



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 – 6:30 pm
 Platt Branch Library
 23600 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Stakeholders and the public are permitted to address the Committee on any item on the Agenda prior to the Committee taking action on said item. It is requested speakers complete a “Speaker Card” and hand it to the Chair. Comments from Stakeholders and the Public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction on other not appearing on the Agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public Comment is limited to 15 minutes. Each speaker is limited to two minutes, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Committee.

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Committee Members: Don Patterson – Chair, Pat Patton, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Paul Lawler, Peter Fletcher, Sean McCarthy, Joyce Fletcher

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda**

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS: Items for discussion and possible vote:

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. **Consideration of various means to restructure or modify Neighborhood Council agendas to balance regular business with presentations that have stakeholders present to provide feedback. Items to consider include enforcing public speaking time limits, debate limits, avoiding discussion of items raised during public comment, reading resolutions by title only, re-ordering the agenda to provide items of high stakeholder interest to the front of the agenda, and other ideas that arise from the discussion during the committee meeting.**

Proposed Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO RESTRUCTURE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS AGENDA TO BETTER BALANCE REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE WHWCNC WITH PLUM PRESENTATIONS BY STAKEHOLDER, AND OTHERWISE, LIMIT THE TIME FOR COMMENT TO THAT PROSCRIBED BY RELEVANT CITY AND STATE STATUTE.

WHEREAS, The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, hereinafter referred to as the WHWCNC, has an agenda which is top heavy with regular, monthly action items, AND

WHEREAS, The WHWCNC meetings are frequently highlighted by items that are of public interest but are non-urgent in nature such as the Library report, Recreation, and Parks report or local schools report, AND

WHEREAS, The WHWCNC meetings which are supposed to begin at 6:30 PM but does not, in fact, begin until 6:45 PM or later, AND

WHEREAS, agenda items typically are not heard before 7:30 PM and frequently later, AND

WHEREAS, stakeholders making a presentation on Planning Land Use and Mobility Committee, hereinafter referred to as PLUM are expected to be present at meetings where their projects are being considered, AND

WHEREAS, the WCWHNC regularly has a monthly budget and organizational items to consider, AND

WHEREAS, until now the WHWCNC typically schedule PLUM items after normal and recurring items that do not involve persons other than WHWCNC members, AND

WHEREAS, PLUM items have, in recent WHWCNC meeting been pushed back later and later in the regularly scheduled WHWCNC meetings, AND

WHEREAS Stakeholders making a presentation regarding PLUM issues make a special effort to attend our meetings, often at considerable cost in staff and expert time, AND

WHEREAS, several of our recent meetings are now adjourned regular at or about 10 PM with several concluding at 10:30 PM, AND

WHEREAS it is possible to substitute PLUM items for less urgent items, earlier in the agenda, i.e. following public comment, AND

WHEREAS, there are few items on the WHWCNC agenda that rise to the level of urgency that PLUM items typically do, AND

WHEREAS, the formulation of the agenda is a matter of practice rather than a rigid order, with the exception of the taking of the role, public comment, and other general announcements regarding the location of agendas, the location of speakers' cards and such, AND

WHEREAS, the WHWCNC has placed a great deal of weight and emphasis on participation by stakeholders with development projects before the WHWCNC at the WHWCNC general meetings as a condition of approval, AND

WHEREAS, comment by board members as well as the public tend to frequently exceed the two minutes provided for by L.A. City rules, AND

WHEREAS, such untimed comments from Board Members and the public contribute to substantial delays in the business of the WHWCNC, AND

WHEREAS, there is lax enforcement of time constraints on public comments by board members as well as the public,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WHWCNC TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

First, enforce the 2-minute public comment rule.

TWO, The WHWCNC members hereby refrain from commenting on issues raised by the public during public comment, as prescribed by the City of Los Angeles.

THREE, The WHWCNC schedule PLUM matters to immediately follow Public Comment in all future agenda, unless there is another more urgent matter and there is a vote to suspend this rule by a majority vote of the WHWCNC board members present.

FOUR, that comments on PLUM issues and all other WHWCNC agenda items follow all protocol, including the length of debate on agendized items.

FIVE, That the WHWCNC, shall take all necessary steps, including but not limited to change, revise or add to the WHWCNC standing rules so that the policy of the WHWCNC reflects the foregoing resolution, now and in the future.

3. Future Agenda Items – Committee members can raise issues to be scheduled for future meetings. No discussion will occur on items raised for future consideration.

4. Adjournment of meeting

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Brown Act Notification:

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