

MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Hall

5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to Order - 6:45 p.m. by President, Joyce Fletcher

Pledge of Allegiance - by Parliamentarian, Aaron Williams

Roll Call - by Secretary, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh

- Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Krauss, Karen DiBiase (cannot vote except for funding items), Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen (cannot vote), Cameron Gil, Al Saur (alternate voting for Business Representative of Area 4), Dorothy Koetz (cannot vote), Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert (cannot vote), Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Gilbert Yablon (cannot vote), Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher, Marie Pierre (cannot vote), Sheppard Kaufman -
QUORUM

Approval of Minutes: November 2016 – Approved by a majority of the Board

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Public Announcements:

- LAPD Topanga Division - by Sean Dinse
 - Violent crime is up by 10.3%, Property crime is up by 4.2%, total crime has increased by 5.5%, Total Valley Crime is up by 13.8%, We are ranked 18/21 for crime
 - Body cams are new and are being used for accountability
 - The LAPD does not enforce immigration status
 - Radio calls are up
 - Prop. 47 is an issue for the LAP
 - LAPD has not determined what to do with regards to the legalization of marijuana
 - The homeless population is increasing and is being enforced by the Sanitation Department
- **Public Comment Period (on items not on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker** - Most are pertaining to the presentation and will be held after.
 - Tom Klarin

Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures, Officer Reports:

- President, Joyce Fletcher – thanks the board for taking the trainings, all committees have money that can be spent, reminds the board regarding the holiday party to be held on Friday night.
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PRESENTATION – The Promenade 2025 Plan Development Project

Presentation by Larry Green, Senior Vice President, US Development Greater Los Angeles, Westfield Corporation.

- The plan is still in its early stages. They are still taking questions and studying the project
 - Westfield is very happy with "The Village"
 - Various Questions by the Board
 - Question and comments submitted from Stakeholders:
 1. Gwyn Petrick
 2. Michael Holm
 3. Joseph Harper
 4. Gerald Magel
 5. Nora Ross
 6. Susan Strickland
 7. Ann Radow
 8. Darlene Daniel
 9. Linda Deleo
 10. Shain Sabeti
 11. Eva Haffman
 12. Gene Burke
 13. Jerry Daniel
 14. Christine Rowe
 15. Jim Hoffman
 16. Liam Newberg
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2. Items for Board discussion and possible action:

Item no. (1) – Ray Cole, Community Services Committee (16-093)

CONTINUED TO THE NEXT MEETING

Discussion and possible action:

Motion for the NC Board to approve funding up to \$600.00 from the 2016/2017 Budget line item (74 – ADO- General Neighborhood Outreach – NC Name Badges and NC Shirts) for the purchase of Neighborhood Council logo t-shirts/polo shirts for the Neighborhood Council Board members and Committee members to be worn at NC events and other public meetings.

Item no. (2) August Steurer, Co-Chair – Woodland Hills Impact and Policy (WHIP) Committee (16-094) – Council File No. 13-0197-S4 – Community Impact Statement

Discussion and possible action:

Motion for the Board to approve the following CIS:

With regard to the Motion by CD 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield to the Los Angeles City Council, Council File No. 13-0197-S4, The Woodland Hills- Warner Center Neighborhood Council is concerned that additional issues related to Mobility need to be addressed as part of the study being proposed. These concerns are:

1. Overall management of where new streets, publically accessible open space, and pedestrian accessible pathways is not occurring. A method to implement this important intent of the Plan needs to be studied. Failure to create a robust network of pathways is detrimental to mobility goals of the plan. Consideration

must be given to a surcharge for those project that do not provide PAOS pathways at all project perimeters as failure to do so limits achievement of the mobility goals

