



**MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday - November 13, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**

Woodland Hills Academy - Multi-Purpose Room, 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to Order – Chair Scott Silverstein called the meeting to order at 6:45

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Gordon Murley

**Roll Call was conducted by Peter Fletcher:
16 members were present and a quorum was established**

Minutes: Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2013

Seconded by August Steurer

Vote: Ayes 16 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Public Announcements:

L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh: Crime has been way up, especially in the west side. Please consider attending our town hall meeting at the Valley Christian Church on Sherman Way. The Holiday season is beginning and the holiday toy drive starts tomorrow. Toys collected will go to needy families in this area. The donation box is located in front of the station. Stakeholder concerns were expressed about adult soccer teams who wear cleats tearing up grounds in Warner Center Park near the band shell. Officer Rygh stressed the importance of participating in Neighborhood Watch groups.

Special Presentation

Councilman Bob Blumenfield, L.A. City Council, District 3

Councilman Blumenfield updated the stakeholders on his first 138 days in office. He congratulated the NC for being very active in the community. The Councilman has been assigned to 4 committees including the budget committee, energy and environment, the audits committee and is chairing the innovation and technology committee. The City is on the verge of an upgraded data movement to make the city more technologically effective. The Councilman spends every Thursday in my west valley office in Reseda and invites stakeholders to contact him. The Councilman's technology initiatives include expanding stakeholder use of the 311 app on cell phones, virtual dashboards and wireless internet for the city. This will make the city more effective and bridge the stakeholder digital divide. 46% of all citizens don't have broadband at home. Councilman Blumenfield has met with all 5 NCs in his area. The Councilman has reviewed and offered important recommendations for improvements to the Warner Center Specific Plan. Everything will be LEED silver and it will be a green and sustainable plan. The plan will keep development to certain areas and keep single family residential areas stable. The Westfield Village project is moving forward and the Councilman hopes to see the community benefits increased as they are not quite robust enough.

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The Councilman is meeting with the neighbors near the old Fire Station 84 to determine what will be done with the property. The majority of the neighborhood requests the property be turned into a public park. The Bureau of Sanitation has been cleaning up the Median on Mulholland Drive. Councilman Blumenfield's office is working to identify the 200 streets that are not in the city database for repaving. They are being studied and cataloged.

Scott Silverstein thanked the councilman for getting the Specific Plan finished with last minute negotiations and his support to maintain the intent of the plan. Mr. Silverstein presented the Councilman with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Other non-agendized elected or public officials or their representatives:

Carly Silverstein, El Camino Real Charter High School Student Liaison provided a report to stakeholders

Ariel Patterson & Karen Kline, Taft High School Student Liaison provided a report to stakeholders

Presentation

Rosalia Rojas - Bureau of Public Works, Department of Sanitation

Jim Kurz - The Department of Sanitation collects 1600 tons of refuse a day. The Department mulches 400 tons of waste and has 11 sites to distribute the mulch back to the public. The Department will deliver the mulch to projects the NC designates. The Department provided the stakeholders with fliers and sample bags of compost and mulch. The closest distribution sites are in Van Nuys and North Hills. The Department is looking for a site to distribute the solid waste. They need 1/2 an acre or less and the site needs to be located away from residences. The mulch will be delivered in an 18 wheeler. The NC will recommend a space and the Department will look at it.

Public Comment:

1. Chris Rowe - discussed issues related to the NASA Santa Susana Field Lab and the need for careful study of the DOE.
2. Don Likey - recommended new updates to the NC website

Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures: No comments at this time

Chair, Scott Silverstein
 Vice-Chair, Dennis DiBiase
 Treasurer, Scott Silverstein
 Secretary, Joyce Fletcher
 Parliamentarian, Gordon Murley

Items for Which Committee Meetings Have Been Held:

Item no. (1) August Steurer, Chair, Planning, Land Use, Mobility Committee (13-049)

ZA 2012-108-CUB, ENV-2012-109-EAF (Previously approved)

Trader Joe's, 21054 Clarendon St., Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Gordon Murley recused himself and left the room

Robert Glucroft joined the meeting

PLUM Chair August Steurer made a motion from the Planning Land Use and Mobility Committee in support of the City Council issuing a Letter of Public Convenience and Necessity for the operation of a retail wine tasting component in conjunction with existing retail wine sales. A prior application was approved by Zoning Administration but denied by prior Council District Office. (see attached)

