

DRAFT MINUTES
WESTWOOD VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING of the
REVITALIZATION AND IDENTITY COMMITTEE
August 24, 2021

Committee Members Present: Peter Clinco, Dana Slatkin, Jeremy Wolf, Bill Tucker, Dean Abel
Committee Members Absent: Josh Trifunovic
WVIA Staff Present: Andrew Thomas, Megan Furey
Others Present: Josh O’Conner, Dan Emmett, Steve Sann, Carole Magnusson

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

I. Roll Call

II. Staff Report

Andrew Thomas updated the Committee on the Westwood Village/UCLA Block Party and the Westwood Connect Day.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Agenda Items

A. Broxton Plaza Over-the-Street Lighting Project

Staff informed the Committee that there is the potential of installing over-the-street bistro lighting on Broxton Avenue in the footprint of the pedestrian plaza location. The lighting would attach to anchors placed on the Broxton public parking structure on the east side of the street and private properties on the west. The lighting program would be funded by the UCLA Welcome Back to Campus initiative.

Staff is currently working with a structural engineer and is coordinating with the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Bureau of Engineering, and Council District 5. Staff also informed the Committee that the property owners in the area have verbally committed to supporting the project, but both the owners and the City require an agreement to indemnify against all claims.

Peter Clinco made the motion, seconded by Jeremy Wolf, to recommend to the WVIA Board that the WVIA enter into agreements with owners on Broxton Avenue to anchor over-the-street lighting on Broxton Avenue and to create agreements to indemnify owners against all claims. All in favor.

B. Metro First/Last Mile Review

Staff presented to the Committee the recommendations from Metro’s First/Last Mile plan for the Westwood/UCLA Purple Line Extension portals. These recommendations are divided into sections for Walking and Biking. The walking recommendations cover a half-mile area that is estimated to be a 10-minute walk to the portals and include: sidewalk bulb-outs, bus stop improvements, landscaping and shade, new or improved sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle lighting, street furniture, traffic calming, and wayfinding signs. Metro’s sidewalk improvements are limited to sections on Gayley Avenue.

The Committee discussed supporting Metro’s recommendations while emphasizing that sidewalk improvements are necessary beyond just Gayley Avenue. Staff will provide a detailed review of district sidewalks and provide a recommendation to the Committee at a future meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

The undersigned certify that these minutes were approved and adopted at the WVIA Revitalization and Identity Committee meeting on _____.

Peter Clinco - Chair of the Meeting

Josh Trifunovic - Vice-Chair of the Meeting