



MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall
5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

AGENDA

Call to Order - 6:40 by Dennis DiBiase

Pledge of Allegiance - lead by Herb Madsen

Roll Call - by Linda Kouy-Ghadosh - Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Kraus, Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Raymond Cole (alternate voting for the Residential Representative in Area 2), Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Don Patterson, Cameron Gil, Dorothy Koetz (late), Richard Hollander, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Gilbert Yablon (Non-voting), Aaron Williams (late), Peter Fletcher - QUORUM

Approval of Minutes: September 2016

Moved by Gordon Murley, Seconded by Sean McCarthy - Approved

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Public Announcements:

- Office of Councilman Bob Blumenfeld by Tim Glick
 - Collins Park will be completed by March 1, 2017, will include dance room, senior/children's room, gym, will be "green"
 - Signs on Oxnard are being made and they should be put up within a few weeks
 - Signs will be placed on "Chalk Hill"
 - Homeless outreach has begun and will continue
 - Energy and Environment Panel at El Camino High School on November 15, afternoon
 - Valley Cultural Center is holding a fundraiser on November 16
 - Halloween Event at Warner Center Park on 10/29 10 am - 5 pm
- DONE/Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Barry Stone
 - Need alternate contact information
 - Training Certificate liaison appointed - Don Patterson
 - Code of Conduct - signed by entire Board on 10/19/16
 - Ballot Measures - do not put any candidate on the agenda and can only speak during public comment
 - Homeless liaison is needed from the board to cc all emails to Bob Blumenfeld's office
 - Office Hours will be the third Friday of the month to address any concerns
 - Bylaw amendment moratorium has been lifted

Public Comment Period (on items not on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker - Robert Shellhorn spoke during item 4.

Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures, Officer Reports:

President, Joyce Fletcher – Announcement: The appointment of Don Patterson as Chair of the Governance Committee.

No Executive board member reports

2. Items for Board discussion and possible action:

Item no. (1) – Don Patterson, Chair, Governance (16-078)

Motion to support bylaw changes which in concept incorporates the following principles:
Youth Representative (“YR”): An YR shall be any person who meets the definition of a stakeholder to promote and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood who is at least 15 and has not yet obtained the age of 18 years old. There shall be only one (1) YR appointed by the Board. The YR shall be appointed for on (1) for one school year. The appointment process shall follow procedures specified in Section 6 of the Bylaws. Committee Vote: Yes 5 Nay 0

Discussion:

- Youth representatives cannot vote for funding items
- This is just a concept and this will go back to the Governance committee to determine specifics
- Comments by Board: Youth Representative should be part of the standing rule and not the bylaws, Northridge East has a Youth Representative and we should look to them as an example

Moved by: Don Patterson

Seconded by: Cameron Gil

Yes: 16, No: 2, Abstention: 0. PASSED

Item no. (2) Joyce Fletcher and Mercy Alpert, Co-Chairs – Community Services Committee (16-079)

Discussion and possible vote:

The Community Services Committee recommends that the Woodland Hills- Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports a letter to be sent to LA Dept. of Parks and Recreation and local and state politicians requesting that broken irrigations heads, broken irrigation lines and the broken irrigation boxes be immediately repaired and that water be restored to Warner Center

Park to irrigate the park. The letter also requests that the City trim all trees in the Warner Center Park.

TABLED

Item no. (3) Joyce Fletcher and Mercy Alpert, Co-Chairs – Community Services (16-080)

Discussion and possible action:

Motion for the WHWCNC to approve funding of \$150.00 from the 2016/2017 WHWCNC Budget/Community Services Committee Budget to purchase a WHWCNC booth at the 2016 American Legion Hall Veterans Day Event to be held on November 11, 2016.

Motion by Heath Kline, Second by Sean McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YES 18: Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Kraus, Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Raymond Cole, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Don Patterson, Cameron Gil, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Peter Fletcher
- NO: None
- ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

Item no. (4) Karen Koe, Chair – Marty Lipkin, Vice Chair: PLUM Committee (16-081) ZA-1984-667-PAB-PA5

Villa Restaurant - 22160 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91364

Discussion and possible action:

As to Case Number(s) ZA-1984-667-PAB-PA5 and ENV-2016-2257, having received no (0) letters of complaint and three (3) letters of support from adjacent neighbors, the Planning, Land Use and Mobility (“PLUM”) Committee recommends the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council support the approval of the renewal request for the continued sale and dispensation of a full line of alcoholic beverages on the 986 sq. ft. rear patio with 40 seats, and the 800 sq. ft. front outdoor patio with 22 seats which are part of an existing 4,807 sq. ft. restaurant that has been deemed to be approved by the Conditions Compliance Unit. The restaurant is seeking no (0) modifications to conditions approved on 12/8/2014. The hours of operation for the restaurant and front patio are from 11 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily, and the rear patio hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. PLUM Motion Passed: Aye: 8 / Nay: 0 / Abstain: 2

