1. Call to Order and Commission roll call
   Mario Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm
   Present:
   Victor Strukov
   Stanford Caldera
   Eric McAnally
   Stanford Caldera
   Alexandra Morales
   Eduardo Aguirre (joined at 6:53 pm)
   Danielle Guillen (joined at 6:58 pm)

   Absent:
   MD Lasker
   Hector Arzate

2. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

   Council does not have a budget rep yet
   a. LA City Council District Representative
   b. Public Safety
   c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment.
      Mario Hernandez is with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Sent emails re: 3 week course designed to help board members navigate City Hall so they can help influence policy at the local level. Course dates are July 16, 22, 29. It is requested that board members attend. Please register although it’s closed online.

      Budget day: June 28, 2019 at City Hall 7:30—12:00. If anyone is interested in becoming a budget rep, this is a great way to see how it works.

   d. Community Organizations –
      Lisa Scholman spoke. She is hired by Bimbo Bread’s marketing company and is representing the Global Energy Race. This is their 5th annual event. The race will be starting and finishing at Pershing Square and will run on Wilshire Boulevard. She distributed a map showing the closures in this neighborhood. Businesses will be accessible. Waze is available. The roads will close around 5:00 and the race should be completely finished by 10:00. There will be 4000 running and walking, 2000 of which are the actual employees. Loaves of bread will also be donated. The Bimbo Bread wants to get everyone out, motivated and running. There are 38 simultaneous races happening. Eduardo took her business card as he needed her address.

3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:
Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes.

Ethan Senser – He is with Food and Water Watch. CIS Statement to be submitted to the City Council re city’s 100% renewal energy plan. There is a study taking place by City. Preliminary scenarios for study have been released. The problem is that the scenarios are not good based on climate change. This is leaving door open to a number of dirty energy sources mostly in low-income neighborhoods. Not taking account of other studies such as Synaps Energy Economics.

There is a study on how the city can stop using coal and get to clean renewable energy by 2030. Also SMART management of energy grid. He is asking that a new scenario be added asking for 100% clean renewable energy by 2030.

There will be a Community Round Table this weekend in Koreatown. He passed out flyers. Asked that CIS be placed on the agenda.

Ethan will email Eduardo who will discuss with the board.

4. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MERs) for the month of May 2019.
   Mario asked for motion. Eric made the motion. Danielle 2nd the motion. No comments.
   Vote: 7 yes. Motion passes.

5. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2019 Special Meeting of the Westlake South Neighborhood Council.
   Eric made the motion. Eduardo 2nd the motion. No public present. All board members confirm they’ve read the minutes. No comments.
   Vote: 6 yes. 1 abstention. Motion passes and the minutes are approved.

6. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Westlake South Neighborhood Council Administrative Packet for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
   This is due to city clerk by July 1. As of June 30, WLS had $19K left to spend. Once successful and get out of exhaustive efforts, can keep $10K but will lose $9K. Therefore there is a budget put together based on the expenses that are currently known and some outreach items that have been previously participated in, along with neighborhood purpose grants. Will go over the items.

   Annual budget is $42K. Will b able to roll over $10K as a result of neighborhood council reforms. Next year’s budget is $54K.

   Monthly expenditures:
   Meeting facility $400
   Website $1500
   Refreshments for meetings $1200
   Minute taker $1500
   Storage rental $1284 (6th and Wilshire – Eduardo has key)
   Printing/copying $1066 (will have a purchase card)

   Made note of translation costs which are $4500. This expenditure will be reimbursed from city so nets $0.

   Total for expenditures is $6950
Outreach- events council has participated in previously:

- Miracle on McArthur Park in December: $3300 (swag, T-shirts, grocery)
- Community Halloween Festival: $1250

Clarification by Eduardo that these events will happen again this year working with same people. Danielle clarified that money can be used for something else if needed.

Car seat safety event (150-200 car seats in custody of Housing and Community Investment department)
This is currently pending. A discussion clarified that it must be pre-approved for July 1 moving forward. Eduardo explained that the event didn’t happen last year because of the school strike.

