



**Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council
MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Prince of Peace Church, 5700 Rudnick Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to Order – Chair, Scott Silverstein called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – was conducted by Gordon Murley

Roll Call – was conducted by Secretary, Joyce Fletcher

16 Board members were present and a quorum was reached

Approval of the Record of Proceedings: Minutes

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion to accept the following minutes.

Peter Fletcher seconded

June 19, 2013

Vote: Ayes 9 Nays 0 Abstain 7

June 19, 2013 Special Meeting

Vote: Ayes 9 Nays 0 Abstain 7

Minutes approved

July 9, 2013 - Budget Committee Meeting

Roll Call Vote of the Budget Committee: Ayes: Joyce Fletcher, Scott Silverstein, Bill Anderson, August Steurer, Melanie Smotrich-King

Absent - Roger Gerrish – Not present at the Budget Meeting – Gordon Murley

Minutes approved

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Public Announcements

L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh - announced that there was a recent assault in the parking lot at Westfield Topanga Mall.

Crime is up in Woodland Hills especially burglaries.

Congressman Brad Sherman's office - Field Officer Matthew Vallacilla

His office welcomes the NC and Community requests and discussion

Councilman Bob Blumenfield's office – Department District Director, Joaquin Macias

New Council office telephone # 818-774-4330

Planning Deputy – Cesar Diaz

Director Macias is available to meet with all NC members at any time to discuss issues and concerns

Public Comment period:

Gordon Murley – Recode LA will provide new Zoning Codes. There are a number of hearings scheduled. It's a \$5 million five year program. Get involved immediately and don't ignore the process. The NC needs to be involved.

Sean McCarthy – announced his resignation from the NC Board. Mr. McCarthy previously served as NC Board member, CBO Area 5 as member of the Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has moved its office to Area 2.

Chair Scott Silverstein accepted Mr. McCarthy's resignation.

August Steurer – Recode LA: The most important work will be done in the first 2 years. So get involved now. PLUM will provide training related to understanding codes and the recoding process.

Bill Anderson will serve as Chair the NC Ad Hoc Committee for Recode LA.
Individuals can also participate in the Recode LA meetings.

2. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Chair, Scott Silverstein

A. The next Neighborhood Council election will be held in March 2014. The NC needs a Board member to volunteer as Chair of the Election Committee

B. Dennis Zine and the donation of \$50,000 to the NC: The Bureau of Street Services has a Neighborhood Council Price List that describes how the money can be used and the cost per item. The NC will review the list and select the work to be done.

Vahid Khorsand will serve as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to review how the funds can be best spent.

C. Committee reports: Scott asked that the Committee submit committee updates to Joyce Fletcher, Outreach Chair to provide content for the NC Website, twitter and face book. ALL Board members were asked to submit news from their area and Woodland Hills that will be of interest to the stakeholders.

D1. EmPowerLA – NC Financial Training - is going to require that all Board members attend a 30 minute training course to be able to vote on motions related to NC Budget and Financial Issues.

D1a. Ethics Training – is currently required for Board members to be able to sit on a NC Board. If you have not taken the training go to the EmPowerLA website to take the training on-line.

Vice-Chair, Dennis DiBiase

No report

Treasurer: Scott Silverstein

The Budget Committee has passed the 2013-2014 Budget

Secretary: Joyce Fletcher

No report

Parliamentarian: Sean McCarthy

Resigned July 10, 2013

3. Items for Which Committee Meetings Have Been Held:

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

(13-024) ZA-2009-0408-CUB-CUX-PA1

19940 Ventura Boulevard, Woodland Hills (Safir Restaurant)

PLUM Chair August Steurer read a motion with recommendations from the PLUM Committee regarding several modifications of conditions proposed in a new Plan Approval application pertaining to CUB conditions of approval contained in Case ZA-2009-0408-CUB-CUX. Issues include, but are not limited to, the applicant seeking extended hours of operation, additional days

permitted for live entertainment, extended hours of live entertainment until 2:00 a.m., plus, deletion of several conditions pertaining to parking and security. Peter Fletcher seconded

The PLUM motion denied the Applicant's request to extend hours of operation and hours of entertainment. The PLUM motion also requested the Planning Department review further enforcement of Conditions 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16 and 18.

Safir Restaurant representative, Attorney Robert Glushon, presented his case and a document outlining new compromises brought forth for the NC Board to consider.

