



## Minutes

Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council

Woodland Hills Issues and Policies Committee

Thursday, October 8, 2020 – **Special Time** / 7:15 pm to 10:15 pm

**VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCE**

### Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** 8:00 PM due to hosting conflict with another meeting
2. **Roll Call** Members Present: Heath Kline, Marty Lipkin, August Steurer; Member Absent: Aaron Quantz
3. **Public Comment** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** None Available
5. **Possible Action regarding City Budget attempts to take money from NC Budget Advocates, Congress of Neighborhoods and similar funds.**

*August Steurer introduced the issues and presented a draft motion. The motion was seconded by Marty Lipkin and the Motion was passed as amended. Motion:*

*WHEREAS, we recognize that the Los Angeles City Budget is becoming severely unbalanced; and,*

*WHEREAS, the City is looking for ways to find money to balance its budget; and,*

*WHEREAS, funds for organizations such as the NC Budget Advocates and activities such as the Congress of Neighborhoods provide critical support for the activities and functions of both Neighborhood Councils and City Departments and Agencies; and,*

*WHEREAS, unspent funds allocated to these valuable groups may be in jeopardy of being taken back by the City; and,*

*WHEREAS, the City has already reduced the funding of Neighborhood Councils for 2020-2021; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council does not believe Neighborhood Council and support groups like NC Budget Advocates and Congress of Neighborhoods funding should be reduced more than has already been done;*

*Therefore, the Woodland Hills Issues and Policies (WHIP) Committee recommends that the Board of the Woodland – Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council take stand to oppose any further City efforts to take funds that Neighborhood Councils have dedicated to these types of supporting entities.*

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*FURTHERMORE, the Council Board should make the City Council and the Mayor aware of its opposition to taking those funds through letters to each Councilmember, the Mayor, Empower LA plus the City Clerk and Controller.*

*Heath Kline Voted Aye*

*Martin Lipkin Voted Aye*

*August Steurer Voted Aye*

*Aaron Quantz was Absent*

**6. Possible Action regarding asking the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to defer action regarding the Proposed Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils.**

Reference Material:

[Proposed Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils](#)

*August Steurer introduced the issues and presented a draft motion. The motion was seconded by Heath Kline and the Motion was passed as amended. Motion:*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is charged with policy setting and oversight regarding the Neighborhood Council system; and,*

*WHEREAS, a draft Proposed Digital Communication Policy for Neighborhood Councils has been put on the Agenda for the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Policy, as drafted, has the potential to severely limit the functions of Neighborhood Councils and is contrary to the initial goals and intents of Neighborhood Councils as envisioned by the City Charter; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Policy as written will have far-reaching negative effects, and it may be virtually impossible for average Neighborhood Councils to comply with all aspects of the Policy;*

*THEREFORE, regarding the Proposed Digital Communications Policy for Neighborhood Councils, the Woodland Hills Issues and Policies (WHIP) Committee recommends that the Board of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council request that the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) postpone any and all action on this policy, for a minimum of at least 90 days.*

*Furthermore, the City should engage in a full dialog with Neighborhood Councils regarding the proposed Policy:*

*The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and/or BONC should conduct outreach to all 99 Neighborhood Councils to explain, in lay terms which the public can understand, this proposed policy in detail, as well as the rationale for each of the provisions.*

*They should reference examples of past digital and print communications from NCs to evaluate the extent of which communications will be prohibited, muffled, allowed with modification or accepted as is by this policy. Examples of allowed communication should then be provided to NCs.*

*They should then act on feedback comments directly regarding the feasibility of implementing the policy, and prepare a report on the subsequent direct impact on Neighborhoods Council operations, before BONC moves ahead with any further action(s) to adopt the Policy.*

*Furthermore, the Board of the Woodland Hills -Warner Center Neighborhood Council should inform Councilmember Blumenfield and other Councilmembers plus the General Manager of Empower LA and the City Clerk of this request to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.*

*Heath Kline Voted Aye*

*Martin Lipkin Voted Aye*

*August Steurer Voted Aye*

*Aaron Quantz was Absent*

## **7. New Zones for replacing Estate and Agriculture zones in the Local Community Plan**

Continued discussion regarding proposing a zone classification system under the new Los Angeles zoning code that protects the intent of current zoning and the purpose of the zone.

Reference Material:

[ReCodeLA 2015 Single-Family Residential Zones](#)

[Introduction to the New Zoning System](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Form](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Frontage](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Development Standards](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Use](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Density](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Alternative Typologies](#)

[Boyle Heights Community Plan Draft Section on Division of Land](#)

[2017 Single Family Residential Zone Regulations and R1 Variation Zones](#)

[Current Zones under Previous/Existing Code](#)

[Current LADBBS Zoning Code Manual and Commentary](#)

*Committee continued item due to lateness of time.*

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

Committee members may raise issues for discussion at a future meeting relevant to areas under the committee's purview. *No items suggested*

## **9. Adjournment: 10:15pm**

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