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**ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
THE MOUNT WASHINGTON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 2, 2015 8:00 PM **Carlin G. Rec Center Main Room** 511 W. Avenue 46 Los Angeles CA 90065
MINUTES

Attendees: Valerie Harragin, Padraic Cassidy, Tamar Rosenthal, Helen McAlary

- 1. Call to Order** at 8:05pm
- 2. Public Comment.**

Joel Garber commented that he had concerns about development on Oneonta Drive. Three homes are currently being built on the street. They were started two years ago and then abandoned. One additional project was approved by the building department to begin construction. There are concerns about a fence that blocks part of the street that may block access for fire trucks. There are additional concerns about brush and standing water. Padraic recommended having multiple concerned neighbors call various departments – health and safety, fire, planning to report concerns. Field officials from various departments have a fair amount of discretion when doing site visits so the more people that express concerns the more likely they are to be taken seriously. Michael Blatt (Architect/Stakeholder from PLUC) has sent a letter to various city agencies expressing concerns about projects on Oneonta Drive.

Lynnette Kampe may be interested in joining the planning and land use committee.

Joe Muller inquired about the process to have power lines removed or moved from his property. Padraic explained that the infrastructure to bury power lines is not currently in place and that the City does not have the resources to do this. Homeowners would need to pay for the project themselves and need 100% to agree. The process is lengthy and costly. Padraic recommended calling the Department of Water & Power planning office to ask some questions and get more information.

- 3. Approval of Minutes.** Padraic motioned to approve, seconded by Tamar, all were in favor of approving Minutes form 1/5/2015. Minutes from December 2014 still need to be approved. Padraic will revise and send out via email for approval.
- 4. Planning Land Use Committee Update.** Tamar will place the Oneonta Drive concerns on the Planning and Land Use Agenda for the next meeting and Padraic requested Joel Garber attend and invite neighbors.
- 5. Outreach.** Public were asked how they learned about the meeting. Some learned via facebook and Nextdoor postings.
- 6. Resignation of Erik Pierson.** Erik has resigned from the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council board and now ASNC will need an additional member from MW. The commitment is typically three meetings per month – the ASNC Board meeting, MW Local Issues meeting, and typically one additional committee meeting. This is about a 10-15 hour commitment each month. Parties interested in being appointed will need to fill out paperwork and submit at the March meeting. If more than one stakeholder is interested each will give a brief statement to the Board and they will appoint one member.
- 7. Avenue 45 Tree Roots Repair**
- 8. SW Museum.** SW Museum was declared a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

With this designation the National Trust will help pull stakeholders together to discuss a workable vision for its future. Due to the increased visibility this has created for SW Museum it will no longer be necessary to plan the SW Museum Forum.

9. **Survey Monkey Immediate Polling Feedback.** Approximately 25 people have completed the survey to date. Please share the url with neighbors and friends (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKRPXNP>). Preliminary results show that people are most concerned about dog waste, speeding, and yielding. A large majority of those who have completed the survey would like to see signage for yield and speed, tickets for off-leash dogs and there is a significant amount of support for a transportation bus (either private or publicly funded) that serves MW. Additional comments included concerns about safety at MW Elementary for morning drop-off. The goal is to have at least 100 residents complete so that results can be shared with Council Member Cedillo's office to get assistance and support.
 - a. **DASH Bus**
 - b. **Speed Limit (Twenty is Plenty)**
 - c. **Off-Leash Dogs**
 - d. **Other Comments**
10. **Discussion of Future Speakers.** Speaker is lined up for April meeting to discuss the documentary, *Awake: The Life of Yogananda*. There was discussion about having a fruit tree giveaway along with a speaker for the March 2nd meeting. Past speakers have included Lynnette who talked about brush clearance, Tamar's daughter spoke about animal shelters, and Charles Fleming author of *Secret Stairs*.
11. **Open Discussion for Future Items**
12. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:00pm.

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