Seconded by: Heath Kline

Vote Ayes 16 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Item no. (2) August Steurer, Chair, Planning, Land Use, Mobility Committee (13-050)

AA-2012-3134-PMLA 23431 W. Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, 91367

(Two-Lot Preliminary Parcel Map for a RA-1 Zoned Property)

Gordon Murley recused himself and left the room

PLUM Chair August Steurer made a motion that the Board accept a report with recommendation from the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee to advise City agencies against issuing the proposed parcel map in the area known as Walnut Acres. (see attached)

Seconded by: Martin Lipkin

Vote: Ayes 14 Nays 0 Abstain 2

Item no. (3) Scott Silverstein, Chair (13-051)

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion to approve and submit the N.C. Election Stipulation Worksheet for the March 2014 N.C. elections.

Seconded by: Joyce Fletcher

Discussion:

Present: Tom Soong-empower LA

Present: Tony Wilkinson is the IEA

Mr. Wilkinson discussed the election process and the need for volunteers to be able to start as soon as possible. DONE recommended an Election Budget of \$3,700.

Several issues were discussed including the Sunday, March 16, 2014 voting date, the difficulty finding a Sunday location to hold the election and the issues related to vote by mail.

Mr. Wilkinson informed the Board that the March 16, 2014 date is required and cannot be changed. He also informed the Board that should the Board choose vote by mail, DONE will not be able to verify the qualifications of the voters using vote by mail ballots therefore all vote by mail will be by self affirmation.

Chair Scott Silverstein amended the motion as follows:

Scott Silverstein made a motion that the Board of Directors designate the Officers of the Board to hold an Officers Meeting to complete the Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet designating the hours and location of the election and to submit the required documents to DONE no later than Friday, November 22, 2013.

Vote: Ayes 14 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion that the voting hours for the March 16, 2014 Election will be for a length of 6 hours.

Vote: Ayes 14 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion that the WHWCNC not use Vote by Mail as the ballots cannot be verified and would be by self affirmation only.

Vote: Ayes 14 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Marty Lipkin made a motion to WHWCNC Board write a letter to DONE protesting the Sunday, March 16, 2013 Election date

Seconded by Herb Madsen

Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 10 Abstain 1 Motion failed

Melanie King, Zachary King and Robert Glucroft left the meeting prior to the vote

Chair Scott Silverstein appointed Bill Anderson as Election Chair

Chair Scott Silverstein appointed Joyce Fletcher as Election Outreach Chair

Dennis DiBiase will participate as part of the Election Committee

Item no. (4) Scott Silverstein, Chair (13-052)

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion to approve the asset allocation from the 2013-2014 Budget of up to \$750 for up to 20 members of the WHWCNC to be trained and certified in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) by an accredited training facility.

Scott said there will be no vote on this motion. It was withdrawn

Item no. (5) Albert Saur, Chair, AD-Hoc Committee, NASA Santa Susana Field Labs (13-053)

Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Albert Saur made a motion to approve the attached letter stating the position that the WHWCNC supports disposition of the NASA field labs located in the Santa Susana Mountains to the Santa Ynez Band of the Chumash Indians, with restrictions and stipulations.

Seconded by: Heath Kline

Comments and discussion followed:

Various concerns and statements were made related to the disposal/clean-up of the land:

The Chumash Indians may have an interest in acquiring the land.

Developers may have an interest in acquiring the land.

Government agencies have expressed an interest in acquiring the land.

The government has expressed a plan to clean the land of any toxic materials and transfer land.

The Board members expressed a general opinion that the letter should be re-written to better express the guidelines/plans the NC Board will support/oppose instead of reacting to possible outcomes

Albert Saur made a motion to table until the committee submits a revised letter

Heath seconded

Vote: Ayes 14 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Discussion by the Board regarding committee operations:**Committee Reports:****Budget Committee – Scott Silverstein, Chair**

Joyce Fletcher - Scott and I have been working with DONE to complete the 2012-2013 Reconciliations.

Community Services – William Anderson, Chair

Senior symposium is set for May 2014. Thanks to everyone who came out to walk with Bob Blumenfield. The Committee is working on a lecture series about San Fernando Valley history and are currently looking at dates and sites

Education Committee*- Melanie King, Chair

No report

Governance Committee -- Gordon Murley, Chair

There are two meetings scheduled for October

Outreach Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair

No report

PLUM Committee – August Steurer, Chair

Vice-Chair, Peykan Abassi has resigned from the board and PLUM.

