Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council

A Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies (WHIP) Committee Meeting and Jointly with the WHWCNC Board
Thursday, August 8, 2019
Time: 6:30 pm
Location - West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce
6100 Topanga Canyon Blvd. #1300, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Committee Members: (P = present, A = Absent)
Chair: Heath Kline (P)
Lauren Coffman (P), Karen DiBiase (P), Martin Lipkin (P), Sean McCarthy (P), August Steurer (P)
Ex Officio- Joyce Fletcher (A)

Public Attending: Varante Majarian, Dennis DiBiase

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Meeting Minutes

Call to Order
6:48 pm

- Roll Call (See committee list above)
- Public Announcements
  Heath Kline on meeting with President Fletcher regarding assuming position of Committee Chair
  Marty Lipkin on late distribution of agenda related news story
- Public Comment period
  None

Items for discussion and possible vote:

1.0   Homeless Encampment in Brush Areas
Should the NC Board advise the City Council to prioritize a focus on removing homeless encampments in brush areas to limit the risk of wildfires that can cause extensive damage.

Committee discussed recent brush fire events including the Sepulveda Basin Fire and the Bel-aire fire last summer caused by homeless encampments. Sean McCarthy related his eye-witness observations of what happened. Propane tanks were part of the danger. Council Member Blumenfield's River initiative to make Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy responsible for patrolling the LA River between Canoga Park and Reseda. Suggestions were offered regarding posting no trespassing signs and signs limiting flame-related cooking to specified areas cleared of brush. It was noted that there appears to be weak enforcement of existing signage and there is a need for a hotline to report encampments in fire-risk areas. Lauren Coffman to draft possible action for future meeting.

2.0   Warner Center Incentives
Should the NC Board request Councilman Blumenfield to expedite changes that would provide incentives for building more economical taller buildings that might more easily provide affordable housing units.

August Steurer suggested that the committee might propose that the City expedite use of Mass-Timber into the Building Code for use in Warner Center as a pilot. Discussion brought up the difficulties for implementation because the State has to approve it first.

3.0   Changes to City-wide Sign Ordinance ([CF 11-1705](#))
Should the NC Board support the proposed changes regarding off-site advertising signage under the sign ordinance? Should the NC Board recommend additional changes regarding on-site signs?

Minimal discussion due to a pending new report from City Planning to City Council Committee. Marty Lipkin offered to write a possible action for consideration at future meeting.
Ref: [Report from City Planning](#)
Ref: [Sign Ordinance Update](#)

Approval of Available Minutes

Minutes of July 25, 2019 were approved 4 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions by McCarthy & DiBiase

Requests for topics for future meetings

None offered

Adjournment of meeting.

9:05 pm

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