

# RIDGEWOOD-WILTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES MEETING OF 13 AUGUST 2019

- I **Call to Order** 7:30 pm Kazor residence.  
Board Members Present: Robert Reeves, Dick Herman, Ginny Kazor, Evan Phoenix, RJ Reeves,  
quorum achieved.  
Committees: Mary Rajswing  
Members: Pete Kirchen
- II **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the June meeting and the July Special Meeting were approved.
- III **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Katie Skoien was not present.  
Evan accessed the account by Internet and reported a balance of \$9210.40 and deposited the  
filming check from CBS TV.  
A new EIN has been obtained.
- IV **Old Business & Committee Reports**
- A. Border between RWNA and SASNA, Dick has a meeting scheduled with SASNA President Rory  
Cunningham. Ginny will compile the documents relating to a previous meeting and agreement.
- B. Transportation/Traffic discussions:
1. Light at Wilton Pl & Second. Mary reported receiving email from Rob Fisher but providing no  
date for accomplishing the signal reprogramming. GWNC Traffic Committee stands ready to  
provide support but will not act unless stalemate reappears.
  2. Traffic Enforcement, Wilton Pl weight limits, local stop signs. Bob met with a West Traffic  
Officer who stated that he personally had been on the block for enforcement. Mary will provide  
recent photos of non-compliant trucks to be forwarded to SLO Pelayo and West Traffic.
  3. Four-way stop at Ridgewood & 1<sup>st</sup>. The engineer in charge of the project was been reassigned to  
Hollywood, but the project has moved with him. In a phone call July 11, he stated that he had  
sufficient information to submit a request to the managers and intended to do so that day.
  4. Street light petition, Wilton Pl between Beverly and 1<sup>st</sup>. Rolando Garcia, the BSL contact, has  
retired. Bob contacted the Assistant Manager, Kerney Marine, who found the project file. And  
returned the call. The "straw poll" was completed and passed with 57%, less than desired but a  
majority. BSL could move forward to a formal (binding) vote and payment commitment. Evan  
will contact Michelle Sy and constitute a Committee to ramrod the project. First step is to  
determine whether after two years, a majority of residents still wish to proceed. Ginny suggests  
contacting the Federal Historic Resources office about funding.
- C. Preservation Issues, Illegal Modifications
- a. 250 N Wilton Pl. Marita Geraghty was not present. Overgrown weeds have been removed;  
the fence between it and Evan's property has been replaced. There has been no action  
regarding the dangerous and unsightly barbed wire coils. Ginny suggests asking the  
administration of local schools to comment on the dangers presented by the wire.
  - b. 116 Wilton Dr. The property remains for sale although the sign is down. Melissa Jones of the  
City's Office of Historic Resources states that the owner (flipper) is consulting with an  
architect regarding correcting the plastic windows.
- D. Block Party. No report in the absence of Katie Skoien.
- E. Disaster Planning. No report.
- F. Filming.
- a. The contact list at FilmLA has been updated.
  - b. CBS will film *The Unicorn* at 132 Wilton Dr. tomorrow with take down Thursday.
- G. Neighborhood security, policing issues

- a. The crime map for RD 2011 shows no activity in the preceding week. If crimes are being committed, they are not being reported. Encourage members to file reports when something suspicious occurs. Posting on NextDoor alerts neighbors but does not get police response.
- b. There is a new phone app called "Citizen" that displays reported crime activity in the area.

#### H. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Island.

- a. The tree needs trimming; it has now overspread the roadway and probably brushes trucks. Decision to engage the arborist recommended by Alysoun and let him discuss the job with gardener whose offer of \$600 is on the table.
- b. A homeless person camped on the island last week, but appears to have moved on. RJ noted that he may be the same very aggressive person often seen at the (now) Chevron station on Beverly; take care around him.
- c. A member noted that the plants are dry. Even will call to the gardener's attention.

#### V **New Business**

- A. Bob commented on the over-enthusiastic enforcement of the parking regulations and the difficulties caused by the change from bumper sticker to hang tag. Dick noted the intermittent enforcement. The sense of the meeting was to look for ways to forgive occasional errors for paid-up residents but not to oppose the idea of a fee for parking.
- B. Post Box. Discussion of advantages. Decision to rent a box as an address for Association business.

#### VI **Comments and Issues from Members**

Mary commented on a recent LA Times article about the LAPD Volunteer program and a picture showing one of the volunteers with a radar gun. She was thinking about the difficulties in monitoring traffic on Wilton Place.

#### VI **Announcements**

- A. There is an offer of free street trees from LA City Sanitation. Request through (213) 485-3954 or [www.lacitysan.org/freetree](http://www.lacitysan.org/freetree). LADWP has a similar program.
- B. DWP has several rebate programs: Details on <https://www.ladwp.com>
  - a. \$6 per sprinkler for installation of rotating heads; check the list of qualifying sprinkler heads on the web site.
  - b. Air conditioner optimization program; Free filters, diagnosis, refrigerant top up, "smart" thermostats.
  - c. LED bulbs.

#### VII **Adjourn 8:50**