



MINUTES – WHWCNC FULL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Hall 826

5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to Order - 6:40pm by Joyce Fletcher

Pledge of Allegiance - Don Patterson

Roll Call – Komalpreet Kaur Batth

- Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase (arrived late 6:58pm), Komalpreet Kaur Batth, Brian Drapkin, Sean McCarthy, Ray Cole, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, John Sandy Campbell, Alex Farassati, Don Patterson, Bill Anderson, Martin Lipkin (arrived late 7:10pm), Dena Weiss, Jason Green (left early 9:10pm), Peter Fletcher, Gilbert Yablon, Heath Kline, Lauren Coffman, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian, Sheppard Kaufman, Gina Thornburg
- Quorum - 22

Public Announcements:

Office of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield – Tim Glick – La River and Homeless Count

Office of other Local and State Officials

Other Public Announcements

Public Comment Period (on items not on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Approval of Minutes: Motion withdrawn by Joyce Fletcher, to be continued to the next Board meeting for vote revisions by the Secretary

October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting

A. Officer Reports:

President - Joyce Fletcher – December 15th NC Holiday Party, February 1st Board Retreat, Officer meeting will be on Dec 19th to work on agenda for retreat: Mission Statement, better communication and committee missions

Vice President – Sheppard Kaufman - none

Treasurer – Paul Lawler – not in attendance

Secretary – Komalpreet Kaur Batth - none

Parliamentarian – Don Patterson - none

2. Items for Board discussion and possible action:

Item No. (1) Treasurer - Paul Lawler

(19-205) Monthly Expense Report (MER) – November 2019

Motion to approve the WHWCNC Budget/Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Monthly Expense Reconciliation [MER] for November 2019. A large portion of these funds have been Board approved and allocated but not invoiced at this date.

Roll Call Vote: Motion: Joyce Fletcher, **Second:** Don Patterson

PASS Total: 24 Yes: 21 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Ineligible: 3

- YES: Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase, Komalpreet Kaur Batth, Brian Drapkin, Sean McCarthy, Ray Cole, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, John Sandy Campbell, Don Patterson, Bill Anderson, Marty Lipkin, Jason

Green, Peter Fletcher, Gilbert Yablon, Lauren Coffman, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian, Shepard Kaufman

- *NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 INELIGIBLE: Alex Farassati, Dena Weiss, Gina Thornburg*

Item No. (2) PLUM Committee - Lauren Coffman, Chair

(19-206) Case: ADM-2019-6032

21322 West Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills

MOTION: As pertaining to Case ADM-2019-6032 and having held one public meeting for the application requesting a WC 2035 Specific Plan Administrative Clearance for the project at 21322 West Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, the WHWCNC Planning Land Use and Mobility Committee (PLUM) hereby finds that:

WHEREAS, the features of the project are consistent with the character of the Warner Center Downtown District; and

WHEREAS, the new retail building will be a minimum of 35' high as measured from the Grade to the top of the parapet;

WHEREAS, the applicant plans to remove 18 non-protected trees and 4 street trees and plans to plant 36 trees and 6 street trees; and

WHEREAS, the project provides 37 parking spaces to be shared between the Goodwill building and the new retail building; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will provide the required dedication and sidewalk easements in compliance with the Street Standards for the WC 2035 Plan; and

WHEREAS, after dedication, the project will provide approximately 6100 square feet of Publicly Accessible Open Space which is approximately 170 square feet more than required; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project designs and plans adhere to all of the applicable provisions of the Downtown District of the WC 2035 Plan without requesting variances or exemptions; and:

WHEREAS, the applicant's findings satisfy the requirements of WC 2035 Plan for requesting an Administrative Clearance

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee, for the findings and conditions stated herein, finds that the plans for the new retail building project at 21322 W. Oxnard Street and the submitted application requesting Administrative Clearance in accordance with Section 5.3.2.3 of the WC 2035 Plan receive the *support* of the Board of the Woodland Hills -Warner Center Neighborhood Council for the requested actions contingent upon the following conditions:

Conditions:

1. All plans presented on December 11, 2019 at the Board Meeting of Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council shall be dated as such and re-submitted to Planning as an (updated) project application submittal.
2. The applicant shall not submit any significant, further updated plans without presenting them to the WHWCNC for support.
3. Additionally, all conditions herein shall be printed on one of the Project Summary pages as commitment to and acceptance of these conditions.
4. If permitted by the WC2035 Plan, the applicant shall place a project sign on the project under construction that is clearly visible to the street showing a rendering of the proposed/approved project building, plus specifics as to the size, ownership and contact information.
5. At the completion of the project the applicant shall remove all surplus building materials and debris from the project site.

The Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee recommends that the Board of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council advise the Los Angeles Department of City Planning and Council District 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield of its findings and supporting recommendation for the application presented to the WHWCNC Board on December 11, 2019.

Motion: Marty Lipkin Second: Don Patterson

PASS Total 23: Vote: Yes-19 No- 1 Abstain-0 Ineligible: 3

Note: Karen DiBiase recused herself from item #2, and left the room

Item No. (3) PLUM Committee – Lauren Coffman, Chair

**(19-207) Case No. CPC-2019-4079-ZAD-DRB-SPP-MSP – construction of a new home
4621 Saltillo Street WH 91364**

A motion of recommendation from the PLUM Committee to **deny support** in regard to Planning Department case ZA-2019-4079-ZAD-DRB-SPP-MSP for 4621 Saltillo Street WH 91364.

Applicant is applying for project permit compliance with the Mulholland Scenic Corridor Specific Plan to allow for the construction of a new 2,524 SF dwelling and ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit). The project includes Design Review Board. Zoning Administrator's determination to allow the street width to be 15 feet in lieu of the required 20 feet and Zoning Administrator's determination to allow 2 additional retaining walls over 10 feet in height.

As pertains to Case CPC-2019-4079-ZAD-DRB-SPP-MSP having held one public meeting for the application filed by Ivy Green Construction and Engineering to construct a 2,368 s.f. single-family residence w/ADU; relief from required street improvements; and relief from Retaining Wall requirements to allow 2 more retaining walls over 10' in height to mitigate adverse site soils conditions per the soils report at 4621 Saltillo Street in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway and Girard Tract Specific Plans, the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee hereby observes that:

The applicant has submitted a unique modern design for a single-family residence with basement garage and accessory dwelling unit at site previously used as garden and yard for an adjacent property; and,

The design has been reviewed solely based on the packet from planning as the applicant agreed and then declined to appear at the previously arranged and agenda'd November 21, 2019 PLUM Committee meeting; and,

It is noted that the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board found twice that the project was oversized and did not step back the front façade nor comply with height restrictions of the Baseline Hillside Ordinance; and,

The project has received significant opposition from neighboring properties; and,

While the project provides 4-car parking through the use of dual double-jack lifts in the 13' high garage, the committee believes this may be inadequate under the Girard Tract Specific Plan and that the driveway is inadequate to successfully park cars in the garage; and,

The Committee notes that the driveway retaining walls surrounding the oak trees are within the drip lines of the trees that extend to the other side of Saltillo St. The committee disagrees with the arborist's finding that retaining walls 5 feet and even less from the trunk will not negatively impact the oak trees; and

Even though Saltillo St. is substandard, the committee finds that the applicant's request for relief from widening the street to a standard width all the way to the hillside boundary is reasonable, because it is not fiscally possible or practical to do so because of the geographical limitations and residential structures and driveways in the way. Many residences along Saltillo St. have no setback and widening the street would impact those residences negatively. It is not expected that a waiver from the Zoning Administrator will cause a long-term hardship to the community or to surrounding properties; and,

For the near short-term, use of Saltillo for hauling could cause some hardships because of the narrow width. The PLUM Committee believes a satisfactory haul route must be required. It also finds that consideration must be given to a possible additional hardship of reduced local parking if the roadway shoulder belonging to Woodland Hills Country

Club is used for staging of materials. A satisfactory plan for staging and construction parking on this substandard street has not been provided; and

While the Applicant is requesting relief from standard limitations on the number and height of retaining walls (2 and 10 ft.), the Committee is concerned about the structural soundness and the ability to construct the retaining walls so close to the property lines without affecting adjacent properties negatively. It believes that more proof is needed to the feasibility and that a construction bond be posted to cover damages and ensure the project is completely safely;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee, for the observations and conditions stated herein, finds that the submitted application and plans for the proposed single-family residence with accessory dwelling unit at 4621 Saltillo Street, Woodland Hills, 91364, as presented in the application packet and as presented to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan Design Review Board November 20, 2019, do not receive support from the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood.

