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THE MOUNT WASHINGTON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 1, 8:00 PM **Carlin G. Rec Center Main Room 511 W. Avenue 46 Los Angeles CA 90065**

**MINUTES**

Speaker Series @ 7:15 Ben Park and Nancy Nickerson on "Map Your Neighborhood", a block-by-block emergency response program that is an alternative to full CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training. CERT are a force-multiplier for first responders and can help City first responders assist more quickly to neighborhoods in the case of an emergency or disaster. Regular CERT training is a 7 week course that is 17.5 hours total that covers disasters, search and rescue, triage, etc. Mt. Washington Jessica Neighborhood held a drill in October 2014 and 150 people registered. Ten CERT people organized the event and 100 volunteers were deployed. MW Jessica is now implementing a CERT "light" program that is called "Map your Neighborhood." It is a 90 minute workshop with a facilitator to develop disaster plans for neighborhood blocks. Neighbors share information about resources, needs and contact information. More information available at [www.mtwashingtonjessica.org](http://www.mtwashingtonjessica.org)

**8:06 PM Call to Order**

1. Public Comment on items not on current agenda. No public comment
2. Approval of Minutes from 5.4.15 meeting. Motion by Padraic Cassidy, Second by Tamar Rosenthal, all voted in favor.
3. Chris McKee, stakeholder, posted on next door in regards to a conversation he had with an Autry Museum employee during "Museums of the Arroyo" Day. He posted information about this conversation on NextDoor and sparked a conversation with over one-hundred comments. The Autry and the National Trust have agreed to come and present and answer questions at a future meeting that is to be determined. The following points were discussed by Chris, the Board, and stakeholders:
  - o Mural on Marmion Way - there is currently a committee raising funds for restoration or complete overhaul of the mural. One stakeholder reported that he believed the cost is approximately \$10,000-\$15,000. (Follow this link to donate - <http://avenue50studio.org/save-the-southwest-mural>) There has been discussion about whether to have the same mural or to have a completely redesigned mural. Stakeholders raised concerns that the amount of graffiti in place currently makes the street look undesirable and attracts trash, dumping, and more graffiti. Stakeholders said they would like to see the retaining wall painted white so that any future graffiti can be reported to the City via the graffiti abatement process. One stakeholder reported that it is not just the mural but the wall itself is not currently waterproof and needs improvements in order for the project to move forward. It was suggested to invite a representative from the Mural committee to a future meeting in order to share community thoughts and get facts about the process.
  - o SW Museum was named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. They have a survey online now and are encouraging all stakeholders to participate <http://www.treasureswm.org/survey/>. Chris McKee offered that the Autry staff he spoke with seemed highly interested in moving the SW Museum forward and helping to make it a vital institution again in our

Region. Stakeholders commented that the Autry as an organization has been communicating that message for many years with no-inaction and limited communication and outreach to stakeholders in the area - for that reason there is significant mistrust of the Autry and their intentions. Another stakeholder commented that it is no longer helpful to continue to hold on to anger at the Autry that we should be talking about plans for the future and drain hostility from the discussion. Padraic Cassidy suggested a future meeting with representative from Autry and National Trust and working for significant stakeholder involvement so that all voices in the neighborhood can be heard. The local issues board will work on a format to have these representatives speak and open a community dialogue. A stakeholder mentioned that the Autry gave "behind the scenes," tours of SW Museum and the work that they have been doing. Those tours were over one year ago and lightly attended and it was suggested to contact the Autry to see if they would hold more tours. Another stakeholder asked if the community meeting could be held at the SW Museum.

4. Planning Land Use Committee Update - Tamar Rosenthal
  - o Members of PLUC and MW Homeowners Alliance attended the appeal for the Ganymede project. The planning commission denied the appeal. Stakeholder reported that MW Homeowners Alliance will be appealing up to the City Council. The Alliance believes the project does not fall within the reduced density guidelines and that MW infrastructure is not able to support the development.
  - o PLUC members have objected to the project specifically because of grading issues. The amount of excavation needed for the project is significantly greater than what is allowed by the planning department.
  - o PLUC is interested in working towards a land bank model for the community to preserve open space and a road bank would also be desirable. Developers should have to pay an impact fee towards open spaces or community infrastructure. If you are building on a substandard streets the developer is responsible for the patch of street in front of the home so the street is built section by section.
5. Archive of Buildings of Mt. Washington follow up on action on action plan to archive "all the houses of Mt. Washington" Padraic Cassidy. Project is still in development to photograph all of the houses in the community and crowd-source to get some recommendations for developers on houses that the community thinks look like great representations of MW architecture.
6. Polling courses of action and new poll, any new ideas to survey? (Dogs, Speed, DASH bus). Stakeholder suggested polling on dead tree removal. Another stakeholder discussed that many of our native California Walnut trees look like they are dying but may come back in Heidelberg Park. Another item for community discussion is the fence and gate at Moon Canyon that was planned, in part, after a shooting at Heidelberg Park. The bench at that location was removed at the request of neighbors in close proximity but other neighbors thought they did not have adequate opportunity to give their opinions. Neighbors in close proximity continue to be concerned about people using and abusing this public space, being loud, and leaving litter behind. Padraic Cassidy will email Sylvia Robledo to ask for information on the status of this project.
7. Twenty is Plenty/Yield to Traffic action plan of making signs/designs/community outreach. Tamar is developing some designs and put out in a poll to see what the neighborhood likes.
8. Stoplight and Left Turn at Marmion is still pending and being pursued by Tamar.
9. Discussion of Future Speakers, screening of SRF doc, outreach opportunity. Plan to invite Martha from ASNC to speak about Mural in the future and to invite National Trust and Autry to future meeting.
10. Open Discussion for Future Items of Interest to Community
11. Adjournment at 9:00

MWLI looking for additional members for the committee. Contact Padraic for more information.

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