



MINUTES – WHWCNC FULL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Hall 826

5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

AGENDA

Call to Order - 6:35pm by Joyce Fletcher

Pledge of Allegiance – Don Patterson

Roll Call – by Karen DiBiase

- Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, John Sandy Campbell, Don Patterson, Peter Fletcher, Gilbert Yablon, Lauren Coffman, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian (late 7:09pm)
- Quorum - 15

Public Announcements:

Office of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield – none

Office of other Local and State Officials

Nick Gaines – Rep for Senator Henry Stern

Legislative session is starting on Monday 1-13-20

SB50 has been amended and will return for review. Deadline for vote is Jan 31st

Joyce Fletcher asked for Senator Stern to attend one of our NC Board Meeting to discuss SB50

Sober Living Facilities-will relook into this issue in 2020

Robert Jackson – Rep for LAUSD Boardmember Schmerlson

Student Advisory Council (35 students and High School leaders) will meet at District office (6621 Balboa, Van Nuys) on Jan 15th to discuss school issues.

Jan 9th is live stream of next LAUSD meeting, re: special education issues within LAUSD

Joanne Yvanek – GARB, Budget Advocate

“White Paper” is almost finished. Waiting for artwork.

Mayor Garcetti delayed Budget Advocate meeting until April 20th (review of all depts. budgets)

Other Public Announcements

Sarah Rascan – MRPA, LA River Update (5 minute presentation)

“Upper LA River & Tributary Draft Revitalization Plan” deadline Jan 21st for sending in public feedback

23 member working group, managing open space and conservation. www.UpperLARiver.org

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

A.Dawson – Requests asking Councilmember Blumenfield for funds for local police for foot patrols

M.Chankan - Concerns of homeless and crime issues.

Joyce suggested she attend next Tuesday’s NC Homeless Committee Meeting. A.Quantz to exchange emails.

S.McCarthy – Resigning from Chamber of Commerce Board to avoid conflict of interest.

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Approval of Minutes: Continued to Feb. 12, 2019 NC Board Meeting, no notes have been provided by Secretary

October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting

December 11, 2019 Regular Meeting

A. Officer Reports:

President - Joyce Fletcher – Saturday February 1, 2020 Board Retreat, *all NB Board Members are required to attend. Agenda and support documents to be sent prior to Retreat. Location: Rose Goldwater Room: 8:30am – 3pm.*

Vice President – Sheppard Kaufman - *Absent*

Treasurer – Paul Lawler - *None*

Secretary – Komalpreet Kaur Batth - *Absent*

Parliamentarian – Don Patterson - *None*

2. Items for Board discussion and possible action:

Item No. (1) Treasurer - Paul Lawler

(20-001) Monthly Expense Report (MER) – November 2019

Discussion and possible action:

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.**

See attached November MER

Roll Call Vote

Motion: Paul Lawler, Second: Don Patterson

PASS Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Ineligible: 0 Away from room: 1 Total: 15

- YES: Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Angela Dawson, John Sandy Campbell, Don Patterson, Peter Fletcher, Gilbert Yablon, Lauren Coffman, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher
- NO: 0
- ABSTAIN: Houton Homozian
- INELIGIBLE: 0
- AWAY FROM ROOM FOR VOTE: Nancy McLean

Item No. (2) Budget Committee – Chairs, Paul Lawler and Joyce Fletcher

(20-002) Reallocation of 2019/2020 Budget

Discussion and possible action:

Discussion only related to a January Budget Committee Meeting to reallocate the WHWCNCC 2019/2020 budget for the remainder of the fiscal year from January 2020 through June 30, 2020. Meeting date to be determined.

Budget will be provided at the meeting

*Per Joyce Fletcher: All Committee Chairs are members of the Budget Committee
The next Budget Committee Meeting will be in Feb 2020, after the Retreat.*

Item No. (3) Homelessness Committee – Ray Cole, Chair

(20-003) Community Impact Statement for [Council File19-0002-S184](#)

Increase/ State Payment Rate/ Licensed Board and Care Facilities

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to approve a Community Impact Statement for [Council File19-0002-S184](#) related to an Increase/ State Payment Rate/ Licensed Board and Care Facilities.

The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS Council File 19-0002-S184 to support any legislation or administrative action to increase the state payment rate for licensed board and care facilities in the state of California. These facilities assist in keeping those with physical and mental illness that are formerly homeless off the streets of Los Angeles as well as receiving the health care and case management that they desperately need.