The PLUM Committee recommends that the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Council District 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield be notified by the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council Board of its findings to **not support this application** until reappearing with plans satisfactorily modified. Additionally, City Planning is requested to provide the requisite letters of determination to the Neighborhood Council.

Lauren Coffman recused herself and left the room

Motion: Marty Lipkin, Second: Ray Cole

PASS Total: 24: Yes: 18 No: 1 Abstain: 0 Ineligible: 3 Away from Room: 2

Item No. (4) PLUM Committee – Lauren Coffman, Chair
(19-208) ZA-2019-5817-CUB

Conditional Use permit for the sale beer and wine for off-site consumption only
76' Gas Station 20021 Ventura Blvd, WH 91364

A conditional use permit is sought to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption only, in conjunction with an existing 2,613 SF food market with a gas station and car wash, with the hours of operation being 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and alcohol sales from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, 7 days week.

MOTION: The PLUM Committee refers the following resolution and conditions to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption only.

The PLUM Committee has met and makes the following findings.

WHEREAS, As PLUM has considered Case **ZA-2019-5817-CUB**, having held one public meeting before the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) for a Conditional Use Permit, under the provisions of section 12.24 W1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to allow the sale and dispensing of Beer and Wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,613 SF food market with a gas station and car wash, with the hours of operation being 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and alcohol sales from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, 7 days a week, and located in the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan

WHEREAS, The request by the applicant is for CUP which allowed for the sale and off-site consumption of alcohol; and

WHEREAS the applicant has represented that they will allow alcohol sales between the hours of 11 AM and 11 PM, 7 days per week which is more restrictive than state alcohol sales permits, 6 AM to 2 AM, 7 days per week; and

WHEREAS, The applicant recommended many of the conditions included below and included the conditions in their background materials supplied in advance of their initial hearing held on November 21st, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the applicant agrees not to advertise alcohol sales at gas pumps or on their front windows; and

WHEREAS, The applicant agrees to install electric locks to restrict access to the refrigerators containing alcohol; and

WHEREAS The applicant's gas station is more than 500 feet from Taft High School, and there are no other impediments to sales of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, There are competing alcohol sales available at Ralph's at Winnetka and Ventura Blvd and a full-service liquor store at the corner of Corbin and Ventura Blvd; and

WHEREAS, The applicant requested and received positive feedback from his neighbors along Ventura Blvd, including Jack in The Box, Woodland Hills Pharmacy, Sina Urgent Care, Hank's Tire and more as evidenced by the signed request dated September 24th, 2019, submitted and made a part of the record herein.

WHEREAS, The PLUM Committee has not found a reason to deny the applicant request for the CUB

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, Planning and Land Use Committee recommends the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, SUPPORT the applicant's request for sale of alcohol at their locations under the following conditions.

