



## MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Westfield Topanga Community Room

6600 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

**Call to Order** – President Scott Silverstein called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** – was conducted by Parliamentarian Gordon Murley

**Roll Call** – was conducted by Secretary Joyce Fletcher

(17) Voting Board members were in attendance.

**Present:** Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Kelley DeValle, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Albert Saur, Scott Silverstein, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher

**Absent:** Larry Krauss, Jeffrey Brunell, Tilden Moschetti, Dorothy Koetz, Karen Koe

**Minutes:** January 2016

**Vote:** Ayes 15      Nays 0      Abstain 0

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### 1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

#### Public Announcements:

- **Senior Lead Officer Sean Dinse, LAPD Topanga Division** – expressed concerns about the homeless situation in Woodland Hills and asked for NC support.
- CD3 Field Deputy, Jason Valencia, Office of Councilman Bob Blumenfield – he introduced the new staff members working in Councilman Blumenfield’s Woodland Hills office.
- Rosalba Gonzalez, Field Deputy, Office of State Senator Fran Pavley – the Porter Ranch gas leak is of major concern and Senator Pavley is writing an “Urgency Bill” calling for a moratorium on gas injection.

#### Public Comment Period:

**Paul Costa and Kamara Sams** – provided a presentation about the Santa Susana Field Lab and suggested she arrange a NC Board member tour of the facility.

**Marty Lipkin** – concerning LAUSD proposal to expand Hale for older school children to attend.

### 2. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

President: Scott Silverstein – we are looking for stakeholders to serve on NC Committees.

Vice-President: Dennis DiBiase – asked Board members to email him any issues or concerns they may have.

Treasurer: Heath Kline – Report to be provided with Treasurer agenda items

Secretary: Joyce Fletcher – No report

Parliamentarian: Gordon Murley – No report

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**Presentation: Update on the status of the United Technologies Master Plan**

6633 Canoga Avenue, Canoga Park, CA

**Presented by Brad Rosenheim, President, Rosenheim & Associates**

Mr. Brad Rosenheim discussed the 47 acre Rocketdyne site and possible new development. Demolition has begun to occur to get under buildings to remove possible contamination. Any contaminated soil will be removed by trucks traveling down Canoga Blvd to the 101 Freeway.

NC President Scott Silverstein has requested an Environmental Impact Report and a commitment from the developer to provide substantial onsite recognition of the Space Program and onsite historical equipment and elements.

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**3. Items for which committee meetings were held:**

**Item no. (1) Karen Koe, Chair, Martin Lipkin, Vice-Chair - PLUM 1 Committee (16-008) Case No. DIR-2016-0277-SPP 6041-6045 Variel Ave., 91367 Warner View Center**

The application is for a new mixed-use complex that will be constructed in two phases on a lot in the College District of Warner Center. Phase I is a 490,755sf residential building with 263 apartments and eleven 2-story live-work units. The proposed project will be a 5-story structure over a 2-story parking structure. Phase II is a 12-story non-residential tower. Parking for all residential, live/work and commercial tenants will be constructed in the Phase I portion of the project, and will provide for a total of 484 on-site parking spaces.

**PLUM Chair Karen Koe made the following Motion:**

Concerning Case DIR-2016-0277-SPP for the construction of a residential and commercial project located at 6041-6045 Variel Avenue. in the College District of Warner Center, Woodland Hills CA, the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee hereby finds that:

WHEREAS, there have been several meetings with the developer regarding this project which have improved the project overall; and

WHEREAS, based on the application materials being presented by the applicant dated January 29, 2016, the requirements of the Warner Center 2035 Specific Plan have been substantially met for a request for PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE FOR A TWO-PHASE, MIXED-USE PROJECT with approximately 360,488sf of combined residential and commercial floor area in the WC College District Zone; and

WHEREAS, the PLUM Committee finds that the request for approval of an 8-space TEMPORARY SURFACE PARKING LOT is reasonable as part of Phase I of the two-phase project pursuant to Section 5.3.3.2.4 of the Warner Center 2035 Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are only minor suggested improvements such as improving the north façade of the parking structure that can realistically be achieved given the current siting and context of the project;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee, for the findings and conditions stated herein above, finds that the proposed application for a new 360,488sf mixed-use complex with eleven 2-story live-work units and 263 apartments in a 5-story structure over a 2-story parking structure plus a twelve-story commercial tower that will be constructed in two Phases located at 6041-6045 Variel Ave. receive the support of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council for the requested actions with the following condition(s):

Limit the 8 Temporary Parking Spaces on the future site of the Phase II tower to 5 years from the date of issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy, and either extend the temporary parking for up to an additional 5-years upon approval of the District-3 City Councilman and the Director of Planning, or remove all surface parking facilities and convert the Phase II development area into a publically accessible park plaza.

