

MINUTES – WHWCNC FULL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

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In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must either **dial +1 669 900 6833** or go online via Zoom, and enter **Webinar ID # 964 9371 2127** and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting. When calling-in telephonically, the public is requested to dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Zoom users should use the "raise hand" feature.

***PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – The public may address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. *Public comment is limited to (1) minute per speaker.*

***PUBLIC INPUT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda *that are within the Board's jurisdiction* will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. *General Public Comment is limited to (1) minute per speaker and 20 minutes total.*

All Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

AGENDA

Call to Order – Joyce Fletcher at 6:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Paul Lawler

Roll Call – Joyce Fletcher

Present – Aaron Quantz, Mark Schwartz, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Ray Cole, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, Don Patterson, Dena Weiss, Martin Lipkin, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyer, Peter Fletcher, Lauren Coffman, Heath Kline, August Steurer, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian, Sheppard Kaufman

Absent – Karen DiBiase, Alex Farassatti, Gilbert Yablon,

Public Announcements:

Office of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield (5 minutes)

Office of other Local and State Officials (5 minutes each)

Other Local Agencies (2 minutes each)

General Public Comment, by the Public, on Non-Agenda Items: Up to (1) minute per speaker.

The General Public Comment period is limited to 20 minutes for matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council.

Time allotted is subject to change at the discretion of the presiding officer.

I. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures: *all votes taken require a roll call vote.*

A. Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting -March 10, 2021

(5 minutes)

[See posted support document.](#)

Roll Call Vote

Seconded by Aaron Quantz

VOTE - Yes: Aaron Quantz, Mark Schwartz, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, Don Patterson, Dena Weiss, Martin Lipkin, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyer, Peter Fletcher, Lauren Coffman, Heath Kline, August Steurer, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian

No: 0

Abstain: Sheppard Kaufman

Ineligible: Ray Cole

B. Officer Reports

(10 minutes)

President - Joyce Fletcher – discussed WHWCNC Budget, Friday deadline for submitting agenda items by committees for the board meeting, NC Election

Vice President – Sheppard Kaufman

Treasurer – Paul Lawler

Secretary – Karen DiBiase

Parliamentarian – Don Patterson

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action: all votes taken require a roll call vote.

Item No. (1) Treasurer, Paul Lawler (21- 038) February 2021 - MER

Discussion and possible action:

(5 minutes)

Motion to approve the WHWCNC Budget/Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Monthly Expense Reconciliation [MER] for February 2021.

[See posted support document](#)

Roll Call Vote

Seconded by Sean McCarthy

VOTE - Yes: Aaron Quantz, Mark Schwartz, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, Don Patterson, Dena Weiss, Martin Lipkin, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyer, Peter Fletcher, Lauren Coffman, Heath Kline, August Steurer, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian, Sheppard Kaufman

No: 0

Abstain: Sheppard Kaufman

Ineligible: August Steurer, Ray Cole

Item No. (2) Education Committee – Reina McCaughey, Chair (21-039) NPG Funding for Taft High School Educational Arts Program

Discussion and possible action:

(15 minutes)

Motion for the board to approve \$1,500.00 from the WHWCNC Budget/line-item NPG for the Taft High School Educational Arts Program (TEA). The grant will be used to directly help pay for the costs of

necessities associated with the music arts education and opportunities for one of only two public high schools in Woodland Hills.

The grant will benefit the school's marching band, color guard, jazz ensembles, concert band, orchestra and choral ensemble.

This grant will greatly help in making sure that all students have access to our proven music arts programs and that it can provide high caliber education to any student in our community.

The marching band has proudly represented Woodland Hills as it won numerous competitions throughout the years (including LAUSD and SCSBOA Championships) and supports the entire school at pep rallies, sports events, graduation and other events.

It is active in community service as well by participating in local events such as the local Veteran's Day and Memorial Day parades, performing at the Light the Night event, and providing holiday music at Candy Cane Lane.

