



A Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies (WHIP) Committee Meeting and Jointly with the WHWCNC Board

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Location - West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce
6100 Topanga Canyon Blvd. #1300, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Committee Members:

Chair: Heath Kline (P)

Lauren Coffman (P), Angela Dawson (E), Martin Lipkin (P), Aaron Quantz (P), August Steurer (P)

Ex Officio- Joyce Fletcher (A)

Guests: Andrew Pennington (CD3), Zhila Ross (CD3), Ray Cole, Dennis DiBiase

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 6:45 pm

- Roll Call *see above (P) = present, (E) = excused (A) = absent*
- Public Announcements *(None)*
- Public Comment *(None)*

Items for discussion and possible action:

1.0 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?

Ref: [8-8-19 Report from City Planning](#)

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Ref: [Sign Ordinance Update](#)

Andrew Pennington introduced the committee to Zhila Ross, who is a former architect that has joined the CD3 staff on a planning issues capacity. The city-wide sign ordinance issue was slated to come to city council on September 17th. Pennington indicated that the issue would be sent back to City Planning with new instructions. There could be more discretion with Sign Districts and relocation agreements, possibly with the option to opt out by area or council district. In general, "it will be the beginning of a new conversation."

Item discussion and possible action continued to future meeting after receipt of further information on City Council action.

2.0 Update from CD-3 on pending city issues

Discussion with Andrew Pennington from CD-3 office regarding what are some pending city legislations that to which Woodland Hills should be paying attention.

Andrew Pennington covered a variety of issues. SB330 passage possible impact on downzoning land from residential to open space on Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy land, Westfield Promenade 2035 appeals, Westfield Sears project status, possibly an Amazon grocery store in the old Toy's-R-Us space. Council Member Blumenfield seeking to limit digital signs such as "Firefly" on top of vehicles such as taxis and rideshare vehicles. Sober living issue expected in council end-of-October to early November.

No action taken.

3.0 Proposed Los Angeles Vacancy Tax (CF 19-0623)

Should the NC Board support the investigation of creating a Vacancy tax on residences held vacant during a housing crisis as proposed by Councilmembers Bonin, Harris-Dawson, Ryu and Koretz.

Ref: [CF 19-0623](#)

Item discussion and any action continued to a future meeting due to meeting time running out.

Approval of Available Minutes

Minutes of August 22nd were held over to next meeting due to shortness of time.

Requests for topics for future meetings

Inclusionary Housing Policy within Community Plans (CF 19-0416)

City engagement in longer-term City Planning/Visioning for Woodland Hills to deal with climate change.

The Chair brought up reconsideration of the Homeless encampments in extreme fire zones as was discussed at the Board meeting in regard to the committee motion.

Together with Ray Cole of the Homeless Committee, it was determined by the committee that the Homeless Committee could take up a new Impact statement to clarify certain issues that were not addressed in the committees motion that was adopted by the Board.

Adjournment of meeting. 9:25 pm