



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Revised July 30, 2020

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Scearce, Faye Barta (left 8:35 PM est.), Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea (left 8:35 PM est.), Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof
Board member Zach Volet also in attendance

Committee Chair Anthony Scearce called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

2. Chair Comment: Chair Anthony Brosamle has resigned from the committee. There are two open seats on the committee. At this time, as per Board President Dan Brin, a co-chair will not be appointed.
3. Announcements: None
4. Public Comment: Adriane Hoff, speaking for Streets for All Adapt Program, described efforts by BSS and LADOT to take advantage of the reduced traffic during the pandemic and rapidly repave major streets. BSS does the repaving and LADOT does lane restriping. She said there is currently no commitment from the city to improve bus or bike lanes. She asked for the Committee to consider a motion recommend the implementation of her organization's mobility plan. Reeyan Raynes said Adriane is a great advocate for transportation and other neighborhood councils have taken action on CISs related to this issue.
5. Approval of Minutes from the June 23rd, 2020 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting: approved
6. Bicycle Lanes on Shoup Avenue: The City sent a letter saying this is not feasible. Reeyan said the Canoga Park NC had a similar proposed resolution and reduction of parking was a major concern. They moved to support a WHNC resolution if LADOT does community outreach. Dan said, according to Eric Moody CD12 is against "road diets." Anthony suggested the committee not pursue this for now. Heidi asked how street sweepers work around the bollards install at protected bike lanes, using Platt as an example. Dan said the bollards are removable. Adriane said the city has smaller sweepers for bike lanes. Reeyan said the letter saying the bike lane is not feasible was based on a preliminary study and a more extensive study is planned.
7. Designating the Palm Trees on March Avenue a Cultural Landmark: This item was also on the Beautification Committee agenda. Reeyan explained the Historic Cultural Monument designation.

Steve moved to support the motion Reeyan proposed (included as supporting material for agenda). Anthony seconded.
Yes – 10, No – 1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 The motion passed.

8. Slow Streets LA: Anthony said he has not seen enough public interest. Item postponed until August.

Faye Barta and Bonnie Klea left the meeting.

9. Speeding and Racing on Valley Circle Blvd.: Ron said he lives on-half block from Valley Circle and speed warning signs are needed. Myrl said this is similar to an issue the committee dealt with on Platt and excessive speed between Ingomar and Sherman Way has ceased. Dan suggested a night-time road diet. Karin Korach, 25-year resident of Castle Peak Estates, said she has "never heard it like this," and asked why there is no police involvement. Steve, Citizens Police Advisory Board member, said traffic control has dropped in priority. Reeyan said the traffic task force still exists but they tend to target large organized activities. He suggested at night having the signal stay red in all directions until a car approaches. He said rumble strips are controversial due to noise and potential hazards. He suggested speed feedback signs. Olivia mentioned the committee has been talking about this for five years and said an Arizona State University study found: speed bumps, rumble strips, arresting racing spectators, citing and releasing drivers, and decoy cars are all ineffective. The measures the study found effective: extremely high fines, street engineering, organized events to provide an outlet for the desire to race, and restorative justice with community involvement. Karin said she has seen

speeders commonly ignore red lights. Anthony said there is much more simple speeding than racing. He sees drivers practicing drifting and they know they are breaking the law.

Anthony moved to request Valley Traffic Division monitor Valley Circle in the evening. Dan seconded.

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 3 The motion passed.

10. Approval of Committee Operating Rules: Anthony described the changes. Anthony Brosamle is no longer a co-chair. Anthony Brosamle and Barry Seybert are no longer committee members. The number of members and quorum have been adjusted accordingly.

Dan moved to approve the Committee Operating Rules. Olivia seconded.

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent -- 3

11. Recommendations for August 25th, 2020 Agenda Item: None

Committee Co-chair Anthony Scearce adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:30 PM.