2. Phasing of projects is allowing a potential imbalance of residential development compared with development that would provide jobs. This was not a studied outcome of the Plan from a traffic point of view. There is a danger of second phases never being completed. As such, even temporary, incomplete mixed use from phasing causes imbalanced growth that works against the assumptions of the traffic model and the EIR. This will require remedial costs for traffic mitigation that have not been incorporated into the plan's fees. Consideration must be given to requiring all mobility fees for all phases to be due upon project approval and a surcharge fees of 33% if additional phases not completed within 7 years plus an additional surcharge of %17 if additional phases not completed within 10 years. This is to fund any required mitigations due to violating the tentets of the plan.
3. Medians are shown in the Street Section Figures of the plan. The medians serve as traffic slowing devices and as pedestrian waiting areas where crosswalks occur on wide streets. The medians are not being implemented and studies to justify requiring them should take place.
4. The route of the anticipated circulator needs to be restudied given the recent abandonment of the Variel Street extension. The Circulator contributed greatly to the designation of all of Warner Center as a Transit Oriented Development (T.O.D.). The route determines which areas are close enough to public transit to allow increased density, reduced parking requirments and many other important issues. Due to the imcomplete intended circulator route, there are reduced options for connectivity for the Commerce and Park Districts. As such they will place traffic activity on DeSoo, Canoga, Owensmouth and Topanga Canyon. As such consideration must be given to assessing increased fees in the Commerce and Park Distric as a result of this failure on the part of the Department of Transportation to recognize the long term impacts of not putting the Variel extension into effect. We note that DOT is violating the Ordinance as Section 6.1.2.2.7 of the ordinance states that two Activity Nodes SHALL be established in the district and lists Variel and Burbank as one of the intersections. Section 6.1.2.2.10 anticipates that Variel WILL be extended from Califa to Burbank and that the extension "will be in compliance with the LA standards for a collector street...". As such, City Planning and the Department of Transportation must consider increasing Mobility fees to implement these sections as intended by the Plan. Until the extension is put back into planned improvements, the Department of Transportation is violating the City's ordinance.

There is efficiency in studying multiple facets of these issues at the present time both from a financial point of view and related to time. In addition, it is the Neighborhood Council's belief that the study proposed in the motion cannot be sufficiently considered as accurate without consideration of the items we have listed.

Motion by: August Steurer, Second by: Heath Kline

Recusal by Dennis DiBiase

Vote: Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Item No. (3) Peter Fletcher – Governance Committee

(16-095) Board Member Appointment

Discussion and possible vote:

Governance Committee request that the Board approve the appointment of Brian Drapkin as Area 2 Residential Representative.

Brain Drapkin to be sworn in by Parliamentarian, Aaron Williams

Motion by: Peter Fletcher, Second by: Richard Hollander

Vote: Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSED

Brian Drapkin was sworn in by Parliamentarian Aaron Williams and is eligible to vote

Item no. (4) Joyce Fletcher and Mercy Alpert, Co-Chairs –Community Services Committee (16-096)

Discussion and possible vote:

The Community Services Committee recommends that the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports a letter to be sent to LA Dept. of Parks and Recreation and local and state politicians requesting that broken irrigations heads, broken irrigation lines and the broken irrigation boxes be immediately repaired and that water be restored to Warner Center Park to irrigate the park. The letter also requests that the City trim all trees in the Warner Center Park.

Motion by: Joyce Fletcher, Second by: Mercy Alpert

Vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSED

Item no. (5) Dennis DiBiase, Co-Chair - Woodland Hills Impact and Policy (WHIP) Committee (16-097) Community Impact Statement – Council File 16-1324

Discussion and possible action:

The WHIP Committee recommends that the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports the motion to related to Council File 16-1324 described as follows:

Directed to: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 16-1324 – Special Order 40 Reaffirmation

Motion: The WHIP Committee recommends that the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) Board of Directors **supports the motion to related to Council File 16-1324** relative to reaffirming support for Special Order 40 which was introduced on November 22, 2016 and referred to the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee. Since its issuance in 1979, Special Order 40 has defined the procedures followed by Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers with regard to issues of immigration status. The underlying policy direction of Special Order 40 has been that a person's immigration status alone does not merit any police action. This policy has advanced the interests of public safety by allowing LAPD officers to provide law enforcement services equally to all residents of the City, including those whose immigration status may render them particularly vulnerable to victimization.

