



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

SPECIAL JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Approved June 23, 2020

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Brosamle, Tony Searce, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Other WHNC Board Members in attendance: Saif Mogri, Bill Rose.

Committee Co-chair Anthony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. A quorum was established.

The February 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Comment: Anthony B said it was nice to meet again as a committee.

4. 2020 Motorist/Cyclist/Pedestrian "Shared Street Fest" (Street Fair): Olivia gave an update. The city is not currently approving any NC events of this nature. The event will be rescheduled when allowed.

5. Utility Box Art Project: Artists presented their designs. Anthony B. questioned whether the phrase "Beware of the Walking Dead" might be insensitive or offensive. Myrl said he finds it offensive. Steve agreed. Bonnie agreed. Olivia said she liked the strong, attention-grabbing flavor of the message but does not want to offend. Group consensus was to change the wording. Myrl suggested using musical notes like quotation marks around the "Slow Down You Move To Fast" message.

Vote to send the three artwork designs to the Board for approval.

Yes – 12 No – 0, Abstain – 0 The action passed.

Olivia reviewed the two previously approved locations; Victory and Fallbrook, Vanowen and Platt. The proposed locations for the third box were Valley Circle at Bell Canyon or Roscoe, or across from Westhills Baseball.

Brad moved to approve Valley Circle across from Westhills Baseball. Olivia seconded.

Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 0 The motion passed.

6. Streets & Transportation Committee 2020/2021 Budget: Anthony B. said the chairs thought to ask for the same budget amount requested for 2019-2020. Myrl said he thought the amount should be lower since the NC allocation was reduced for 2020-2021.

Anthony B. moved to request the same budget for 2020-2021 as was approved for 2019-2020. Faye seconded.

Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 0 The motion passed.

The motion passed.

7. Installation/authorization of Gate on Dead-end Alley Parallel 22700 Victory at 6400 Ponce: Majid, property owner adjacent to the alley, described the problems he sees with persons experiencing homelessness camping in the alley; including a recent fire. He would like authorization to put a gate across part of the alley. He said his garage is the only need for access that would require opening the gate. Reeyan Raynes described the city process for approving nuisance gates, which is quite lengthy and difficult. A City Council motion is required. Thomas suggested taking down the west wall and making the alley go through to the adjacent parking lot might be another option. Majid said the parking lot is six feet higher than the alley. Pamela Lee, owner of a business backing up to the alley, described the history of issues dating to 2015. Majid said the reason for the alcove at the end of the alley is a code requirement to allow emergency vehicles to turn around. The gate he proposes would reduce the alley to less than 100 feet and eliminate the code requirement. Rocky, business stakeholder, suggested a retaining wall and backfill would be a good solution. Thomas recommended approaching CD12 for help.

Item tabled to June 23. Tony S. will investigate and work with the interested stakeholders.

8. Right Turn Residents only on Homezell from Valley Circle from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM: Tony S. gave an overview of the situation and safety issues with drivers speeding on the narrow road to avoid traffic backups on Valley Circle. The residents only portion of this proposal was withdrawn.

Tony S. moved to request LADOT and the City Council approve and install a no right turn from 7 AM to 9:30 AM on southbound Valley Circle at Homezell. Dan seconded.

Reeyan Raynes recommended filing a MYLADOT request and referencing the service request number on communications. Tony S. said requests have been made and Reeyan urged him to file again.

Yes – 12, No – 0, Abstain – 0 The motion passed.

The Committee will send a preliminary letter and send the motion to the Board for action.

9. Public Comment: Reeyan Raynes said he is happy the WHNC is having Zoom meeting as he can attend from downtown LA.

Committee Co-chair Anthony Brosamle adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:30 PM.