



MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 8, 2012 – 6:30 pm
 Fire Station 84, Community Room, 21050 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to Order – Chair Scott Silverstein called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – was conducted by Gordon Murley

- **Roll Call** – a quorum was reached
- **Public Comment**
 No public comment

ITEM NO. (1) August Steurer, Chair, PLUM Committee
(12-048) DIR-2012-2442 (SPP)

August Steurer, Chair, the Planning, Land Use and Mobility Committee, made a motion that the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council support the proposed modification of the facility for restaurants and bars at 22901 Ventura Boulevard incorporating the materials, signage, lighting & planters indicated in the elevation drawings presented on October 16, with the addition of landscaping adjacent to the west patio. Recommendation excludes approval of the expansion of alcohol service or proposed parking, which is handled separately. Motion was seconded by Dennis DiBiase.

Vote: Ayes (16) Nays (0) Abstain (2)

ITEM NO. (2) Scott Silverstein, Chair
(12-049)

Discussion and appointments to open Board seats:

Scott Silverstein made a motion to appoint August Steurer to open Board seat, CBO Area 4.
 Heath Kline seconded. Vote Ayes (18) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Scott Silverstein made a motion to appoint Peter Fletcher to open Board seat, CBO Area 7.
 Gordon Murley seconded. Vote Ayes (16) Nays (1) Abstain (1)

ITEM NO. (3) Scott Silverstein, Chair
(12-050)

- **Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2012 and October 10, 2012 meetings.**

Minutes, September 12, 2012:

Amendment to the September 12, 2012 Minutes: Requested by Marty Lipkin:

Marty Lipkin submitted a written amendment to the September 12, 2012 minutes, section titled: Special Election Presentation, Candidate Forum.

The following amendment was submitted by Marty Lipkin:

Special Election Presentation

Moderated by Ms. Alisa Smith, Independent Election Administrator, EmpowerLA

Candidate Forum

Candidates, present, who were registered to run in the upcoming Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council election held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, spoke for 2 minutes to provide insight into their platform.

Alisa Smith gave a presentation related to candidate filing procedures, voting procedures and DONE election requirements.

At a question session at the end of Ms. Smith's presentation, she declared that some voters were entitled to vote several times. She was challenged by Council member Steve Santen. That challenge elevated in veracity as additional Council members including Herb Madsen repeatedly told Ms. Smith that she was incorrect in her assertions. Council member Marty Lipkin elevated the argument to a confrontational level claiming that Ms. Smith did not have the power to allow multiple election votes. Ms. Smith argued she was the final decision-maker at which point Mr. Lipkin began yelling that it was, "unconstitutional" and "undemocratic" and that Ms. Smith was "incompetent" in her position and needed to "look at the Constitution and the State of California's voting rules. Chair Scott Silverstein and several other Council members attempted to quiet Mr. Lipkin's heated comments. Order was finally restored after Mr. Silverstein ended Ms. Smith's presentation and Mr. Lipkin regained his composure.

The amendment submitted by Mr. Lipkin was discussed, but was not voted on by the Board members.

Sean McCarthy made a motion to remove paragraph 3, from section titled Candidate Forum, from the September 12, 2012 minutes, and approve the minutes as amended.

Paragraph 3: "Board member Martin Lipkin repeatedly interrupted the presentation with accusations directly leveled at Ms. Smith as to her lack of competence, lack of qualifications and made derogatory personal comments related to Ms. Smith's character. Chair, Scott Silverstein, repeatedly asked Mr. Lipkin to refrain from these outbursts. Mr. Lipkin did not comply with the Chair's requests."

The motion was seconded by Gordon Murley.

Vote: Ayes (14) Nays (4) Abstain (2)

Minutes, October 10, 2012:

Scott Silverstein made a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion was seconded by Gordon Murley.

Vote: Ayes (20) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Election of Officers of the Board:

The election was supervised and results verified by Alisa Smith, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The elected officers are:

Chair: Scott Silverstein

Vice Chair: Dennis DiBiase

Secretary: Joyce Fletcher

Treasurer: Vahid Khorsand

Parliamentarian: Sean McCarthy

ITEM NO. (4) Scott Silverstein, Chair

(12-051)

Scott Silverstein discussed the appointment of Committee members.

ITEM NO. (5) Scott Silverstein, Chair

(12-052)

Whereby the Bylaw’s limit the alternatives that this Board may employ to: The Chair proposes that the Governance Committee, in conjunction with Robert’s Rules of Order or Rosenberg’s Rules of Order, draft a new bylaw to be incorporated into the WHWCNC Bylaws, specifically Article, 5, Section 3 (H), or any other location within the bylaws or Standing Rules, as deemed appropriate by the Governance Committee, outlining the procedures to censure a member of the Board.

Scott Silverstein sent ITEM NO. (5) to the Governance Committee.

Scott Silverstein adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Joyce Fletcher, Secretary, WHWCNC

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