstrated the drop, cover and hold technique to be used in the event of an earthquake. A short u-tube video was shown and everyone was encouraged to talk to everyone they know to help them to become prepared. The webpage has further information at [www.shakeout.org/dropcoverholdon](http://www.shakeout.org/dropcoverholdon). Tara passed around a sign-up sheet for a preparedness workshop.

### 13. **Public Comment Period:**

-Maya Zutler introduced herself as the field representative for Jack Weiss.

### 14. **Board Member Comments/Announcements:**

- Board Member, Teresa Magula, Zone 4 representative stated that she has been helping some stakeholders in addressing their concerns about the proposed Yummies, Inc. store on La Brea and 2nd. This project falls within the Greater Wilshire Council's jurisdiction, but Teresa has volunteered to be liaison on this project.

- Ken Draper wanted to congratulate the LUC for doing a great job on presenting the two motions brought this evening. He also urged committee chairs to present budget motions so that MCW spends its annual budget allowance on community projects. He mentioned that there will be a presentation at Fairfax High on Wednesday, 11/12/08 of the changes in the police boundaries.

- Pierson Blaetz stated that his committee, the Education Committee, would be meeting in the near future. He also mentioned that the renovation of the athletic field at Fairfax High is being greatly helped by MCW's support. He also mentioned that Greenway Arts is performing "Good Bobby" a terrific play about Bobby Kennedy.

- TPS meetings have been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month.

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- Babette Dickerson commended the Board on its professionalism and non-confrontational conduct and hopes that this will continue.
- A few housekeeping matters were brought up regarding distributing information for meetings at least a week prior to each meeting, and a request was made to try not to schedule meetings at the same times so that Board Members who sit on several committees can attend all meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.