- Presentation by the Villa, John Makhani
- Public Comment by Robert Shellhorn
 - We were never notified of this request
 - There are more patrons on the patio than is allowed by the code
 - The Villa charges to park in the library parking lot

- The neighborhood does not want these patrons in our neighborhood
- The Villa does not comply with the code
- Board Comments:
 - Gordon Murley - speak with the zoning department to file a complaint

Moved by: Karen Koe

Seconded by: Cameron Gil

Yes: 16, No: 1, Abstention: 1. PASSED

Item no. (5) Sean McCarthy, Chair- Beautification Committee (16-082)

Discussion and possible vote:

Motion for the Board to approve the following recommendation:

CREATION OF MEDALLION SIGN NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 28.04 NOT TO POST SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS: The City of Los Angeles has an ordinance, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 28.04, which states in part: Sec (a) “No person shall paint, mark or write on, or post or otherwise affix, any hand-bill or sign to or upon any . . . street lamp post, hydrant, tree, electric light or power or telephone or telegraph or trolley wire pole, . . . street sign or traffic sign”. AND

WHEREAS: L.A.M.C. 28.04, Sec (c)(1) goes on to proscribe enforcement of the code: “Any hand-bill or sign found posted or otherwise affixed upon any public or utility property contrary to the provisions of this section may be removed by any company, utility, organization, or individual owning or responsible for maintaining that property, the Police Department or the Department of Public Works. The person responsible for any such illegal posting shall be liable for the cost incurred in the removal thereof, and the Department of Public Works is authorized to effect collection of said cost incurred by the City of Los Angeles” AND

WHEREAS: L.A.M.C. 28.M.C. 28.04, Sec (c) (2) describes in detail the responsible party to be charges for the posting as “person whose name or telephone number appears on the hand-bill or sign is the person responsible for posting a hand-bill or sign advertising property for sale, lease or rent” AND

WHEREAS: L.A.M.C. 28.M.C. 28.04 (c) (3), authorizes the Los Angeles Department of Public Works to remove the signs, set a cost for removal of illegal signs to be assessed on the offending party that posts illegal signs AND

WHEREAS: L.A.M.C. 28.M.C. 28.04 (c) (4), provides for due process for the party charged with posting illegal signs to appeal the levying of fins under L.A.M.C. 28.04, AND

WHEREAS: The City has the authority to place public notice of L.A.M.C. 28.M.C. 28.04, under (d) of the ordinance which states: “Nothing in this section shall apply to the installation of a metal plaque or plate or individual letters or figures in a sidewalk commemorating an historical,

cultural, or artistic event, location or personality for which the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the City Council, has granted a written permit” AND

WHEREAS: The City of Los Angeles has been unable to stem the blizzard of illegal signs in spite of L.A.M.C. 28.M.C. 28.04. It is the belief of both the West Valley Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs Committee and Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee that:

1. The posting of illegal sign can be significantly reduced by providing adequate public notice to the public.
2. Once notified most members of the public will refrain from illegally posting signs.
3. The best places to provide public notice is at the site where violations, historically have occurred and can be anticipated to be repeated.
4. There is a sensible and simple way to provide the heretofore, missing notification.

THEREFORE: The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council and the West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce resolve to request that the City of Los Angeles fabricate a medallion with the words “Post No Bills” along with the Los Angeles City logo and: L.A.M.C. 28.M.C. 28.04.

Discussion:

- The City will most likely make the signs
- Real Estate signs will be excluded because they are not attached to the poles

Moved by: Sean McCarthy

Seconded by: Peter Fletcher

Yes: 17, No: 1, Abstention: 0. PASSED

Diane Walton was absent from this vote

Item No. (6) Richard Hollander, Public Safety Committee (16-083)

Discussion and possible vote:

As Multiple agencies (CHP, LA DOT, etc.) have made recommendations regarding improving traffic safety in the Mulholland Highway, Mulholland Dr., Topanga Canyon Dr. area - and there has not been a consensus on a solution, the Public Safety Committee Requests that the NC draft a letter to send to stakeholders in the area - including Louisville High School and LA DOT - requesting that they work together to devise a plan to improve the safety and traffic flow on Mulholland Drive at the high school entrance in time for the 2017 school year - and offering to coordinate a forum for a meeting. Copies to LAPD, CHP, and Councilman Blumenfield’s office. Additional potential participants: Las Virgenes Schools, LA County Sheriff’s Dept.