Taft music education is free, but many students' families cannot afford to help pay for the additional related necessities. This grant would help TEA meet the needs of our diverse community.

[See posted support documents](#)

Roll Call Vote

Seconded by Aaron Quantz

VOTE - Yes: Aaron Quantz, Mark Schwartz, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, Dena Weiss, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyer, Peter Fletcher, Lauren Coffman, Heath Kline, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houton Hormozian, Sheppard Kaufman

No: 0

Abstain: Don Patterson, Martin Lipkin

Ineligible: August Steurer, Ray Cole

Item No. (3) Community Services Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair (21-040) Transportation Technology Innovation Zone in Warner Center

Discussion and possible action:

(15 minutes)

Request by the Warner Center Association and local government to support a request letter for State funding to form a Transportation Technology Innovation Zone in Warner Center.

MOTION:

Motion to approve a letter of support to the State of California, in support of the Warner Center Association's request of funds from the state to jumpstart the Warner Center Transportation Technology Innovation Zone.

The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council hereby finds that:

WHEREAS, Warner Center is a Regional Center designated by the City of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, Warner Center 2035 Plan encourages business, housing, and transportation opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center community is joining together to encourage new technologies to be effectuated within Warner Center area as a means of mitigating traffic, enhancing the pedestrian experience, and generating new business opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has designated Warner Center as a Transportation Technology Innovation Zone (TTIZ) by motion of Councilmember Blumenfield and the Los Angeles City Council with support from Mayor Garcetti; and,

WHEREAS, Warner Center has a rich history as a hub for innovation and is the ideal location to deploy and test new technologies and is well situated to attract new industry to the area.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council is *in support* of the efforts to seek State funding for four transportation technology programs to be implemented in Warner Center; (1) a transportation technology incubator, (2) innovative transit pilot programs, (3) Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Infrastructure study, and (4) the implementation of public WIFI . This will help to bring state of the art technologies to Warner Center that will position Warner Center as a technological hub for decades to come, expanding business opportunities and building on Warner Center’s legacy as a place of innovation. The Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports this motion, and draft letter of support, as presented on April 14, 2021.

[See posted support document](#)

Roll Call Vote

Seconded by Martin Lipkin

VOTE - Yes: Aaron Quantz, Mark Schwartz, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, Dena Weiss, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyer, Peter Fletcher, Lauren Coffman, Heath Kline, August Steurer, Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Don Patterson, Martin Lipkin, August Steurer, Houton Hormozian, Sheppard Kaufman

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Ineligible: Ray Cole

Item No. (4) WHIP Committee – Heath Kline, Chair
(21-041) (CIS) Council File 20-1044 – Development - High Value Projects

Discussion and possible action: **(15 minutes)**

Motion - Concerning the amended City Council Motion on High Value Projects (CF 20-1044) adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on February 16, 2021, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) requests that the City Council reconsider their decision to move evaluations of “High Value” projects directly to the full City Council Board instead of the City’s PLUM Committee until full resolution on key evaluation issues can be reached:

WHEREAS, while the WHWCNC fully appreciates the efforts to reduce corruption in its determinations, we believe bypassing the City Council’s Planning, Land Use and Mobility (PLUM) Committee to fully vet and evaluate the most impactful projects in the City and their effects on the communities they intend to build in; and,

WHEREAS, the WHWCNC recognizes that these “High Value” projects should provide the public all the opportunities to comment on the significant impacts to their neighborhoods, land values and traffic effects; and,

WHEREAS, the amended motion would have the effect of limiting public participation in the approval process by elimination of any hearing held by the City PLUM Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City has presented no quantifiable determination as to exactly what constitutes a “High Value” project, nor has it shown that the Councilmembers have the time, staffing or depth of understanding to provide each Councilmember with a full understanding of all the significant issues that could/will significantly impact a neighborhood or community; and

WHEREAS, even the determination of who designates a project as “High Value,” and who makes the final decision to either send it to the City PLUM or to the full City Council has not been proposed to the public; and

