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Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council

Agenda – ENVIRONMENTAL, SUSTAINABLE AND BEAUTIFICATION

Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:32 pm

2. Roll Call: *Brian Archibald, Karen DiBiase, Alex Farassati, Lisa Meyer, Leslie Simon*

Absent Karen Dibiase

Absent Lisa Meyer

3. Public Comment by the Public on Items NOT on the Agenda. (2 minutes each)

None

4. Approval of Committee Minutes:

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[Roll Call Vote](#)

Leslie Simon made motion to Approve the October 20, 2021 Minutes with the correction to Karen DiBiase's name.

Alex Farassati Seconded

Brian Archibald – Yes

Alex Farassati – Yes

Leslie Simon - Yes

Karen Dibiase Absent

Lisa Meyer – Absent

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

All comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee.

5. Update from NCSA

Mr. Archibald updated the group on the NCSA meeting from 11/14/2021. The Center for Biological Diversity presented their Simplify the Holiday program (simplifytheholiday.org) where they recommended that people reduce their negative impact on the environment by not purchasing new goods as gifts but give experiential gifts or repurposed items.

6. LA City and LA County Education

Ms. Simon introduced Jeff Jacobberger the Legislative Director of Councilmen Blumenfeld.

Some of what he spoke about:

Is it technically feasible to get to 100% renewables and the study showed we can do it by 2035. 90% of the way there very easily and at no cost. But the last 10% is more difficult.

Demand on electricity would double in order to get to these levels. The city is trying to work to figure out the electrical demands and let's work on the plan rather than the specific date.

The amount of pavement and concrete that we have has a tremendous impact on the heat urban island effect in our community, so they recommend that move to "cool pavement." They are going to plant 280 trees and do cool pavement on 25 blocks in Canoga Park. The city is directing the funding and efforts to less advantaged communities, which could impact Woodland Hills. City received a grant to promote walking and using public transit in Canoga Park. They intend to put protective bike lanes on parts of Owensmouth and parts of Sherman Way and make Valerio much more bike friendly.

Can we identify some areas in Woodland Hills that we could make more bike friendly (e.g., add roundabouts or make changes)? Provide the information to Mr. Jacobberger.

The Councilman is working on Tree Planting noting that the issue isn't obtaining the plants, but maintaining the plants (ensuring 3-5 years of sufficient water to ensure roots take hold).

LA River – the County is revising the LA River Master Plan.

He also indicated that there is a source of funding from County Measure W for Storm Water Projects to address flooding and the city has an obligation to reduce the pollutants going into the LA River. Thus, we could look at leveraging those funding. Are there areas where it floods every time it rains (and combined with biking and walking would be great).

LA Conservation Org for clean ups around the neighborhood. Including trees that need to be maintained, etc.

7. Arbor Day Update

Dena Weiss suggested we ask El Camino to do the tree planting at El Camino. Brian Archibald indicated that he would reach out to El Camino and communicate back to the group within the next week to let them know if it is feasible given that LAUSD owns the property.

8. Green Street Initiative Update

Mr. Farassiti provided a presentation of the Green Street Initiative and before and after pictures of work done in Calabasas. He then presented some recommendations on what could be done on Ventura Blvd. contrasting Encino and Woodland Hills. He recommended building median on Ventura just west of Woodlake. He is not sure there is enough slope to have the green street component. The only area with enough slope on Ventura naturally is near Taft High School. Otherwise, you can make it a Green Street Median by digging the median deeper.

We need to create a CIS to have the Board do the Green Street Initiative and take to the Council. Ms. Weiss agreed to send examples of CIS' that we could use a reference to determine if we can create one in time for our December meeting to vote and put on the January Board meeting agenda.

9. New Business to be placed next month's committee meeting agenda.

Adjournment of Meeting: Brian Archibald adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm

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