1. That "No Loitering" and "No Public Drinking of Alcoholic Beverages" signs will be posted at the front, side, and rear of the site's exterior. These signs must be in English and the predominant foreign language of the neighborhood if any.
2. No beer or wine advertising shall be located on motor fuel islands, and no self-illuminated advertising for beer or wine shall be located on buildings or windows.
3. No display or sale of alcoholic beverages shall be made from an ice tub.
4. That the herein-authorized use will be conducted at all times with due regard for the character of the surrounding district.
5. That all graffiti on the site will be removed or painted over in the same color as the surface to which it is applied, within 24 hours of its occurrence.
6. That the subject facility, including any associated parking, will be maintained in an attractive condition and will be kept free of trash and debris.
7. That all exterior public spaces — front, side, and rear — will be illuminated with sufficient lighting for the police to identify all persons standing outdoors at night.
8. Applicant's employees shall, hourly, observe the exterior of the site to ensure that no loitering occurs. Loiterers will be asked to leave the site.
9. Signage stating, California State Law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons who are under twenty-one years of age shall be prominently posted.
10. Alcohol Hours shall be from 11 AM to 11 PM daily.
11. All employees shall go through Star training.
12. Security Cameras will be provided inside and outside of the premises to cover the entire site and running at all times. Data shall be stored for 30 days.
13. The applicant shall maintain a state of the art age verification on the premises at all times. (POS system)
14. Beer shall only be sold in pre-packaged multiple quantities.
15. Wine shall only be sold in bottles of 750 ml or more, and wine coolers by multi pre-packaged quantities only.
16. Window coverings materials shall not exceed 25% of total windows space.
17. The applicant shall provide lockable refrigerator doors on compartments containing alcohol.
18. In the event of the sale of business or change of owner or operator of the station, a new CUB for the sale of beer and wine to continue for off-site consumption shall be required from the Department of City Planning ZA's office.

Motion: Sean McCarthy, Second: Heath Kline

PASS Total: 24: Yes: 9 No: 9 Abstain: 3 Ineligible: 3

NOTE: Question and Answer presentation given by applicant

NOTE: Friendly Amendment by Joyce Fletcher, Second by Sean McCarthy, to re-number the motion to 1-18.

NOTE: Lauren Coffman, Chair of PLUM Committee, stated PLUM had a tie vote to approve/not approve the project

NOTE: Lauren Coffman, Chair of PLUM Committee, requested the applicant to supply a letter stating they agree to the 18 conditions, prior to the plan being submitted to LA City Planning Dept.

The applicant told the Board members that they will supply the letter to City Planning.

Item No. (5) Education Committee – Bill Anderson, Chair
(19-209) Letter to the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters for their community support

A motion to the Board of Directors of the WHWCNC from the WHWCNC Education Committee;

Whereas, the WHWCNC represents the stakeholders of the Woodland Hills and Warner Center neighborhoods;

Whereas, the education and welfare of the children, youth, and adults of Woodland Hills and Warner Center are of paramount concern to all stakeholders;

Whereas, the WHWCNC Education Committee is charged with addressing the issues, concerns, programs, and services related to the education of children, youth, and adults;

Whereas, a study released in 2018 by Temple University found that 42% of community college students are “food insecure,” defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as “...a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life;”

Whereas, to address the issue of food insecurity amongst its student body, Pierce College has created the Brahma Pantry;

Whereas, the WHWCNC Education Committee has identified support of the Pierce College, Brahma Pantry as one its objectives;

Whereas, Local 661 of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters donated on 25 November, 2019, twenty-five boxes of nonperishable food items to the Pierce College Brahma Pantry, said donation coordinated by WHWCNC Education Committee Member Gina Thornburg;

Therefore, the WHWNC Education Committee requests that the WHWCNC Board of Directors approve the following letter to be sent under the aegis of the WHWCNC Board of Directors to Local 661 of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, thanking them for their the above-described donation to the Pierce College Brahma Pantry:

Local 661

Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters
15881 Valley View Ct
Sylmar, CA 91342

Dear Local 661 of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters:

The Woodland Hills–Warner Center Neighborhood Council commends you for your generosity in delivering and donating 25 boxes of nonperishable food items to the Brahma Pantry on the campus of Los Angeles Pierce College in Woodland Hills on November 25. The Brahma Pantry serves up to 500 Pierce College students a week who experience food insecurity. Your team of five carpenters delivered the donation just in time for the holidays.

A special thank-you goes to Local 661 member Jerred Langford, who coordinated the delivery with WHWCNC Education Committee member Gina Thornburg. Brahma Pantry manager D’arcy Corwin stated on November 26, “We were able to distribute the contents of almost all of the boxes we received! We are beyond grateful for your generosity and support!”

The WHWCNC Education Committee acknowledges that many local college students are food and housing insecure.

