



Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council
Minutes – Public Health & Homelessness Committee
Meeting
25 October, 2022 at 6:30p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING BY
TELECONFERENCE
Zoom Meeting MINUTES

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Public Comment is limited to (2) minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee. The presiding chair may impose time limits per each agenda item as needed.

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•**MINUTES**

1.Call to Order

Roll Call: Chair Aaron M Quantz - Present, Mark Schwartz - Present, Reina Cerros McCaughey - Present, Mihran Kalaydjian - Present,

1.Public Announcements by city officials and representatives: (3) minutes per speaker - NONE

1.Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker - NONE

1.Approval of Committee Minutes from August 23rd Committee Meeting – Minutes not prepared

•Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

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

1. Discussion and possible action to support Council File No. 18-0131 for Zero Emissions Maintenance Equipment Pilot / City Parks and Golf Courses. We recommend preparing a CIS to the mentioned Council File. The suggested CIS draft is below. The City of Los Angeles has long been an environmental leader, setting ambitious goals for the reduction of pollution and greenhouse gases (GHGs), and implementing departmental improvements that help achieve these reductions.

The WHWCNC board is in support of the council motion directing the Department of Recreation and Parks to report on a strategy and timeline for a pilot program to evaluate the use of zero-emission maintenance equipment at parks and golf courses.

The WHWCNC recommends that American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA), be the organization that helps the City of Los Angeles with their zero-emissions maintenance equipment pilot project, in order to avoid common problems that may arise in transitioning untrained staff.

Roll Call Vote: Aaron M Quantz – YES, Mark Schwartz, YES, Reina Cerros McCaughey – YES, Mihran Kalaydjian - YES

1.2. Discussion and possible action on composing a letter regarding West Valley Neighborhood Alliance (“WVNAH”) the WHWCNC recommends stopping immediately its engagement and any future participation with WVNAH. (Aaron Quantz & Mihran Kalaydjian).

To send a “cease and desist” letter suspending WVNAH from claiming “NC Member Affiliation” with the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council (The single dissenting vote, preferred to cancel all affiliation immediately, with suspension.), until WVNAH addresses our concerns, as follows:

- 1) Political Advocacy. It appears that WVNAH and some Board members have taken political positions, even endorsing candidates during meetings, in violation of its nonpartisan mission to address homelessness.
- 2) Voting Irregularities. The way WAVNA conducts its meetings and collects votes does not allow our NC to discuss and take an official position, prior to asking our representation to vote, in violation of our By Laws. There is also some concern about the balance of votes between NCs and other individuals and entities who vote for WVNAH positions.

Therefore, we ask WVNAH to cease and desist using NWNC as a “Member Neighborhood Council” or for any affiliation purposes, and as WNAH to address these concerns.

Roll Call Vote: Aaron M Quantz – NO , Mark Schwartz , YES, Reina Cerros McCaughey – YES , Mihran Kalaydijian – YES
(Mihran requested that this motion be rescinded, being that this was his motion the Chair accepted the request)

3. Discussion and possible action, ideas for possible “recruitment” of Stakeholders to join our Committee. Ideal additions must be able to attend all Committee meetings. The Chair (Aaron M Quantz) feels it is a top priority to not only work FOR our Stakeholders but WITH them as well. Working with the residents of our town is paramount as we are budgeted taxpayer funds, otherwise we are just playing government with ourselves.

4. Discussion and possible action: As we know, the Valley has a direct connection to the aeronautical industry and big Defense contractors, many of whom left large areas of contamination in Woodland Hills and around the San Fernando Valley. We will discuss the plethora of these areas and the companies that left them contaminated

9. <https://www.dailynews.com/2020/01/09/neighbors-demand-full-cleanup-of-former-rocketdyne-site-in-warner-center/>
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb4/water_issues/programs/remediation/chromium/chromium_s1.html
10. <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/la-times-today/2021/06/12/santa-susana-nuclear-meltdown-1959-impact>
11. Benzene from Natural gas: <https://sdvoice.info/gas-stoves-cancer-california-benzene/>

(Chair) ITEM CONTINUED TO NEXT YEAR, WHEN EXPERTS WILL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR US

Roll Call Vote: Aaron M Quantz – YES , Mark Schwartz , YES, Reina Cerros McCaughey – YES , Mihran Kalaydijian - YES

5. Discussion and possible action: Chair requests ability to submit receipt for Black ink needed to print physical copies to post at the West Valley Chamber of Commerce
Aaron M Quantz – YES , Mark Schwartz , YES, Reina Cerros McCaughey – YES , Mihran Kalaydijian - YES

Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

Adjournment of Meeting:

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Meeting dates for 2021 -2022 year: Full Board meeting are held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. Check the NC website calendar for a complete list of committee and board meetings.

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