WHEREAS, in a survey this year shows 39 board-and-care facilities have closed in the last three years in Los Angeles County, eliminating 949 beds out of an estimated 6100; and,

WHEREAS, board-and-care homes provide 24 hour staffing, 3 meals per day and administer medications to clients, provide transportation to doctor's appointments, set up individuals with primary care physicians, and work with agencies to provide support services through case management; and

WHEREAS, board-and-care facilities become a more affordable option for seniors and other individuals with mental and physical health issues due to some rent payments being subsidized by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, formerly homeless individuals and seniors that utilize board-and-care facilities would otherwise be on the streets in communities if facilities close; and,

WHEREAS, board-and-care facilities are getting paid half the rate that operators of homeless shelters receive; and,

WHEREAS, board-and-care facility owners cannot afford to continue operating these facilities are considering closing and selling the property, or redeveloping it as an apartment complex because it is easier and less cost to the operator; and

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Homelessness Committee recommends that the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council support Council File 19-0002-S184 with the following suggestion:

1. The WHWCNC Board send this motion of support to Council District 3 encouraging Council Member
2. Blumenfield to support Council File 19-0002-S184. (see attached Council File support document)

Motion: Aaron Quantz (Ray Cole is absent), Second: Karen DiBiase

PASS Yes: 9 No: 2 Abstain: 4 Ineligible: 0 Total: 15

Item No. (4) Homelessness Committee – Ray Cole, Chair

**(20-004) New Friends Homeless Center <http://www.newfriendshomelesscenter.org/>
Funding Request - Neighborhood Purpose Grant**

Discussion and possible action:

Motion for the board to approve an NPG for up to \$800.00 for the New Friends Homeless Center for support of their Community Dinners.

Over 500 hot meals are served on Tuesday & Friday nights, and Sunday afternoons. The guests include homeless veterans, senior citizens, those who are disabled, those with special needs, low income guests and often their pets. Birthdays are celebrated each month so the guests know that their lives do matter regardless of their situation. After dinner there is distribution of hygiene kits, pet food, clothes, blankets, tents and other needs as the guests leave for the night to head back to the streets. New Friends Homelessness Center provides the following weekly services:

- Preparing over 500 meals per week and distributing extra food packs
- Offering free clothing, hygiene kits, pet food, blankets, tents and sleeping bags
- Over 75 New Friends volunteers provide food service, entertainment and counseling

Support Documents will be provided at the Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Joyce Fletcher – Send Motion back to Homeless Committee for them to gather NPG documentation.

Item No. (5) WHIP Committee – Heath Kline, Chair
(20-005) Funding Request
Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)

Discussion and possible action:

WHIP Motion regarding the Board giving financial support of \$250 toward the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council Spring Mixer.

WHEREAS, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) is having a Spring Mixer event on March 20, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, VANC serves to bring members of Neighborhood Councils together to discuss common issues and introduce participants to local officials for the purpose of dialog on issues; and,

WHEREAS, VANC depends on contributions from Neighborhood Councils to carry out its efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the WHIP Committee believes the Spring Mixer is a worthy event; and

WHEREAS, the WHIP Committee believes the City Clerk has established a limit amount of \$250 that can be contributed to the event; and

WHEREAS, the Contributions must be made directly to the caterer for the event;

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies Committee requests the Board to direct \$250 from the Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies Committee Budget to be paid to the caterer or another entity as designated by the City Clerk in support of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Spring Mixer event (*Event will be on March 20, 2020*)

Roll Call Vote

Motion: Lauren Coffman (Heath Kline is absent), Second: Sean McCarthy

PASS Yes: 12 No: 3 Abstain: 0 Ineligible: 0 Total: 15

- YES: Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Don Patterson, Peter Fletcher, Gilbert Yablon, Lauren Coffman, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher
- NO: Angela Dawson, John Sandy Campbell, Houton Hormozian
- ABSTAIN: 0
- INELIGIBLE: 0

Item No. (6) President, Joyce Fletcher
(20-005) WHWCNC Board Retreat – February 1, 2020

Discussion and possible action:

Board discussion related to the WHWCNC Board Retreat to be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

Public Comment: (2) minutes per speaker

A. Steurer – We should write a Mission Statement of the NC Board and create a process on how to facilitate that Mission Statement and work with the Officers

3. Committee Reports

Budget Committee – Paul Lawler and Joyce Fletcher, Co-Chairs - *None*

Community Outreach Committee – Peter Fletcher, Chair – *Looking to add members with media experience*

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

Education Committee – Bill Anderson, Chair - *Absent*

Environmental and Beautification Committee – Karen DiBiase, Chair – *Researching tree replacement, need all NC Members to email to Joyce a list of tree & street maintenance in each of their areas*
Governance Committee – Don Patterson, Chair – *Continuing ByLaw discussions*
Homelessness Committee – Ray Cole, Chair – *Absent, will work on completing NPG's*
PLUM Committee – Lauren Coffman, Chair – *Planning approved the building behind the BJ's Restaurant, but did not include the condition of connectivity. Request applicant return to PLUM. Condition was agreed to by applicant.*
Public Safety and Transportation Committee – Sheppard Kaufman, Chair - *Absent*
WHIP Committee – Heath Kline, Chair – *Absent, August Steurer: Will be addressing SB50 again. Request City to follow up with conditions of approvals.*
Ad-hoc - Westfield Promenade 2035 Project – Joyce Fletcher – *Ad-Hoc Committee may not remain active*
Ad Hoc Committee – Measure A. Parks Program -Peter Fletcher - *None*
Ad Hoc Committee – Arts Fees and Cultural Amenities - Lauren Coffman – *None, will take two years to set-up as a Committee needs to be set-up first by the City*

4. Area Reports – none

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, February 12, 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: 8:21pm

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