

Mt. Washington Local Issues Meeting

Arroyo Secco Neighborhood Council

June 6, 2013 at 6:43 pm

1. Approval of Minutes from April and May meetings – minutes were read and approved
2. Stakeholders comments on non agenda items.

Moira Gomez reported that the bench from Sea View was removed and will be placed at Moon Canyon.

A suggestion was made to request from the ASNC Board how Local Issues Committee are formed, how they interact within themselves, with the board, and with other Local Issues Committees.

A suggestion was made that the Land Use Committee be comprised of 1 Representative or more from each of the 5 Local Issues Committees in the ASNC. Also a suggestion was made to have a joint City Planning training for neighborhood councils – Highland Park, Cypress, ASNC on Land Issues.

3. Consideration, discussion to change Mt. Washington Local Issues voting process from Town Hall format to one limited to elected Committee Board members pending the Boards direction.

DONE suggest we limit voting to elected Committee Board members, however we have not receive a directive from DONE yet. Paula Sirola and Nancy Nickerson feel that it should be a participatory democracy and allow any Mt. Washington stakeholder to vote at the Local Issues meeting. Christine Pierron also commented that the Local Issues makes recommendations and the ASNC Board can ask questions before voting. No final decision was made.

4. Discussion concerning nomination to historic statue of the building currently housing Superior Market.

Superior Market wants to convert the building to a neo-craftsman style. Charlie from Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council gave the history of the area and stated that there is a Preservation Plan in place. The market is in the Historic Preservation Zone which comprises the area from Garvanza to Avenue 35 along the Figueroa corridor. Charlie asked for Mt. Washington Local Issues to write a letter in support of the nomination to the office of Historic Resources in Los Angeles City/City Planning asking for historic status. The motion to support historic status of the building housing Superior Market passed. We also recognized that this issue might also be of importance to the Sycamore Grove Local Issues Committee and hope they too will make a decision on this issue. Charlie said he would reach out to Joe Riser and Sergio Echeverria, the co-chairs of the Sycamore Grove Local Issues Committee.

5. Discussion and further action to recommend to the ASNC Board regarding the condominium project at Avenue 45/Marmion Way.

The developer has declined an invitation to speak to the ASNC Board, therefore the Mt. Washington Local Issues committee passed the motion to reintroduce the previous motion to the ASNC Board to oppose the condo project as presented at Avenue 45 and Marmion Way based on safety issues.

6. No new business.
7. It was decided that the Mt. Washington Local Issues meetings will take place regularly on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 11th at 6:30. A suggestion was made to have the meeting at Cleland Park with pizza and to invite our new City Councilman Gil Cedillo and Arturo Chavez.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.