

# RIDGEWOOD-WILTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF 6 FEBRUARY 2024

- I. **Call to Order** 7:37 in person in the Reeves residence and via Zoom. In attendance: Board members: Bob Reeves, Dick Herman, Evan Phoenix, Katie Skoien. Members: in person, Mary Rajswing; virtual, 10 Members.
- II. **Agenda.** Unanimously pre-approved by members of the Board.
- III. **Minutes.** Previous meeting was pre-pandemic. Reading of minutes waived.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report.** Motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report. Moved, second, passed (MSP).
- V. **Discussion Items.**
1. Proposed revision of bylaws. Approval is a two-step process: Board approval then Member approval at the annual meeting. Discussion: Article IV, opening description has a contradiction between the first sentence and last on the concept of membership. A redraft was requested. Article V, Item 6, change number of required meetings to quarterly instead of one. Approval pending corrections.
  2. Safety & Crime. LAPD and the Olympic Division suggest and support the creation of Neighborhood Watch groups. There is on-going support in the form of meetings and materials available from the Division. The Windsor Square Association has several Neighborhood Watch groups operating under the supervision of a Block Captain. Mr. Reeves will attempt to obtain materials from Olympic Division. Interested Members are asked to step forward to serve as initial block captains.
  3. Preservation. Mr. Phoenix reported on 250 N. Wilton Place. The property is for sale; a potential buyer dropped out in November. The weeds are mowed periodically but there is no further progress. Ms. Rajswing reported on 215 S. Wilton Pl. Restoration is proceeding and nearing completion. Mr. Dastoli stated that some properties within a historical preservation zone have made modifications that are not allowed under the zone restrictions, primarily replacement of glass windows with plastic. He has refrained from reporting such violations but thinks the current owners or residents should be notified and requested to rectify them.  
Mr. Herman and Mr. Dastoli will prepare an informational hand-out for distribution to real estate agents and prospective buyers describing the historic zone restrictions on property modifications. As Windsor Square already has such a document, they will use it as much as possible.
  4. Heavy vehicle traffic on Wilton Pl. remains a concern. West Traffic officers have rejected requests to ticket violators. Ms. Rajswing reported that some enforcement has been available from a commercial arm for traffic enforcement. At times groups of S. Wilton Pl. Members have formed observation teams, noting the companies whose trucks are illegally traversing the block and contacting them directly. There is no data to show that this actually reduces the total number of violations, but individual trucks are certainly put on notice.  
At times of high traffic on Wilton Pl, Wilton Drive experiences increasing cut-through traffic. Drivers use the easy entrance at the island just south of 1<sup>st</sup> St. Many make no attempt to stop at the Wilton Dr/S Ridgewood/Wilton Dr "T" intersection and speed dangerously south to the light at 2<sup>nd</sup>. The same occurs at the Wilton Pl/Council intersection, drivers speeding south on Ridgewood, some even ignoring the stop at 1<sup>st</sup> St. There is a proposal to block the easy entrance from Wilton Pl to Wilton Dr. although entrance could still be made via a less inviting hard-right turn south of the island. This could be augmented by a "No right" at Council. Mr. Reeves, Ms. Higgins & Ms. Ball agreed to form a group to move the Bureau of Street Services into action.  
There was a request to study the feasibility of a painted crosswalk at Wilton Pl. and 1<sup>st</sup> St.

**VI Committee Reports.**

Mr. Dastoli reported for the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Historical Preservation Zone. A State of California Historical Zone designation has been obtained. For all of North Ridgewood Pl. He added that such designations are a huge deterrent to demolition of a protected property, though not air-tight.

**VII Comments and Issues from Association Members. .**

1. There was discussion of setting a date for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Reeves will begin a visit program again to update resident information, collect dues, validate email addresses for mail-in ballots and other matters.
2. Ms. Skoien asked about reviving the traditional fall Block Party. She will begin planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October. Anyone interested in assisting please contact her.

**VIII Adjourn: 8:53 pm**

Submitted by Bob Reeves. Comments or suggestions may be made to [contact@ridgewoodwilton.com](mailto:contact@ridgewoodwilton.com)