The WHWCNC hopes that this collaborative effort will plant seeds for future endeavors to assist the most vulnerable members of the Woodland Hills community.

Respectfully,
Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council

Motion: Bill Anderson, Second: Gina Thornburg

PASS Total: 24: Yes: 20 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Ineligible: 3 Recused: 1

Item No. (6) Community Services Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair

(19-210) Request for street Repair on San Feliciano Drive, from Ventura Blvd. to Avenue San Luis

To: Michael Owens – District Director, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, CD3
Tim Glick, Field Deputy for Woodland Hills, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, CD3
Andrew Pennington – Director of Land Use and Planning, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, CD3

Motion: The Community Services Committee of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) requests that three blocks of San Feliciano Drive be debrided and repaved. Uneven streets and potholes are safety hazards in our community and need to be repaired quickly in order to mitigate this problem.

Location of street needing repairs:

1) San Feliciano Dr – between Ventura Blvd and Avenue San Luis

We request that the three blocks of San Feliciano Dr., between Ventura Blvd and Avenue San Luis, be debrided and repaved so the street and the entrance to the Woodland Hills Library is made more attractive and safe, and will conform with the surrounding streets. In the past year, all the connecting streets have been repaired and slurried. All of San Feliciano Drive from Avenue San Luis South to Mulholland Drive has been repaired and slurried. It is our concern that this portion of San Feliciano Drive may not be on the DOT map and may be part of the missing streets that your office is currently in the process of locating and reviewing.

Sincerely,
Joyce Fletcher, President, WHWCNC

Motion: Karen DiBiase, Second: Angela Dawson

PASS Total: 24: Yes: 20 No: 1 Abstain: 0 Ineligible: 3

NOTE: Jason Green left the NC meeting at 9:10pm, after the vote on item#6

3. Committee Reports – see comments below

Budget Committee – Paul Lawler and Joyce Fletcher, Co-Chairs – *Next meeting to be in mid-January 2020*

Community Outreach Committee – Peter Fletcher, Chair – *Working on tri-fold pamphlet*

Community Services Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair – *NC to participate in Memorial Day Parade*

Education Committee – Bill Anderson, Chair – *Meeting with school Presidents to be in Jan 2020*

Environmental and Beautification Committee – Karen DiBiase, Chair – *Bothwell Orange Ranch and Tree replacement to be on next committee agenda*

Governance Committee – Don Patterson, Chair – *Review of Bylaws. NC members to email suggestions to Don Patterson*

Homelessness Committee – Ray Cole, Chair - *none*

PLUM Committee – Lauren Coffman, Chair - *none*

Public Safety and Transportation Committee – Sheppard Kaufman, Chair – *School Crossing Guards are needed, CERT training*

WHIP Committee – Heath Kline, Chair - *none*

Ad-hoc - Westfield Promenade 2035 Project – Joyce Fletcher – *Public Meeting regarding Westfield Promenade 2035 Project is scheduled for 1-23-20*

Ad Hoc Committee – Measure A. Parks Program -Peter Fletcher – *committee not currently active*

Ad Hoc Committee – Arts Fees and Cultural Amenities - Lauren Coffman - *committee not currently active*

4. Area Reports – none at this time

At-Large – Sheppard Kaufman, Gina Thornburg
Area 1 - Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase, Komalpreet Kaur Batth, Tamara Johnson
Area 2 – Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Ray Cole
Area 3 – Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, John Sandy Campbell, Alex Farassati
Area 4 – Don Patterson, Bill Anderson, Martin Lipkin, Dena Weiss
Area 5 – Jason Green, Peter Fletcher
Area 6 – Pat Patton, Gilbert Yablon, Heath Kline, Lauren Coffman
Area 7 – Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian
Youth member – Ved Kulkarni

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting dates for or the upcoming 2019 -2020 year; the proposed Board meeting are held the second Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Hall located at 5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 at 6:30pm. HOWEVER, please check the www.whcouncil.org website calendar page for any changes that may occur.

Adjournment of meeting: 9:50pm

Minutes Submitted by: Karen DiBiase

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