



**MINUTES OF
THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING OF THE
WOODLAND HILLS - WARNER CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PLANNING, LAND USE AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE
VIA VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCE**

1. **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Patterson at 6:37 p.m.
2. **Roll Call/Members present:** Don Patterson, Karen Koe (joined meeting at 6:50pm), Martin Lipkin, Sean McCarthy, Henry Rice, Leslie Simon, August Steurer.
Members Absent: Peter Fletcher has resigned from the Committee.
3. **Public Comment by the Public on Items NOT on the Agenda and related to PLUM business:**
 - (a). Katherine Steigmeyer: LA City Planner—will reach out to the community about the updated Community Plan. She is reaching out to NCs and asking that they tell people to go to the Planning Department's website for the updated Southwest Valley Community Plan. She will return to the PLUM for a scheduled presentation
 - (b). Elizabeth Ene (CD-3): Informed Committee that if there were any questions about the updated Community Plan, both she and Seth Samuels could answer questions after people looked at the Planning website.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** By motion of Martin Lipkin, with a second by Leslie Simon, the minutes of July 21, 2022 were approved as written by a **Vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.**

By motion of Sean McCarthy, with a second by Henry Rice, the minutes of August 18, 2022 were approved as corrected by a **Vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions.**

Items for Discussion and Possible Action

All comment is limited to 1.0 minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee. **Public Comment period for each item will be 15 minutes total.**

5. **ZA-2022-1090-ZV-ZAA** 22450 W. Collins Street, Woodland Hills, 91367
Change from current 6 bed Residential Detox Program to 12 bed Residential Detox Program.

Case leader Henry Rice presented a recap of the project. Aaron Barsalou, the Owner/Applicant was also present and presented a review of the call list (the information requested from the Applicant at the previous meeting).

Public comment on the project was held. The Committee initially reviewed a written comment submitted by Gail Levine. Additional public comments were presented with 6 members of the public speaking. All 6 opposed the project as well as the requested variance. They primarily commented upon the issues of safety; absence of owner on site; amount of overflowing garbage cans; opposition to the amount of cars, including, but not limited to police cars, fire engines/

ambulances, and the parking of staff vehicles which impede the vision of the neighborhood's/ community's cars/traffic flow in the surrounding neighborhood. In response to these comments, Mr.Barsalou announced the immediate switching of staff parking to the West side of Capistrano.

The Committee discussion included, but was not limited to, the impact of the project on the existing neighbors/neighborhood; concern that doubling the occupancy would create additional problems; the tremendous opposition to the project by the neighbors; a suggestion that the Applicant consider initiating a sit down with the neighbors to discuss the issues raised/project; and the possibility of mediation.

The Committee entertained a request to reopen public comment. Then, by motion of Sean McCarthy, with a second by August Steurer, and by a **Vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays**, a motion to reopen public comment was passed. Two persons provided additional public comment; one opposed the project; the other supported the project especially since it is for Veterans and also suggested the Applicant secure a second house.

Thereafter, by motion of Leslie Simon, with a second by Sean McCarthy, with a **Vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays**, the motion to continue the discussion and vote on the project for 2 months was passed. The Applicant will return in November 2022.

6. Review of New Cases to be placed on next meeting agenda, Review of Current Cases, and Committee Business

The committee will discuss the status of currently outstanding cases and assignment of new cases for consideration at future meetings.

There are 2 new cases —

- (a). CUB for alcohol at Westfield Topanga in a new area — Don Patterson will be the case leader.
- (b). New single family house at 4339 Canoga Avenue — Leslie Simon will be the case leader. Henry Rice, August Steurer and Martin Lipkin will send sample case reports to Leslie so she will know how to prepare a case report.
- (c) a COURTESY/updated presentation on Boething Treeland Nursery will be presented in October or November.

For the next meeting, it is anticipated that there will be presentations regarding —

- (1). Mulholland wireless by Don Patterson
- (2). Wireless on top of the Marriott hotel by Sean McCarthy
- (3). New hotel on Canoga Avenue by Martin Lipkin
- (4). Community Plan — will ask Dena to arrange for a workshop type presentation

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE OCTOBER 20, 2022.

NB: The full discussion of all Agenda items can be found at www.whcouncil.org/PLUM and is located on the PLUM webpage. For a complete review of the Committee's discussion on each item see the corresponding video of the discussion which is incorporated herein by this reference and made a part hereof as though set forth in full.

For these minutes, Martin Lipkin prepared them for Items 1-4; Karen Koe prepared the minutes for Items 5-7.

7. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by,
Karen Koe