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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

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- Call to Order
- Review minutes from November 22, 2021.
- Comments from the Co-Chairs
- Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action on the revision of wording of the language for the Code of Conduct.

NEW BUSINESS

None

2. Adjournment

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online Monday November 22, 2021

Revised November 22, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Clarice Chavira,, Mark Neudorff, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Committee Members Absent: Saif Mogri

Other Board Members in Attendance: Glenn Jennings

Guests: Reeyan Raynes

- Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
- Review minutes from October 2021:

Vote to approve minutes as amended;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Clarice Chavira – Yes, Saif Mogri – Absent, Mark Neudorff – Yes, Steve Randall – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Abstain, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 1, Ineligible – 0, Recusal -- 0

The minutes were approved as amended.

- Comments from the Co-chairs: None
- Public Comment: None

NEW BUSINESS

- Council File 21-0002-S13 - Closure of Whitman Airport:

Faye Barta moved so recommend a CIS in OPPOSITION to the WHNC Board. Steve Randall seconded.

Vote to approve ;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Clarice Chavira – Yes, Saif Mogri – Absent, Mark Neudorff – Yes, Steve Randall – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1, Ineligible – 0, Recusal -- 0

The CIS is approved unanimously and will be sent to the WHNC Board.

- Council File 21-1342 - Tax Assessment on EV Charging System Companies:

Faye Barta moved so recommend a CIS in SUPPORT to the WHNC Board. Aida Abkarians seconded.

Vote to approve ;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Clarice Chavira – Yes, Saif Mogri – Absent, Mark Neudorff – Yes, Steve Randall – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1, Ineligible – 0, Recusal -- 0

The CIS is approved unanimously and will be sent to the WHNC Board.

- Hybrid NC meetings - no council file assigned:
Item tabled to December.

- Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is December 20, 2021, online and telephonic.

To the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

RE: July 19, 2021 Proposed Amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy

The Board of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) met on Thursday, November 4, 2021 to discuss the July 19, 2021 Proposed Amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy from Raquel Beltran, General Manager, to President Eli Lipen and Members of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

After much discussion, the WHNC Board determined that certain proposed amendments conflict with the procedures already established in the handling of allegations of misconduct and resolution as set forth in the WHNC's bylaws, Resolutions of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code, the laws of the State of California and the United States Constitution. The areas of conflict are stricken in the proposed amendments copied and pasted below with proposed language to address the conflicts:

*6. If a Board Member or Committee Member is ~~alleged~~ **found through due process** to have violated either the City's Workplace Equity Policy or the Commission's Code of Conduct, the Department, with written approval from the General Manager, may immediately suspend the Board Member or Committee Member for a period of up to ~~90~~ **30** days. Said Board Member or Committee Member shall not be eligible to act on any matter that comes before their Neighborhood Council Board or Committee and shall not be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum of the Neighborhood Council Board or Committee.*

*b. The Department shall be the sole decision-maker with respect to a suspension. The Board Member or Committee Member may ~~not~~ appeal the suspension decision **through the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners**.*

A motion was made to approve our proposed changes to the July 19, 2021 Proposed Amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy from Raquel Beltran, General Manager, and passed with a vote of:

We would appreciate you seriously considering our comments and concerns with the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy.

Sincerely,

Char Rothstein
President WHNC

Faye Barta
Vice President WHNC