Moved by: Richard Hollander

Seconded by: Cameron Gil

Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstention: 0. PASSED

3. Funding Items:

Item No. (7) Heath Kline, Treasurer

(16-084) Approval of Monthly Expense Reconciliation [MER] for September 2016

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to approve the WHWCNC Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Monthly Expense Reconciliation [MER] for September 2016 included at the end of the agenda. Motion may be amended to include other necessary budget items

Motion by Heath Kline, Second by Don Patterson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YES 17: Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Kraus, Sean McCarthy, Raymond Cole, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Don Patterson, Cameron Gil, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Peter Fletcher
- NO: None
- ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

Item No. (8) Heath Kline, Treasurer

(16-085) Approval of Progress Payment for New NC Website

Discussion and possible action:

Motion in accordance with directions and requirements of the DONE-EmpowerLA, approve the payment(s) of up to \$2,500 prior the NC's October Meeting to Port Town Websites toward the design, creation and implementation of a new website for the WHWCNC. [Budget Line 114]

Motion by Heath Kline, Second by Martin Lipkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YES 17: Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Kraus, Sean McCarthy, Raymond Cole, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Don Patterson, Cameron Gil, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Aaron Williams, Peter Fletcher
- NO: None
- ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

Item no. (9) Heath Kline, Treasurer

(16-086) Approval of WHWCNC Inventory Report

Discussion and possible action:

Motion to approve the WHWCNC Inventory Report. The Inventory Report contains all items the WHWCNC currently has in its possession that has been purchased with City NC allotted funds.

Motion by Heath Kline, Second by Don Patterson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- YES 16: Dennis DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Kraus, Sean McCarthy, Raymond Cole, Nancy McLean, Herb Madsen, Martin Lipkin, Don Patterson, Cameron Gil, Dorothy Koetz, Richard Hollander, Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Aaron Williams, Peter Fletcher
 - NO: Heath Kline
 - ABSTAIN: None
- PASSED

4. Board Member Area Reports:

At Large – Sheppard Kaufman

Area 1 – Dennis DiBiase, Karen DiBiase, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Larry Kraus

Area 2 – Diane Walton, Sean McCarthy, Raymond Cole - Update on the Westfield Project on Topanga and Oxnard

Area 3 - Nancy McLean, Herbert Madsen, Martin Lipkin – Boething Treeland property is being sold and the re-development will feature a Senior Housing Facility and new homes

Area 4 – Don Patterson, Albert Saur, Cameron Gil

Area 5 – Dorothy Keotz, Wayne Lipschitz, Richard Hollander, Mercy Alpert

Area 6 – Pat Patton, Gordon Murley, Heath Kline, Gilbert Yablon - Bulldozers will be coordinated to repair ditches in roadways caused by rain

Area 7 – Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher, Marie Pierre, Peter Fletcher

5. Committee Reports:

Animal Services Committee–Dorothy Koetz and Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Co-Chairs -

Dorothy Koetz has been trying to contact City Departments, all to no avail

Beautification Committee – Sean McCarthy, Chair - Oxnard and Winnetka will be cleaned

Budget Committee - Heath Kline, Chair

Community Outreach Committee – Peter Fletcher, Chair

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

Education Committee – Aaron Williams, Chair

Environmental Committee – Karen DiBiase, Chair

Governance Committee – Pat Patton, Chair - there was a lack of a quorum at the last meeting so they were unable to take actions

Outreach Committee - Peter Fletcher, Chair - missing almost all member biographies

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

major projects are in the works

PLUM 11 Committee – Dennis DiBiase and August Steurer, Co-Chairs

Renamed to "WHIP", working on ordinances

Public Safety Committee – Sheppard Kaufman, Chair - Homeless on Topanga and Mulholland is being cleared, looking into radars to address speeding concerns, the NC participated in the Valley Disaster Fair, Emergency Preparedness handout will be posted on the website

Ad Hoc Senior Services – Linda Kouy-Ghadosh and Al Saur - Symposium meeting tomorrow

Ad-hoc Website Redesign Committee – Peter Fletcher, Chair

Ad-hoc WHWCNC Newsletter – Dennis DiBiase, Chair - the newsletter is in the works, goal to get out a draft copy soon

Agenda may be amended prior to the Board meeting to include further items:

Update:

- Department of Transportation has approved a contract to begin researching the diagonal parking issue on Ventura between Royer and Sale

Announcements:

- **The next Board meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 9, at the American Legion Hall, 5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.** Please check the www.whcouncil.org website for future meeting dates
- Valley Town Hall will be held on 10/22/16 at Sportsmen Lodge
- WH Homeowner meeting will be held at Kaiser on 10/2/16 to meet the candidates

Adjournment of meeting: 9:00 p.m.

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