It is also recommended that the WHWCNC advise City Planning to facilitate the provision of pedestrian access on and through the site to adjacent properties without compromising safety, so as to provide connectivity in Warner Center as adjacent properties develop. Shorter blocks allowing for increased pedestrian walkability is an integral part of the WC2035 Plan.

**Dennis DiBiase recused himself and left the room.**

**Seconded by Heath Kline**

**Vote: Ayes 17      Nays 0      Abstain 0**

**Item no. (2) Karen Koe, Chair, Martin Lipkin, Vice-Chair, PLUM 1 Committee (16-009) DIR-2015-4225-SPP-SPPA**

**Project Permit Compliance/Adjustment Target Store Exterior Remodel/Parking lot restriping**

Applicant is proposing to reconfigure the existing parking lot, revamp circulation within the parking lot, and improve access for cars off of and on to Ventura Bl. at an existing Target department store at 20701 Ventura Bl. Additionally, the Applicant is proposing to remodel and update the building façade including exterior signage, landscaping and painting.

**PLUM Chair Karen Koe made the following Motion:**

Having held three public hearings for the application by Target Stores concerning DIR-2015-4225-SPP-SPPA for a Project Permit Compliance/Adjustment to the existing Target at 20701 Ventura Bl., the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee hereby finds that:

WHEREAS, there have been several meetings with the applicant and representatives regarding this project which have improved the project overall; and

WHEREAS, based on the application materials being presented by the applicant have been substantially met the criteria for a Project Permit Compliance / Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to suggested improvements and modifications to the submitted plans;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee, for the findings and conditions stated herein finds that the proposed application for a Project Permit Compliance/Adjustment to the existing Target at 20701 Ventura Bl., receive the support of the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council for the requested actions with the following conditions:

- 1) That the loading dock/support area of the store have a regular clean-up schedule, and that additional hedges will be planted along the back edge of the loading dock area to shield it from view from Ventura Boulevard.
- 2) Larger plant specimens (5 gallon in most cases) of the selected plants to be incorporated into the landscaping shielding the loading dock area and the North façade along the Freeway.
- 3) Both greenery and the submitted red graphic design shall be incorporated for the North façade.
- 4) Plant an additional 5 London Plane Trees in the parking lot.

**Seconded by Dennis DiBiase**

**Vote: Ayes 17      Nays 0      Abstain 0**

**Item no. (3) Scott Silverstein, President, WHWCNC (16-010)**

Vice Chair, Dennis DiBiase made the following motion:

The Public Safety Committee, in cooperation with LAPD Senior Lead Officer Sean Dinse, request the following resolution be passed by the WHWCNC. The resolution is drafted in light of the continued incidents of school shootings. The motion requests a more structured engagement and additional planning between the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

**City of Los Angeles Engagement in Schools Resolution**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District work together to create a structured plan to prepare for and prevent violence in all schools within the city.

The Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles School Police shall develop the plan together to maintain uniformity, accountability and oversight, enabling all parties the opportunity to understand and practice the same plan.

The Los Angeles Police Department would benefit from being involved in the schools' everyday activities, enabling officers to engage with the students and help them stay clear of gangs, drugs, violence and other criminal activity. It would also improve the perception of law enforcement in Los Angeles.

The presence of police officers on every campus, on a consistent basis, would improve the learning environment by creating a safe haven for children.

The City of Los Angeles should take this opportunity to engage in all schools, public and private, within the city and demand that all schools be held to higher standard of safety and education.

The City of Los Angeles owes this to the children, their families and the future of our city.

**Seconded by Gordon Murley**

**Vote: Ayes 17      Nays 0      Abstain 0**

**Item no. (4) Heath Kline, Treasurer (16-011)**

Treasurer Heath Kline made a motion to approve the WHWCNC Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 monthly Reconciliation for January 2016.

**Seconded by: Peter Fletcher**

**Vote:** Ayes - Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Kelley DeValle, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Albert Saur, Scott Silverstein, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher  
**Nays 0            Abstain 0**

**Item no. (5) Heath Kline, Treasurer, WHWCNC (16-012)**

Treasurer Heath Kline made the following motion:

In accordance with directions and requirements of the DONE-Empower LA, approve the payment of up to \$2,500 prior the NC's March general meeting, [tentatively March 10] to Port Town Websites toward the design, creation and implementation of a new website for the WHWCNC, funding for which is provided for in the WHWCNCFY15-16 Budget under the category 200: Outreach-Web. [Ref: 16SP001]

