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**WOODLAND HILLS – WARNER
CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

**Arts and Culture
Committee:**

Chairperson: Masha Dowell
Committee Members:
Jayce Baron
Reina Cerros McCaughey
Steve Sommers

Arts & Culture Committee

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

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(i) If the Arts and Culture Committee provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph, to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

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(iii) If the Arts and Culture Committee provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

ITEM No. 1: Art Walk Production Presentation - Erin Stone

Description: Erin Stone, CEO of 11:11 Events and Executive Producer of Reseda Rising, presented her vision and capabilities for potentially producing a Woodland Hills Art Walk. The committee discussed with Ms. Stone her proposed strategy and approach for creating a small-scale community art walk event, drawing from her extensive experience in producing successful community arts programming.

Action: The committee will follow up with Councilman Bob Blumenfield's office through Liz Klein. Jayce noted that Ms. Klein may be on maternity leave. Further steps are needed to advance this initiative.

ITEM No. 2: Introduction of New Co-Chairperson - Harout Aristakessian

Description: Welcome and introduction of Harout Aristakessian as the new Co-Chairperson of the Arts and Culture Committee.

Action: Mr. Aristakessian introduced himself to the committee and shared his vision for the committee's future initiatives and community engagement.

ITEM No. 3: (25-ACC001) Motion for Cultural History Month Recognition Initiative - Steve Sommers

Description: Motion to develop and implement a comprehensive cultural celebration program utilizing the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council website and social media platforms. The initiative aims to create dedicated content highlighting the achievements, contributions, and historical significance of various communities during their respective heritage months, including Black History Month, AAPI Heritage Month, Latino Heritage Month, and Pride Month.

Roll Call Vote:

YES: Masha Dowell, Harout Aristakessian, Jayce Baron, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Steve Sommers

ABSENT: None

INELIGIBLE: None

Motion PASSED

ITEM No. 4: Venue Change Proposal for February Meeting - Masha Dowell

Description: The Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs' Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, through Art Director Caitlin Moss, extended an invitation to host the Arts and Culture Committee's February meeting on February 19, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

NO: Masha Dowell, Harout Aristakessian, Jayce Baron, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Steve Sommers

ABSENT: None

INELIGIBLE: None

Motion FAILED

Reason for Decision: The committee declined the venue change as Jayce confirmed the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center is outside of the WHWC Neighborhood Council jurisdiction. The venue was confirmed to be within the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council district. Harout Aristakessian expressed interest in meeting with the Arts Center representatives to determine if they serve residents of Woodland Hills and/or Warner Center. If they can provide a certified letter confirming service to the committee's jurisdiction, the venue could potentially be reconsidered for future meetings.

ITEM No. 5: Committee Meeting Schedule Review - Masha Dowell

Description: Review and establish a consistent monthly meeting schedule for the Arts and Culture Committee to ensure maximum participation and avoid conflicts with other neighborhood council commitments.

Roll Call Vote:

YES:Masha Dowell, Harout Aristakessian, Jayce Baron, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Steve Sommers

ABSENT:None

NELIGIBLE: None

Motion PASSED

Action: The committee voted to hold regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM via Zoom, unless a special meeting is called.

Additional Notes: Soon-to-be-voted-in stakeholder Juliet Schwarz attended the meeting and expressed interest in possibly joining the committee in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM

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