Marty Lipkin made a motion to amend the PLUM motion and requested the Board accept the new compromises to extend the days and hours of operation and entertainment as requested by the applicant as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 midnight
Thursday, Friday, Saturday	11:00 am to 1:30 am
Sunday	11:00 am to 1:00 am

With an additional amendment that the Board approve additional live entertainment to be extended to 7 days a week from 9:00 pm to the new closing times.

and add to the amendment that the applicant has agreed to close the outside patio at 11:00 p.m.

Heath Kline seconded the motion

First Motion:	Vote:	Ayes 13	Nay 0	Abstain 0
Amended Motion:	Vote	Ayes 13	Nay 0	Abstain 0
Amended Motion passed				

**Item no. (2) Scott Silverstein, Chair, Budget Committee
(13-025) (roll call vote required)**

Discussion and possible action:

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion the Board approve the attached proposed budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Anna Davies, Nancy McClean, Herb Madsen, Bill Anderson, Marty Lipkin, Zack King, August Steurer, Vahid Khorsand, Pat Patton, Heath Kline, Joyce Fletcher, Kathy Davis, Peter Fletcher, Gordon Murley, Scott Silverstein

Nays 0	Abstain 0	Motion passed
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**Item no. (3) Scott Silverstein, Chair
(13-026)**

Discussion and possible action:

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion that the Board approve Melanie Smothrich-King as the Residential Alternate in Area 2. Bill Anderson seconded

Discussion followed:

August Steurer noted a written error in the motion that referenced Residential Alternate instead of CBO Alternate.

Joyce Fletcher, NC Secretary noted that CBO Alternate is the only open seat in Area 2 and the NC Governance Committee had vetted and voted to approve Mrs. Smotrich-King for the position of Area 2 CBO Alternate prior to the Board Meeting.

Chair Scott Silverstein made a substitute motion that the Board approve Melanie Smothrich-King as the CBO Alternate in Area 2. Peter Fletcher seconded

Vote: Ayes 13 Nays 1 Abstain 2 Motion passed

**Item no. (4) Scott Silverstein, Chair
(13-027)**

Discussion and possible action:

Recommendation that the Board approve the Strategic Plan for the FY 2013/2014 as presented by the Budget Committee.

Item continued to the next Board Meeting

**Item no. (5) Dennis DiBiase, Vice-Chair
(13-028) (roll call vote required)**

Discussion and possible action:

Bill Anderson made a motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) of \$200 from the FY 2013/2014 budget to pay for the lighting and sound system rental and labor for an end of year performance by Camp Sharwood to be held at the band-shell in Warner Center Park. Camp Sharwood is a day camp operated by LA City Parks and Recreation Dept., is based in Woodland Hills Recreation Center and is open to all children of Los Angeles. Anna Davies seconded

August Steurer made a motion to amend the motion to read:

Bill Anderson made a motion to approve funding for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) or funding from Community Outreach of \$200 from the FY 2013/2014 budget to pay for the lighting and sound system rental and labor for an end of year performance by Camp Sharwood to be held at the band-shell in Warner Center Park. Camp Sharwood is a day camp operated by LA City Parks and Recreation Dept., is based in Woodland Hills Recreation Center and is open to all children of Los Angeles. Heath Kline seconded

Roll Call Vote, Amended Motion:

Ayes: Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Anna Davies, Nancy McClean, Herb Madsen, Bill Anderson, Marty Lipkin, Zack King, August Steurer, Vahid Khorsand, Pat Patton, Heath Kline, Joyce Fletcher, Kathy Davis, Peter Fletcher,

Nays 0

Abstain Gordon Murley

Motion passed

**Item no. (6) Scott Silverstein, Chair
(13-029)**

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to approve the Los Angeles Neighborhood Coalition

Continued to the next Board meeting

Discussion by the Board regarding committee operations:

Committee Reports: No report

Budget Committee – Scott Silverstein, Chair

Community Services – William Anderson, Chair

Education Committee*- Melanie Smotrich-King, Chair

Governance Committee -- Gordon Murley, Chair

Outreach Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair

PLUM Committee – August Steurer, Chair, Peykan Abbassi, Vice-Chair

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

Senior Services Committee*-Kathy Davies, Chair

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

*subcommittees of the Community Services Committee

This agenda is subject to correction.

Announcements:

Next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at Prince of Peace Church, 5700 Rudnick Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Meeting dates for the rest of the academic year:

For the upcoming 2013/2014 academic year the proposed Board meeting dates will be announced as soon as determined. September to June meetings will be held at Woodland Hills Academy, Multi-Purpose Room ("MPR"), 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 at 6:30 p.m. July and August 2013 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: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes: Submitted by Joyce Fletcher, Secretary WHWCNC

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