

Virtual Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 7:00 pm**MEETING AGENDA MINUTES****1. Called to Order at 7:05 pm****2. Established Committee Quorum:**

Roll Call—Heath Kline (P), Kathleen Barth (P), John Sandy Campbell (A), Martin Liipkin (P), August Steurer (P)

John Sandy Campbell arrived later

Meeting Visitors: Dena Weiss, Steve Crosby representing “Build With Strength”, Adele Slaughter of Studio City NC

3. Comments by the Public regarding Issues NOT on the Agenda. (2 minutes each)

None Received

4. Approval of Available Committee Minutes:

Reference Material: January 27th, 2022 Draft Committee Minutes Link: <https://whcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Draft-WHWCNC-WHIP-Minutes-1-27-2022.pdf>

Heath Kline moved approval, August Steurer seconded, Motion approved without corrections

*Roll Call Vote: Heath Kline (Yes), Kathleen Barth (Yes), Martin Lipkin (Yes), August Steurer (Yes)
John Sandy Campbell (Absent)*

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

All comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding member of the Committee.

5. Consideration of CIS to CF 19-0603:

Link: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0603>

Should WHWCNC support or not support CF-19-0603, a motion [Blumenfield/Rodriguez] that directs City Planning to expand zones designated as Fire District 1 and prohibit Types IV and V construction in Fire District 1 designated zones?

Reference Material:

Draft CF 19-0603 CIS Link: <https://whcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Draft-WHWCNC-WHIP-CIS-for-CF-19-0603.pdf>

Cross-laminated Timber (Tall/Mass-timber) Link: <https://www.thinkwood.com/mass-timber/clt>

Blog stating opposition and reasons against expansion Link:
<http://www.betterinstitutions.com/blog/2021/6/13/dont-expand-fire-district-1-eliminate-it>

Blog stating Renters will pay more. Link: <https://www.pacificresearch.org/los-angeles-is-gearing-up-to-ban-wood-frame-construction-renters-will-soon-pay-the-price/>

Bob Blumenfield blog post on Fire District 1 Link:
https://blumenfield.lacity.org/preparing_for_climate_change_with_fire_resistant_buildings?utm_campaign=6_10_2021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=bbcd3

LA Hi-Rise Mass-timber Design Research Link: <https://www.woodworks.org/resources/mass-timber-high-rise-design-research-museum-tower-in-los-angeles-reimagined-in-mass-timber/>

Timber Tower Research Project Link: <https://www.som.com/research/timber-tower-research/>

Article on Portland Tall-timber Project Link: https://www.architectmagazine.com/technology/green-light-for-the-tallest-mass-timber-building-in-the-u-s_o

Sustainability Considerations for Mass-timber, Link: <https://www.woodworks.org/why-wood/sustainability/>

Article on new Sustainable Building, Link: <https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2020/1/15/21058051/climate-change-building-materials-mass-timber-cross-laminated-clt>

Mass-timber Seismic and Wind Resistance Link: <https://www.thinkwood.com/resilience>

Fire-safe implementation of mass timber in tall buildings Link: <https://www.ri.se/en/what-we-do/projects/fire-safe-implementation-of-mass-timber-in-tall-buildings>

“Build with Strength” Website, Lobbyist attributed to contributions to City Council Link:
<https://buildwithstrength.com>

LA City Planning Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines Link:
<https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/39fae0ef-f41d-49cc-9bd2-4e7a2eb528dd/TOCGuidelines.pdf>

Public Comment Received From:

Steve Crosby representing “Build With Strength”, Adele Slaughter of Studio City NC

Draft Motion moved by Heath Kline and seconded by August Steurer for discussion
No Vote taken. Item Continued for purposes of receiving additional information and redrafting of the CIS.

6. Consideration of CIS to CF 21-1431:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1431>

Should WHWCNC support the creation of an ordinance per CF-1414? Obligations for affordable unit replacement plus the occupant protection provisions of California Government Code Section 66300 get applied to Housing Development Projects that submit a complete application, file a complete set of building plans for plan check, issue of building permits, or receive a project or permit approval on or after January 1, 2022.

Reference Material:

Draft CIS Link: <https://whcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Draft-WHWCNC-WHIP-CIS-for-CF-21-1431.pdf>

Public Comment Received From:

No Public Comments received

Draft Motion introduced by August Steurer for discussion.

Committee members not prepared to discuss. No Vote taken. Item Continued.

7. Consideration of CIS to CF 21-1414:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1414>

Should WHWCNC support, not support, or recommend modifications to CF 21-1414, a motion [Koretz/Blumenfield] directing City Planning to create interim development standards under the ministerial approval requirements of SB9 (CA Senate Bill 9)?

Reference Material:

CF 21-1414 Motion Link: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1414_mot_12-01-21.pdf

Director of City Planning Communication on SB9 Implementation Link:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/17b75751701/349899ca-0c58-4a93-ad38-c39a04268679.pdf>

Public Comment Received From:

No Public Comments received

No draft CIS presented. Committee members not prepared to discuss. No Vote taken. Item Continued.

8. Placement of Possible New Business on future Committee meeting agendas.

Suggestions were: Rebalancing Warner Center 2035 Specific Plan, Amend or Revise Warner Center 2035 Specific Plan due to possibly reaching residential limits early, Increase Valley Traffic Division

9. Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm.