



Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council MINUTES - FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Woodland Hills Academy, 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to Order – Chair, Scott Silverstein called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Herb Madsen

Roll Call – was conducted by Secretary, Joyce Fletcher
A quorum was reached with 19 board members present

Approval of the Record of Proceedings: Scott Silverstein made a motion that the Board approve the following (4) sets of minutes
Seconded by Peter Fletcher

February 27	Vote	Aye 19	Nay 0	Abstain 0
March 13, 2013	Vote	Aye 18	Nay 0	Abstain 1
April 13, 2013 Board Retreat	Vote	Aye 18	Nay 0	Abstain 2
May 1, 2013	Vote	Aye 16	Nay 0	Abstain 3

1. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures:

Public Announcements:

L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh

Property crime is on the rise. Burglars are using rental cars and are nicely dressed. New Trend: fake phone calls from “utility companies” asking for payment over the phone. Never give money over the phone to a person calling or allow a “utility person” in the house unless they have a name bag, are driving a utility truck with the logo and are in uniform. Use your burglar alarm when you are not in the house.

Councilman Zine’s office, Octaviano Rios, CD3 Field Deputy

Councilman Zine has made a substantial investment in the West Hills Recreation Center. The last annual Z Award Luncheon will be held on May 16 at the Warner Center Marriott.

Councilman Elect Bob Blumenfield’s office, Eric Rodriguez – The state budget is being resolved with a surplus amount. The sidewalk bill is in committee but should go to the floor soon.

Scott Silverstein, Chair, WHWCNC – the 101 Freeway exit at Mulholland Drive and Valley Circle will be restriped to create better traffic flow and the signs will be updated to reflect these changes.

Carli Silverstein, El Camino Real Charter High School Student Liaison

The students at El Camino have raised \$64,000 for cancer research. The theater department will present a production of “Annie”. Congratulations to El Camino.

Public Forum

A public forum was conducted to discuss Smart Meters

The Department of Water and Power is commencing installations of a new type of wireless electrical meter throughout the city of Los Angeles. The meters will be installed in stages. The meters are “active meters” as they will transmit the live-time actual usage throughout the day to receivers which shall be installed at strategic locations in our neighborhoods. The panel consisted of members of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Smart Grid L.A. and Cindy Sage, owner of Sage Associates, an environmental sciences consulting firm in Santa Barbara, California. The forum discussed the pro and cons of Smart Meters.

Homeowners have the option to opt out of the program by calling the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at 213-367-1388.

Public Comment - concerns about Smart Meter installation:

Bobby Washington, Oram Miller, Anure Lawson, Kevin Mottus, Shane Gregory

Public Comment - concerns about the Chase Bank development at the corner of Ventura and

DeSoto: Ron Chester, Rose Bacinski/Bacinski & Assoc., Kirstie Acevedo, Virginia Classick

Public Comment – concerns about the gun safety courses being held at Pierce College

Virginia Classick

Public Comment – Other

Sean McCarthy – requested that the NC Committee Chairs notify him of all NC committee meetings

2. Organization, Operation, Policies, & Procedures: Due to time restraints reports were deferred to the next meeting

Chair, Scott Silverstein

Vice-Chair, Dennis DiBiase

Treasurer: Scott Silverstein

Secretary: Joyce Fletcher

Parliamentarian: Sean McCarthy

3. Items for Which Committee Meetings Have Been Held:

Item no. (1) William Anderson, Chair, Community Services (13-013)

Discussion and Possible Action:

Bill Anderson made a motion that the NC consider the following:

LA Dept. of Sanitation Plan for City Wide Exclusive Franchise System for Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Handling Motion RE: Neighborhood Council Community Needs Assessment The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, as a part of its assessing of community needs, will conduct a survey of stakeholders, specifically commercial property and multi-family residential owners, about their concerns and opinions about the franchising of trash hauling in Los Angeles for multi-family and commercial properties.

And further, the Neighborhood Council will request that someone from the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation come to a Neighborhood Council meeting to explain the franchise program.

Heath Kline made a motion to be continue to a future date **Dennis DiBiase seconded**

Vote: Aye 19 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Motion passed

**Item no. (2) William Anderson, Chair, Community Services Committee
(13-014)**

Bill Anderson made a motion that the NC support the following resolution and recommendation:

Resolved, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recommends that sections of the city's Administrative Code which touch upon neighborhood council stakeholders be amended as follows:

- (1) Remove the requirement that neighborhood councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders;
- (2) Allow each neighborhood council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that are allocated to factual basis stakeholders;
- (3) Remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and
- (4) Allow each neighborhood council to adopt its own definition of factual basis stakeholder.