Special Order 40 mandates that Police Officers not question individuals solely to determine their Immigration status and ensuring that undocumented individuals residing in Los Angeles are able to report crime to the police and participate in investigations without fear of being deported. Within the current federal political climate, immigrant communities fear mass deportations and other disruptive and damaging policies. Newly elected federal seat holders have taken an aggressive stance on immigration and because of this the Los Angeles City Council reaffirms support for LAPD's policies related to dealing with undocumented immigrants, including Special Order 40, which ensures that all members of the community, regardless of immigration status, can interact with the Police Department without fear of being asked about their immigration status.

Motion by: Dennis DiBiase, Second by: Joyce Fletcher

Vote: Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 3 MOTION PASSED

Item no.(6) Woodland Hills Impact and Policy (WHIP) Committee, Dennis DiBiase, Co-Chair (16-098) Community Impact Statement – Council File 06-0125-S2

Discuss and take possible action:

The WHIP Committee recommends that the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports the motion to related to Council File 06-0125-S2 described as follows:

Directed to: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 06-125-S2- Nuisance Hotels

Motion: The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) supports the motion to related to Council File 06-0125-S2 relative to Nuisance Motels, Police Department Service Calls and a Permit Feasibility Study currently pending in the Public Safety Committee and a hearing date has not been determined. The City of Los Angeles is looking to explore the feasibility of a regulation program for nuisance motels that attract gang activity, drug use and prostitution. Such a program would have to be based on crime and calls-for-service statistics which would support the need to regulate motels. This motion is asking for a study to determine whether or not a police permit regulation is necessary to improve the safety issues at motels in the City. This is a citywide concern and necessary steps are needed in order to have an effective regulatory system in place. The WHWCNC supports the study and holds back any determination supporting or not supporting the conclusions that may be the result of the study until such conclusions are available for public vetting.

Motion by: Dennis DiBiase, Second by: Heath Kline

Vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSED

3. Funding Items:

Item no. (7) Heath Kline, Treasurer

(16-099) - Approval of Monthly Expense Reconciliation [MER] for November 2016

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to approve the WHWCNC Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Monthly Expense Reconciliation [MER] for November 2016 included at the end of the agenda. Motion may be amended to include other necessary budget items

Motion by: Heath Kline, Second by: Karen DiBiase

Vote:

Yes: 18 - Dennis DiBiase, Karen DiBiase, Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Cameron Gil, Al Saur, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher, Sheppard Kaufman

No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSED

Item no. (8) Heath Kline, Treasurer

(16-100) - Approval of Progress Payment for New NC Website

Discussion and possible action:

Motion in accordance with directions and requirements of the DONE-EmpowerLA, approve the payment(s) of up to \$2,500 prior the NC's December Meeting to Port Town Websites toward the design, creation and implementation of a new website for the WHWCNC. [Budget Line 114]

Motion by: Heath Kline, Second by: Dennis DiBiase

Vote:

Yes: 18 - Dennis DiBiase, Karen DiBiase, Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Cameron Gil, Al Saur, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher, Sheppard Kaufman

No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSED

Item no. (9) Heath Kline, Treasurer

(16-101) Approval For 1 Year of Webhosting of NC's Legacy Website

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to approve the payment of \$83.88 to 1 & 1 for website server hosting of the WHWCNC's current (legacy) website for 12 months. [Budget Line 122]

Motion by: Heath Kline, Second by: Dennis DiBiase

Vote:

Yes: 18 - Dennis DiBiase, Karen DiBiase, Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Cameron Gil, Al Saur, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher, Sheppard Kaufman

No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSED

4. Board Member Area Reports:

Skipped due to time constraints.

5. Committee Reports:

Skipped due to time constraints.

Adjournment of meeting: 9:55 p.m.

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