WHEREAS, the amended City Council resolution makes no effort to create a true independent review of these “High Value” projects which will cost hundreds of millions of dollars and affect the lifestyles of hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City has created no barriers to the lawyers, private planners and other individuals in promoting a “High Value” project to Council Members, thus creating the opportunity for even more City decision makers to be targets for corruption;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council strongly urges the Los Angeles City Council to reconsider their amended motion of High Value projects that was passed on February 16, 2021, and delay reconsidering the motion again until:

1. A specific definition of a “High Value” project is determined by Planning, the public and the City Council
2. A determination as to exactly which individual(s) will have the authority to determine if a project is sent to the City PLUM Committee or sent directly to the full City Council for resolution.
3. A solution is found that creates a greater timeframe and more generous appeal process for the public—and specifically for stakeholders in the neighborhood where the project is slated to be built--before the sitting City Council members make any final decisions.
4. A process for providing greater awareness of these “High Value” projects is in place so that communities and neighborhoods can more fully be involved in the City Council’s determinations.
5. A process be developed to limit or provide notice of contact outside of public meetings between “High Value” applicants or their representative and the Members of the City Council or their staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council requests the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Planning Department and the City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to perform greater outreach to the residents and business of the City of Los Angeles and to their elected Neighborhood Councils so that the constituents of this City can have a greater voice in the most significant projects impacting our lives and lifestyles.

Furthermore, the Board of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council send copies of this recommendation to:

City Council Members:

Gil Cedillo, Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield, Nithya Raman, Paul Koretz, Nury Martinez, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren Price Jr., Mark Ridley Thomas, Mike Bonin, John Lee, Mitch O’Farrell

For further information see posted support document

Roll Call Vote

Seconded by Don Patterson

VOTE - Yes: Aaron Quantz, Mark Schwartz, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Brian Drapkin, Paul Lawler, Nancy McLean, Angela Dawson, Dena Weiss, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyer, Peter Fletcher, Lauren Coffman, Heath Kline, August Steurer, Joyce Fletcher, Don Patterson, Martin Lipkin, August Steurer Houton Hormozian, Sheppard Kaufman

No: Sean McCarthy

Abstain: Ginny Sand

Ineligible: Ray Cole

3. Area Reports – (15 minutes)

Area 1 - Aaron Quantz, Karen DiBiase, Reina Cerros McCaughey, Mark Schwartz

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, Martin Lipkin, Dena Weiss
Area 5 – Peter Fletcher, Austin Rocker, Lisa Meyers
Area 6 – Gilbert Yablon, Heath Kline, Lauren Coffman, August Steurer
Area 7 – Ginny Sand, Joyce Fletcher, Houtan Hormozian
At-Large – Sheppard Kaufman
Youth Member – Vacant

4. Committee Reports - (20 minutes)

Budget Committee – Paul Lawler and Joyce Fletcher, Co-Chairs
Community Services Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair
Education Committee – Reina Cerros McCaughey, Chair
Environmental & Beautification Committee – Karen DiBiase, Chair
Governance Committee – Don Patterson, Chair
Homelessness Committee – Ray Cole, Chair
PLUM Committee – Lauren Coffman, Chair
Public Safety and Transportation Committee – Sheppard Kaufman, Chair
Technology & Community Outreach Committee – Peter Fletcher, Chair
WHIP Committee – Heath Kline, Chair
Alliance – West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH) – Ray Cole Ad-hoc - Westfield
Promenade 2035 Project – Joyce Fletcher
Ad Hoc Committee – Measure A. Parks Program - Peter Fletcher
Ad Hoc Committee – Arts Fees and Cultural Amenities - Lauren Coffman

Announcements:

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on May 12, 2021 by teleconference. Please visit the calendar page at whcouncil.org for the complete details and to confirm the date and time.

Meeting dates for 2021 -2022 year: Full Board meeting are held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. Check the NC website calendar for a complete list of committee and board meetings. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Check the NC calendar for updated meeting schedules.

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Adjournment of Meeting: 9:30

Minutes provided by: Joyce Fletcher

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