He has moved to San Diego for a new job.

Public Safety Committee – John Strand, Roger Gerrish, Co-Chairs

No report

Senior Committee*-Kathy Davis, Chair

No report

Warner Center 2035 Plan, Citizens Advisory Committee – Dennis DiBiase, Chair

I am happy to announce that the mayor has signed the specific plan and it goes into effect on December 11th.

*subcommittees of the Community Services Committee

This agenda is subject to correction of non-material information.

Announcements:

Chair Scott Silverstein officially appointed Bill Anderson as the WHWCNC VANC delegate. Bill is currently serving in this position.

Next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at Woodland Hills Academy, 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 - Multi-Purpose Room.

Meeting dates for the rest of the academic year:

For the upcoming 2012/2013 academic year the proposed Board meeting dates are: December 11, 2013, January 8, 2014, February 12, 2014, March 12, 2014, April 9, 2014, May 14, 2014, June 11, 2014

September to June meetings will be tentatively held at Woodland Hills Academy, Multi-Purpose Room (“MPR”), 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 at 6:30 p.m. July and August 2014 meetings are to be held at a venue to be determined at a later date.

(Date, Time, location subject to change or cancellation. Please check the www.whcouncil.org website)

Adjournment of meeting: Meeting was adjourned by Chair Scott Silverstein at 9:56pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Joyce Fletcher

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Mr. W. James Biederman (9P2PZF)
 General Services Administration
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RE: Transfer of Federal Property at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory

Dear Mr. Biederman:

The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council submits the following comments regarding the future disposition of the U.S. Government property aka: "NASA property" at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

As an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, and an adjacent neighborhood to the aforementioned property, the Woodland Hills Warner center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) requests that we be involved in the discussions regarding the disposition and future use of this property.

The WHWCNC has had two presentations from the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA). We understand that they desire the transfer of this property should be postponed until the cleanup is accomplished. We agree with this position. They also would like the transfer to be specifically to the National Park System (NPS). The importance of clean open space to our community, the significance of the Rim of the Valley Project, and the fact that this property is part of a significant wildlife corridor warrants community input, along with that of the experts.

However, since those presentations, we have visited the GSA website, and we have been made aware of other important information.

In the NASA Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) we learned that the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash has declared the whole Santa Susana Field Laboratory site as Sacred Lands. We also have learned that the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash is in the process of acquiring this property through a federal to federal land transfer. We understand that in the fee title process the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash could acquire this property, but they will be prevented from using it as a casino site.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash states in their letter to Supervisor Linda Parks, dated November 15th, 2012, that their interest is not only in preservation of the archaeological /cultural aspects of the SSFL site but they also value the site for its significance to the U.S. Space Program. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash wishes to preserve all of the prehistory and current history of the site. In conclusion, the WHWCNC would like to make the following statement clear:

- 1) We recognize that the entire SSFL site and surrounding areas are considered sacred lands to the Chumash and other Native American groups.
- 2) We recognize the importance of open space and the wildlife corridor.
- 3) We strongly support that the end use of this property be open space/parkland.
- 4) We would like the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash to acquire this property for the preservation that they have mentioned in their letter to Supervisor Parks.
- 5) It is our hope, based on the NASA DEIS, that at least one test stand will be preserved. At this time, we do not have a preference on which stand is preserved.
- 6) Finally, in our recommendation that the Santa Ynez Band acquire this property, we are doing so with the stipulation that they work closely with the NPS to support the Rim of the Valley program, maintain the wildlife corridor, and utilize the NPS's expertise in park management and archaeological preservation.

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7) Additionally, since surface water and groundwater toxic substance or hydrocarbon mitigation systems may need to remain in place for some time, we feel it even more important that the property be maintained exclusively as open space during any protracted mitigation process.

We want to be clear that our desired end use be open space/parkland. We will not support any sale, ground lease or any other form of title transfer to developers of any industrial, retail, residential, office, casino, or any other form of commercial development.

Sincerely yours,

Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council

Scott Silverstein, Chairman

cc: Mr. Allen Elliot, Marshall Space Flight Center, AS01MSFC, AL 35812.

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Mr. David Szymanski, Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, 401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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