



**MINUTES – COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
August 16, 2021 at 6:30pm
VIRTUAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE**

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AGENDA

Additional supporting documents for specific items can be found at: whcouncil.org › event › august-community services -meeting.

Call to Order Geraldine Weiss at 6:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Geraldine Weiss.

2. Roll Call establishing quorum: *Geraldine Weiss (chair), Joyce Fletcher, Karen DeBiase, Arturo Velasquez, Mercy Alpert*

3. Public Announcements by city officials and representatives: none.

4. Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): none.

5. Approval of last Committee Minutes: *May 3, 2021- unable to approve as not available.*

Items discussed and action taken:

ITEM NO. 1. BANNERS:

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to investigate more WHWCNC Logo Banners at more locations on Ventura Blvd. We have the current area ones through next year and also need to preserve these as long as possible and plan for relocation. Weiss will check with Jeremy about maintaining this location, costs of moving and additional sites.

Discussion included Mercy contacting Barth about an article regarding our banners and featuring them on the website. Arturo's suggestion of partnering with someone else for more banners. Joyce's caution that we cannot spend our money with anyone else's money.

Motion as stated by Geraldine Weiss. Second by Joyce Fletcher.

Roll Call Vote:

PASS: as presented. Unanimous. Geraldine Weiss, Joyce Fletcher, Karen DeBiase, Arturo Velasquez, Mercy Alpert

ITEM NO. 2. LETTER TO BLUMENFIELD:

Discussion and possible action:

Motion for the board to approve a recommendation/letter to be sent to Councilmember Blumenfield related to issues and concerns about the trash, lack of tree trimming and unkempt sidewalks on Ventura Blvd. in Area 5 and on Ventura Blvd in general. See posted photographs and documentation of issues on Ventura Blvd. in Area 5 between Corbina and Winnetka.

Lisa Meyer provided input regarding observations of her district and the problems. Discussion included BID and prior attempts to get portions of Ventura Blvd. approved for this. Joyce will contact the counsel office to see if they are receptive to opening discussion about this again. Lisa and Dena to work on a CIS letter to Blumenfeld's office.

Motion as stated by Geraldine Weiss. Second by Joyce Fletcher.

Roll Call Vote:

PASS: as presented. Unanimous. Geraldine Weiss, Joyce Fletcher, Karen DeBiase, Arturo Velasquez, Mercy Alpert

ITEM NO. 3. AREA IMPROVEMENTS.

Discussion and possible action:

Discussion of identifying problem areas in Woodland Hills. For example Mulholland Drive lack of irrigation follow up. Street repaving and overgrowth areas. Challenge the board to look around their districts and report back areas of concern for future action. Maybe organize ad hoc committee for each area to report and galvanize action. Item continued for further refinement and thoughts. Investigation of BID and if that can be done.

ITEM NO. 4. HOLIDAY CHEER.

Discussion and possible action:

Ideas to make Woodland Hills more festive. May be more solar lights? Future update will be from Dena after discussion with Diana at the Chamber office to discuss. Continued.

ITEM NO. 5. HALLOWEEN / FALL ACTIVITIES.

Discussion and possible action:

Motion for the board to approve a virtual Halloween costume contest on the Neighborhood Counsel website with approval for expenditure of \$300 in prizes for three different categories of costumes (\$100 per category; funniest, scariest and most creative).

Motion as stated by Geraldine Weiss. Second by Joyce Fletcher.

Roll Call Vote:

PASS: as presented. Unanimous. Geraldine Weiss, Joyce Fletcher, Karen DeBiase, Arturo Velasquez, Mercy Alpert

6. ITEM NO. 6 WEBINARS.

Discussion and possible action:

Revisiting the webinars idea for the community on items that are important in each area. The Board will consider topics for the next meeting and logistics about how this would get done. Continued while the board thinks about ideas.

7. ITEM NO. 7. HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE.

Investigation about what will be available.

8. Planning for 2021-2022 and possible future partnerships and projects? Suggestions discussed. Arturo suggests partnering projects and will reach out to businesses.

9. New Business, committee member requests and stakeholder requests to be reviewed at the next meeting. Discussion.

10. Community Services Requests for the Council office - List to be sent to representative Veronica Vos. None at this time.

11. Report on current activities in the Community. Mercy reported on the upcoming Chamber Social on August 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott.

Adjournment of meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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