Heath Kline seconded

Vote: Aye 18 Nay 0 Abstain 1 Motion passed

**Item no. (3) Melanie Smotrich-King, Chair, Education Committee
(13-015) (continued from May 1, 2013 Special Meeting)**

Bill Anderson made a motion concerning the support, approval and distribution of the attached letter requesting relocation of the Continuing Education classes for gun certification and gun safety from the Pierce College campus.

Heath Kline seconded

Discussion was conducted

Joyce Fletcher made a motion to amend the letter to remove item #8, item #10 and replace "is inappropriate" with "may be inappropriate" in the closing paragraph.

The letter will be amended, signed by the NC Chair and sent to the Trustees of Pierce College and other designated persons.

Zachary King seconded the motion

Vote: Aye 10 Nay 9 Abstain 0 Motion passed

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD – called to order at 8:45 p.m.

Chair, Scott Silverstein made a motion to recess the regular Board Meeting for a Special Meeting of the Board to discuss the NC Quarterly Budget Reconciliation

Dennis Debiase seconded

**Item no. (1) Scott Silverstein Chair
(SP13-010)**

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion for the NC Board to accept a resolution to address outstanding receipts, reconciliation reports and approval of US Bank statements for purchases in July, August, September, October, November, and December, 2012 as conducted by the Chair and Vice Chair of the NC. Both the Chair, Scott Silverstein and Vice Chair, Dennis DiBiase will have joint signature authority per DONE policy requirements.

Vote Aye 19 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Motion passed

Special meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Item no. (4) Roger Gerrish, Co-Chair, Robert Glucroft, Public Safety Committee
(13-016)**

Roger Garish made a motion for the NC to allocate up to \$100 for booth costs and materials for the Public Safety Committee to maintain a booth at the Serraniasance Fun Faire to be held on May 11, 2013 at Serrano Elementary School.

Sean McCarthy seconded

Bill Anderson proposed a friendly amendment to amend the motion to read “to allocate up to \$200 to rent a booth”

The friendly amendment was accepted.

Vote: Aye 18 Nay 1 Abstain 0 Motion passed

**Item no. (5) Scott Silverstein, WHWCNC Chair
(13-017)**

Chair Scott Silverstein made a motion for the NC to provide \$1000 in funding from the 2012-2013 Budget to help support the annual LA Congress of Neighborhoods.

Dennis DiBiase seconded

Vote: Ayes 11 Nays 8 Abstain 0 Motion passed

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**Item no. (6) August Steurer, Chair, Planning Land Use Mobility Committee
(13-018) DIR 2013-406 20900 Ventura Boulevard, Woodland Hills**

Discussion and Possible Action

August Steurer made a motion from the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee regarding support of a Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance and Design Review for construction of a 4,375 sq.ft. retail bank building on 0.75 acres. This action requires the demolition of the existing buildings, some of which are a fueling station, convenience mart, and donut shop.

Gordon Murley recused himself and left the room

Dennis DiBiase seconded the motion

Vote Aye 16 Nay 1 Abstain 1 Motion passed

Discussion by the Board regarding committee operations:

**Committee Reports: DUE TO TIME RESTRAINTS REPORTS WERE DEFERRED TO THE
NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Budget Committee – Scott Silverstein, Chair

Community Services – William Anderson, Chair

Education Committee*- Melanie Smotrich-King, Chair

Governance Committee -- Gordon Murley, Chair

Outreach Committee – Joyce Fletcher, Chair

PLUM Committee – August Steurer, Chair, Peykan Abbassi, Vice-Chair

Public Safety Committee – John Strand, Roger Gerrish, Co-Chairs

Senior Committee*-Kathy Davies, Chair

Warner Center 2035 Plan, Citizens Advisory Committee – Dennis DiBiase, Chair

*subcommittees of the Community Services Committee

Announcements:

Next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Woodland Hills Academy, 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA, 91367 Multi-Purpose Room.

Meeting dates for the rest of the academic year:

For the upcoming 2012/2013 academic year the proposed Board meeting dates are:

June 12, 2013

September to June meetings will be held at Woodland Hills Academy, Multi-Purpose Room (“MPR”) 20800 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 at 6:30 p.m.

July and August 2013 meetings are to be held at a venue to be determined at a later date.

(Date, Time, location subject to change or cancellation. Please check the www.whcouncil.org website)

Adjournment of meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Joyce Fletcher, Secretary, WHWCNC

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