Conversations with Council office and Eduardo about movies in the park during the summer where the expenditure would be $2000 to cover snacks, etc.

Programming in the park such as Zuumba-Thon where we will provide swag. The budget would allot for $2000 for this.

It is important for neighborhood council to do a blitz to let the neighborhood know we are here. There is a $2500 line item for flyer design and distribution for 10,000 flyers. Eduardo feels flyers are a waste of money. Perhaps a bag will be better or something else useful.
Danielle asked him to research how much it will cost to do a bus ad or a bus seat ad.

There is $2500 in the budget for July 4, 2020.

There is $2000 in the budget for Community clean-ups, which have not been done in the last 2 years.

Outreach Total is $21,800

Neighborhood purpose grants = $13,250

Community improvement projects, i.e. improvements to the park planned for 2021. Eduardo is getting money from Rusty on the corner. $10K has been requested for improving playground, gazebo, water bank, etc.

There was an event last week with Westlake South and North, and there is the ability to do a bigger event, which could fix splash pack for that day. It’s a nice park. The focus is on MacArthur Park right now.

Total budget is $52K for fiscal 2020.

Eduardo made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Danielle 2nd.

Comments:
Nelson – We may think about outside groups on behalf of the neighborhood council. We are talking to ourselves. How can we increase the level of outreach beyond us and move beyond the local neighborhood so people know we are here? Events seem to be one-offs. Our job is to organize people to give time and energy to bring more value back to the community in the long run. It helps not to exhaust our efforts.
Encouraged all to be a bit selfish in investing in the council and put best efforts forth so the community sees it. May need more money.

Danielle – would like to have a timeline, specifically related to outreach. She developed car safety and housing and outreach (data collection of stories). Wants to do that with the community—just need date, place, and refreshments. Easy to facilitate and will train in community organizing.

Alexandra – Continue working on community outreach forum and recommends $2,000. Challenges us to ensure the community uses local mechanisms to improve the neighborhood. There are discretionary funds for this. We need to ensure the community has whatever is necessary, i.e. workshops, etc. to make sure the community is engaged and we can help facilitate.

Question: Other than one offs, how do we continue to engage, long term with the community?

Eric – Since he lives within 500 feet of the park, does he have to abstain from the vote? Mario says no since this is just a discussion and budget can change.

Stanford – no comment
Victor – no comment
Eduardo – no comment

VOTE to approve admin packet: All approved. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible motion to approve to select WSNC tabling dates of the Levitt Pavilion Summer Concert series.

We’ve contributed $4500 for 10 nights at these concerts. Started in June and now have July and August to pick dates for tabling. Already need to be there on Saturday, June 29th on corner of Parkview and 6th. We also have a table on July 4th.

Danielle makes the motion to approve. Eduardo 2nd motion.

Comments:

Mario—Concerts bring community together. We need more than 2 people to participate. We have very nice swag. He encourages all to come. Participants will be at booth for a couple of hours. Tabling opportunity is from 5:00-8:00. Everything is there – table, chair, canopy. Eduardo will always be there.

Eduardo asked that everyone please pick dates that you can be there (June 29 and Sept 1) Danielle – has 5 dates (July 14, Aug 11, Aug 17 and 18, Aug 25, Aug 31) Nelson – July 7 – and volunteered to do outreach to the large Guatemalan community.
Eric – Aug 30
Stanford – July 27

VOTE: All voted in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Board & Committee Reports (15 minutes)
   a. President: Eduardo has no report.
Mario says this past weekend was the Westlake Summer Fiesta and Westlake South was recognized by the City for contribution and service for community. Refreshments and trolley train sponsorship. Only Eduardo came however. Eduardo was very happy to be there—it was a special day for him. Nelson asked that video be taken at events.

b. Vice President – no report
c. Treasurer – no report

9. Board Member Comments/Comentarios de los miembros del Consejo
   Mario – Let’s please make it on every 4th Thursday at 6:30pm for meetings regularly. No other comments

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm