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THE MOUNT WASHINGTON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, May 4, 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

Call to Order at 8:05pm

1. **Public Comment**
   Ann Walnum gave an update on the Southwest Museum. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is trying to get as many people as possible to visit www.treasureSWM.org in order to get public input and comment on future use. SW Museum will have some increased amount of art and musical events in the near future. Chris Morris, Field Director, from the National Trust will be at the Lummis House on May 17th for Museum of the Arroyo day and will be at the Lummis Day celebrations. This is a good opportunity to meet her and share your thoughts about SW Museum. Information was passed out about the 10th Annual Lummis Day to be held over three days at five locations on June 5th – 7th. More information is available at www.lummisday.org. Postcards were passed out and Ann asked people to fill out and mail-in to support restoring SW Museum to an operating Museum.
   Pilar Buelna invited attendees to participate in a meet and greet at her home with Dr. Ref Rodriguez, candidate for LAUSD School Board. Pilar has been involved in MW Elementary School and former PTA President. She asked for support for Dr. Rodriguez the election date is May 19th and the meet and greet is May 9th 10-11:30am at 714 Sunnyhill Dr.
2. **Approval of Minutes from 4.6.2015 meeting** Motion to approve by Padraic, second by Tamar, all voted in favor.
3. **Introduction of new representative** – Helen McAlary is the new representative for MW on the ASNC. The MW local issues committee is still looking for another committee member to bring the committee to five members in order to help have a quorum for future meetings. Dolores Stewart expressed interest in joining the committee as a stakeholder.
4. **Planning Land Use Committee Update** – The public was invited and encouraged to attend in order to keep current with development issues and projects on the hill. Meetings are the 2nd Monday at 6:30pm at the Montecito Heights Senior Center. PLUC has created several sub-committees:
   - Building Archive – Padraic to take the lead
   - Homelessness – Helen and Valerie will be involved. This committee will work to see what ASNC can do to help homeless in the region. ASNC covers neighborhoods other than MW and some of the region includes area with significant homeless population – some of whom may have been in the area many years before becoming homeless.
   - Plan Review – Michael Blatt, stakeholder and one of two architects on PLUC will be reviewing plans submitted to PLUC in advance of the meetings.
   - Speaker Series – Padraic Cassidy will solicit for speakers relevant to PLUC committee, similar to the MWLI speaker to encourage more attendance.

PLUC is also developing a relationship with the Planning Department downtown – one recent success was that the Planning Department contacted PLUC about a project because they did not have a letter with the committees input and wanted to review before moving forward.

Stakeholder commented that each Thursday in the LA Times there is a list of environmental notices for property developments and said that she was concerned about the amount of deviations from the specific plan – notably fences higher than 42" and required space between homes.

5. **Archive of Buildings of Mt. Washington** – Padraic will be working on this project. MW/Glassell Specific Plan requires houses in the region to look different than neighboring homes. Rather than having opinions from members of the PLUC committee the idea is to create a database of photos that community members can identify as examples of good architecture. PLUC would then be able to share that database with developers and say with confidence which houses and architectural styles the community likes. A stakeholder commented that there are many architecturally significant homes in MW including several that are City or National monuments.
6. **Polling** – 167 respondents to the last poll and included topics such as traffic, speed, dog waste and off-lease, and DASH bus. DASH did not have council office support. Broad support from community on DASH, 20 is plenty, and yielding to uphill drivers.
7. **Twenty is Plenty/Yield to Traffic** – Next step is to create some sample signage to have included in the next poll to get community support. Signage would include a welcome, yield information and ask people to slow down. A stakeholder commented that the MW Jessica area met with Sylvia Robledo from CD1 office and asked for speed bumps or other traffic calming measures. Stakeholders were unable to get CD1 support. Tamar suggested getting CD1 support by making it clear they are not asking for funding and then approaching DOT from a safety perspective.
8. **Avenue 45 and Canyon Crest Issues** – Several requests were sent to DOT and they came out to visit and review.
    - There have been stakeholder concerns about parking spaces at the bottom of Ave. 45. Neighbors who worked to get those parking spaces went through public hearings and studies in order to establish the spaces and do not want to give them up. The spaces are legal and DOT believes that they actually help slow traffic on that portion of the road. DOT will not recommend removing.
    - DOT will not increase or change signage in the neighborhood. They follow national guidelines and have met those standards.
    - They will not put a center line on Ave. 45 before the Canyon Crest split. The road would need to be 26' in order to include a center line and the street is short at approximately 19'.
    - There is a significant blind curve on Canyon Crest and DOT will be turning 60' of the road into a red curb so there will be no parking.
    - Tamar is continuing to follow up with DOT on the intersection of Ave. 45 and Marmion Way and having flashing red or flashing arrow to allow left turns on to Marmion Way from Ave. 45 when Gold Line trains are passing.

The City has released the "Complete Streets Design Guide," and the document is available online. There are some specific classifications for hillside streets – Hillside Collector (40' street), hillside local (36'), hillside standard (20') and hillside limited (<20'). According to the document the recommended speed limit for limited and standard hillside streets is 10mph and for local 15mph.

9 **of future speakers, screening of SRF doc, outreach opportunity**

1 **ssion for Future Items**

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