



AGENDA – WHWCNC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

1 September 2020, 6:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Roll Call**
 - 4. Approval of Minutes, August 4, 2019 Committee Meeting**
 - 5. Public Announcements - (2) minutes per speaker**
 - 6. Public Comment Period (on items not on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker**
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7. Items for discussion and possible action:

Item No. (1): Working with Foundations

- a. Guest Speaker, Robert Brostoff, West Hills NC
- b. Discussion

Item No. (2): Gina K. Thornburg - Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the Foundation for Pierce College earmarked for the sole purpose of supporting the Brahma Pantry

Discussion and Possible Action:

Over the past year the Education Committee has explored ways to support the work of the Brahma Pantry, a food pantry on the campus of Los Angeles Pierce College. The Brahma Pantry provides valuable services and support to help students fill gaps in their basic needs, such as housing, food, childcare, health care, and educational costs. Meeting food costs was difficult for many students before the pandemic and has become increasingly difficult because of employment loss and the looming threat of evictions. The committee's fact-finding activities include several conversations between committee member Gina Thornburg and the pantry manager, as well as a visit to the pantry; a tour of the pantry last fall by three committee members; research on the plight of California community college students by committee member Dan Chernow; and a Q&A with the pantry manager, D'arcy Corwin, at the August 2020 Education Committee meeting. Therefore, the Education Committee finds that:

WHEREAS a recent research article in Ed Source (<https://edsource.org/2020/community-colleges-struggle-with-students-food-needs-as-pandemic-increases-demand/634155>) reports that out of 46 responses to an EdSource survey of the 115 community colleges in California, all 46 have campus food pantries, with 26

continuing to distribute food despite campus closures. Twenty-one say their food pantries have seen an increase of applications for food and/or an increase in the amount of food being requested; and

WHEREAS Governor Newsom defunded food pantries on the state's community college campuses, removing \$11.4 million for them from the California Community Colleges 2020–21 budget (<https://www.google.com/search?q=California+Community+Colleges+may+revision+budget&oq=California+Community+Colleges+may+revision+budget&aqs=chrome..69i57j33.12646j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#>); and

WHEREAS LA Pierce College is the sole community college in the Woodland Hills–Warner Center Neighborhood Council district; and,

WHEREAS members of the WHWCNC Education Committee have conducted due diligence in understanding the need for monetary donations to support the hunger-alleviation work of the Brahma Pantry; and

WHEREAS the Foundation for Pierce College is the fiscal agent responsible for receiving and paying out donations to the on-campus Brahma Pantry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the WHWCNC Education Committee recommends that the board of the Woodland Hills–Warner Center Neighborhood Council APPROVE the following Neighborhood Purposes Grant:

According to the Office of the City Clerk Neighborhood Council Funding Program, issue a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Foundation for Pierce College, earmarked solely for the purpose of supporting the Brahma Pantry's hunger-relief activities, including grocery-store gift cards for students during the pandemic and the purchase of food items for the physical pantry once the campus is reopened

Item No. (3): LAUSD Hygiene Project

- a. Sisters on the Street Activities – Doug Marriott
- b. Discussion

Item No. (4): West Valley Occupational Center HiSet Program

- a. Follow up with Monica Balbuena – Gina Thornburg
- b. Discussion

Item No. (5): Discussion of Possible Project with Girl Scouts and / or Boy Scouts

- a. Research Results – John Sandy Campbell & Ginny Sand
- b. Discussion

Item No. (6): Discussion of Possible Jobs Fair Project

- a. Preliminary Cost Estimates – John Sandy Campbell
- b. Discussion

Item No. (7): Discussion FY 2021 Budget / Timeline

- a. Possible New Budgeting Time Line – Paul Lawler
- b. Discussion

Item No. (8): Taft Improvement Project Public Meeting 27 August 2020

Item No. (9): Discussion Committee Administration

- a. New Members
- b. Other

Item No. (10): New Business

Adjournment of meeting:

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TAFT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

8/27/20 public meeting

Project Q monies. 22 school projects using 7 billion dollars in funding. Taft project cost is 146.5 million dollars.

3 phases/ with completion dates:

- 1. Underground utilities. 2020-22**
- 2. Football field and facilities. 2021-23**
- 3. Comprehensive modernization of multiple buildings. 2022-2026**

Taft was chosen due to seismic deficiencies and conditions; multiple portables still in use; and, poor conditions thought the 60 year-old campus.

The underground portion will take 18 months to complete. Plumbing, electrical, and storm water revisions are substantial.

The football field and its facilities are to be replaced with state-of-the-art facilities. Artificial turf and easier entrance from the parking lot.

Most buildings will get updates plumbing, electrical, accessibility, and air conditioning, as well as technology upgrades. Being done after the football field due to the extensive storm water work to be done. Also, only two contractors allowed on project at one time.

An environmental impact was done for 20 checkpoints and only two necessitated “less than significant impact with mitigation” ratings. Geology & soil and hazard & hazardous materials. These were primarily in planted and lawn areas and are easily mitigated.

After the portables are removed, a new softball field will be installed.

The presentation is available on the LAUSD Community Relations Website.

It appears the project is on schedule and budget so far. Presentation was complete and very clear with questions answered completely. 70 person swere on the Zoom call.