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THE MOUNT WASHINGTON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 6, 2015 8:00 PM **Carlin G. Rec Center Main Room** 511 W. Avenue 46 Los Angeles CA 90065
MINUTES

Prior to the meeting Mike Woodward, self-proclaimed "old tree trimmer," gave a lecture and demonstration about growing and trimming fruit trees.

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

- 1. Call to Order** at 8:25pm
- 2. Public Comment** – a stakeholder commented that he enjoyed Mike Woodward's presentation on trimming fruit trees.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from 3.2.2015 meeting** – Motion to approve by Padraic Cassidy, seconded by Tamar Rosenthal, all voted in favor.
- 4. Planning & Land Use Committee Update** – Tamar Rosenthal gave an update on the PLUC Vision meeting held in March. The meeting discussed what PLUC should focus on in the future. It will still be important to address building and new construction to make sure projects are in compliance with the specific plan for the neighborhood but in addition PLUC would like to take on some other priorities. These priorities include advocating for the preservation of open spaces in our community. Additionally the idea of putting together a photographic book of homes in MW was discussed. The photos could be crowd-sourced to find outstanding architecture from different decades and then can be shared with people who come to build in MW. The vision for the book is that recognizing and identifying great architecture in MW will attract more great architecture to the community.
- 5. Polling** – Polls showed an even split on the issues of off-leash dogs and dog waste cleanup therefore these will not be priorities to address in the near future. A stakeholder asked if barking could be discussed in the future and Padraic agreed to place on a future poll.
- 6. Twenty is Plenty** – 25mph is the official speed limit for any unmarked residential street. The consensus from the poll was that MW responders wanted a 20 mph limit. Signage should be placed at major entrances to the hill and do three things – welcome people to the neighborhood, ask people to drive 20 mph or less, and ask drivers to yield to uphill drivers. Helen passed around some example images of signage used in other communities.
- 7. Marmion Way Cleanup** – Stakeholder reported on next door that they had concerns about trash on Marmion Ave. There was some discussion about planting a barren area that typically is a place for significant litter. There was additional discussion about parking on Marmion and danger to people leaving their cars and walking to Gold Line station. PLUC will agenize this topic to discuss at a future meeting and will reach out to Sylvia Robledo with Council Member Cedillo's office.
- 8. Transportation Meeting Report** – Tamar reported on the recommendations of the Transportation committee meeting. Some of the items discussed included the lights at Ave. 45 and Marmion, stakeholders report long wait times due to timing with Gold Line and traffic lights. Additionally there was recommendation to do tree trimming on Ave. 45 and Canyon Crest. Plant grown covers many of the signs including signage that says, "Dangerous

Curve Ahead.” Some of the safety concerns on those two streets might be alleviated by making the signs more visible for drivers. Tamar sent an email to the Department of Transportation (DOT) with a list of concerns and requests about neighborhood transportation issues. Council member Cedillo’s office said that we should expect DOT to take 6-12 months to respond and that the lights at 45/Marmion are the “best they can do.” Tamar recommended talking with neighbors directly about trimming plants around signage as the City will not trim plants on private property – Lynnette Kampe volunteered to take on that project.

9. **New Candidates** – Three candidates for the vacant MW position on the ASNC were introduced and briefly talked about their interest in serving. Candidates are Brenden Curran, Lina Lee and Helen McAlary.
10. **Discussion of Future Speakers** – Helen proposed contacting Charles Hobbs author of *Hidden History of Transportation in Los Angeles* to see if he could speak about MW specifically or about the Arroyo Seco Freeway which is 75 years old this year.
11. **Open Discussion for Future Items** – None



adjourned – 9:00pm

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