



**MINUTES OF THE
JULY 22, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WOODLAND HILLS - WARNER CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PLANNING, LAND USE AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM**

1. **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Patterson at 6:30p.m. He then proceeded to read the standard disclaimer language.
2. **Roll Call/Members present:** Don Patterson, Martin Lipkin, Joyce Fletcher, Karen Koe, Henry Rice, Sean McCarthy, August Steurer, Bobbie Wasserman.
Members absent: Matt Richman.
3. **Public Comment by the Public on Items NOT on the Agenda and related to PLUM business:** None.
4. By motion of Karen Koe, with a second by Sean McCarthy, the PLUM Amended Minutes of May 16, 2024; the minutes of June 06, 2024; and the minutes of July 18, 2024 were approved by a **Vote of 8 Ayes (Patterson, Lipkin, Koe, Fletcher, McCarthy, Rice, Steurer, Wasserman); 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions.**

Items for Discussion and Possible Action

All comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee. **Public Comment period for each item will be 15 minutes total.**

5. **Discussion and possible action on the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) Ordinance.** The committee will discuss the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) and consider a motion related to the plan and/or the draft ordinance. Information on the proposed ordinance can be found on the City's Planning Department website.

Chair Don Patterson presented the following motion:

Proposed PLUM Motion:

As pertaining to the Draft Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) Ordinance dated June 27, 2023, the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee of the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council hereby finds that:

WHEREAS, Planning staff has failed to adequately outreach to neighborhood councils to communicate the ordinance, its goals, and its impacts. In fact, no outreach occurred in the San Fernando Valley west of the 405, Santa Monica freeway.

WHEREAS, Planning staff has not sought feedback from the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council.

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council recognizes the need for additional market rate and affordable housing within the City of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills and Warner Center communities have supported the development of nearly 20,000 housing units in the Warner Center 2035 Specific Plan.

WHEREAS, the current draft ordinance fails to recognize the significant contributions the Woodland Hills and Warner Center communities have made towards addressing the need for additional housing.

WHEREAS, the community seeks to preserve the diversity of its neighborhoods, including high density Warner Center, its hillside neighborhoods, and single family neighborhoods to provide a diversity of housing opportunities.

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills and Warner Center communities recognize the need for additional opportunity corridors within our community that balance this need with those of existing neighborhoods.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee, for the findings and conditions stated herein, recommends the following changes to the CHIP Ordinance:

- 1) Remove the Opportunity Corridor Incentive area designation on the south side of Ventura Boulevard from Corbin Avenue to the 101, Ventura freeway.
- 2) Remove publicly owned and faith-based properties located in very high fire zones from consideration of redevelopment within the draft ordinance.
- 3). Work with certified neighborhood councils to develop and implement appropriate neighborhood protective measures adjacent to opportunity corridors, including, but not limited to, such measures as permit parking, traffic restrictions, building step backs and set backs.
- 4). Promote the development of housing at the Metropolitan Transportation Agency (Metro) G line (formerly Orange line) lot on Canoga between Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street.

Public comment included 2 comments from member of the Carpenter's Union.

Committee comments included, but were not limited to, a correction that the 405 Freeway is the San Diego Freeway, not the Santa Monica Freeway, and that the Little League property located at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Winnetka Avenue is owned by Pierce College, not the City.

Following the comments received, the aforementioned motion was withdrawn and the following substituted motion was made:

As pertaining to the Draft Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) Ordinance dated June 27, 2023, the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee of the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council hereby finds that:

WHEREAS, Planning staff has failed to adequately outreach to neighborhood councils to communicate the ordinance, its goals, and its impacts. In fact, no outreach occurred in the San Fernando Valley west of the 405, San Diego freeway; and,

WHEREAS, Planning staff has not sought feedback from the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council recognizes the need for additional market rate and affordable housing within the City of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills and Warner Center communities have supported the development of nearly 20,000 housing units in the Warner Center 2035 Specific Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the current draft ordinance fails to recognize the significant contributions the Woodland Hills and Warner Center communities have made towards addressing the need for additional housing.; and,

WHEREAS, the community seeks to preserve the diversity of its neighborhoods, including high density Warner Center, its hillside neighborhoods, and single family neighborhoods to provide a diversity of housing opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills and Warner Center communities recognize the need for additional opportunity corridors within our community that balance this need with those of existing neighborhoods; and,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of the Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council support the following changes to the CHIP Ordinance:

- 1) Remove the Opportunity Corridor Incentive area designation on the south side of Ventura Boulevard from Corbin Avenue to the 101, Ventura freeway.
- 2) Remove the Opportunity Corridor Incentive area designation on the north side of Ventura Boulevard from the 101, Ventura freeway, to the western terminus of the designation area.
- 3) Remove the Opportunity Corridor Incentive area on both sides of Topanga Canyon Boulevard from Ventura Boulevard to Mulholland Drive.
- 4) Remove publicly owned and faith-based properties located in very high fire zones from consideration of redevelopment within the draft ordinance.
- 5) Work with certified neighborhood councils to develop and implement appropriate neighborhood protective measures adjacent to opportunity corridors, including, but not limited to, such measures as permit parking and traffic restrictions,
- 6) Work with certified neighborhood councils to develop and implement additional appropriate neighborhood protective measures adjacent to opportunity corridors, including, but not limited to, building step backs and set backs.
- 7) Promote the development of housing at the Metropolitan Transportation Agency (Metro) G line (formerly Orange line) lots.

Thereafter, by motion of *Don Patterson*, with a second by *Bobbie Wasserman*, the above-substitute motion to support the above-mentioned WHHO letter was passed by a **Vote of 7 Ayes (Don Patterson, Marty Lipkin, Sean McCarthy, Henry Rice, Bobbie Wasserman, August Steurer, Joyce Fletcher); 0 Nays; 1 Abstention (Karen Koe).**

Joyce Fletcher recommended that Chair Don Patterson contact City Planning to request that the file on the matter be held open until after the WHWCNC August Full Board meeting. He agreed to do so.

7. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by, Karen Ko