**Seconded by Nancy McLean**

**Vote:** Ayes - Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Kelley DeValle, Sean McCarthy, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Albert Saur, Scott Silverstein, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Peter Fletcher  
**Nays 0            Abstain 0**

**Item no. (6) Scott Silverstein, President, WHWCNC (16-013)**

President, Scott Silverstein made a motion to approve the submission of the following letter to Councilmember Blumenfield. The letter shall be in reference to the prejudicial and negligent actions of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The command of the Los Angeles Police Department has reduced the number of patrol officers and other resources available to the Topanga Division. The deployment of officers is now directed by LAPD Chief Beck's orders to provide additional resources to areas they (he) feel are in "greater need". This order reduces the patrol coverage in Topanga Division thereby allowing for an exorbitant increase in all classifications of criminal activity in the Division. Since the Stakeholders of Woodland Hills pay for adequate and equal coverage through their taxes, the reduced deployment is both negligent and unfair. The tax money paid by the Stakeholders of Woodland Hills is equal in importance to that paid by Stakeholders in other parts of the city and should not be used for political expediency. Furthermore, this action shall be submitted to the adjacent neighborhood councils of Canoga Park, West Hills, Tarzana, Winnetka, and Reseda requesting similar action.

We request that Councilman Blumenfield demand the patrol resources be returned to the Topanga Division.

**Seconded by Heath Kline**

**Vote: Ayes 17      Nays 0      Abstain 0**

**Item no (7) Community Services Committee, Joyce Fletcher and Mercy Alpert, Chairs (16-014)**

Joyce Fletcher, Co-Chair of the Community Services Committee requested that WHWCNC Board approve the following motion:

As the Los Virgenes Municipal Water District has published a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the subject being:

Subject: Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority Woodland Hills Water Recycling Project

And the project is defined as: Project Description:

The JPA proposes to construct approximately five miles of recycled water pipeline to serve 477 acre-feet per year (AFY) of recycled water to customers within the JPA's service area and the service area of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Through the Proposed Project, customers would receive recycled water that is treated at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility. The proposed recycled water pipeline would begin at JPA's existing recycled water system at the intersection of Parkway Calabasas and Park Granada, and extend to the customer service meter for Serrania Avenue Park located on Wells Drive. Further, the proposed recycled water pipeline would include a branch that would extend south from Mulholland Drive to the Alice Stelle Middle School and Freedom Park.

The project site is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

And as the public review period for written comments is as follows:

Review Period: The 32-day public review period for this MND is from January 19, 2016 to February 9, 2016.

And as written comments may be forwarded to:

Mr. Eric Schlageter Email: [ESchlageter@lvmwd.com](mailto:ESchlageter@lvmwd.com) Phone:(818) 251-2100

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District 4232 Las Virgenes Road Calabasas, CA 9130

**Motion:** The Community Services Committee requests that the WHWCNC approve the attached letter written to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services, The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Councilmember Bob Blumenfield requesting that additional landscape irrigation lines and control equipment be attached to already proposed recycled water pipeline which will run approximately 6,800 linear feet (one mile) down the median of Mulholland Drive. These additional irrigation lines will provide water to the landscaping and trees on the median on Mulholland Drive as none currently exists; and lack of irrigation has caused current trees and landscape to die causing an eyesore and hazardous conditions to cars and pedestrians.

**Seconded by Aaron Williams**

**Vote: Ayes 17      Nays 0      Abstain**

#### 4. Committee Reports: **No new reports**

Budget Committee –Heath Kline, Chair

Community Services –Joyce Fletcher, Mercy Alpert, Co-Chairs

Education Committee -TBD, Chair

Governance Committee -Gordon Murley, Chair, Linda Khouy-Ghadosh, Vice-Chair

Outreach Committee –Peter Fletcher, Chair

PLUM I Committee –Karen Koe, Chair, Martin Lipkin, Vice-Chair

PLUM II Committee –August Steurer, Chair, Dennis DiBiase, Co-Chairs

Public Safety Committee –Larry Kraus, Chair

Senior Committee-Al Saur, Chair

SSFL Ad-Hoc Committee –Karen DiBiase, Al Saur, Co-Chairs

Animal Services Committee–Dorothy Koetz, Chair

Ad-hoc Election Committee-Joyce Fletcher, Chair

Ad-hoc Website Redesign Committee – Peter Fletcher, Chair

#### **Announcements:**

Next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, 2016 at Prince of Peace Church, 5700 Rudnick Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA. Meeting dates for the rest of the academic year: For the upcoming 2015/2016 academic year the proposed Board meeting dates are: TBD (Date, Time, location subject to change or cancellation. Please check the [www.whcouncil.org](http://www.whcouncil.org) website)

**Adjournment of meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

**Minutes:** submitted by Secretary Joyce Fletcher

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