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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING

FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Present: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck.

WHNC Board members also Present: Anthony Searce, Brad Vanderhoof, Saif Mogri.

Members of the Public present: Steven Crosby, Melody Forsythe, Jill Stewart, Chris Rowe, Jillian Hegedies, Danny Osztreicher.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Quorum was established.

3. Comments from the Co- Chairs:

Bill Rose: Bill gave an update on Bobbie and her estate.

Char Rothstein had no comments.

4. The July 14, 2020 minutes: After discussion, in the Present paragraph, after Also the word should be Present:. On page 2, the top Old Business should be deleted. In paragraph 6, the third line from the bottom, there should be a space between City and hearings. Thereupon, the July 14, 2020 minutes were **approved as amended.**

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Old Business None.

New Business

6. Presentation on Building a Safer LA: Steve Crosby introduced himself as a member of the organization Build With Strength LA (BWSLA), which is a national organization devoted to promote fire safety only in family buildings of 3 to 7 stories, in order to attempt to lessen the speed of fire and protect residents and surrounding structures. BWSLA aims to build a coalition of building trades, businesses and people, building owners and churches to make sure new buildings are more fire-safe. BWSLA seeks to obtain more support and to have communities involved in these coalitions. BWSLA works with governmental departments such as Planning, Building and Safety, and fire departments. Single family homes, duplexes and triplexes are not included in BWSLA's work. Co-chair Char Rothstein advised that the committee will review the materials and Steve's presentation and revisit this topic at the October, 2020 meeting.

Co-chair Bill Rose announced that Tony Brosamle had resigned from the Board and all committees, leaving one seat on the Zoning and Planning Committee open. Bill asked Saif if he is interested in serving as a member of Zoning and Planning. Saif said yes, and Bill and Char chose Saif to fill Tony's vacant seat on the committee.

7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding AB 725 (by Betty Wicks and Scott Weiner) and AB2345 (by Lorena Gonzalez and David Chiu): Co-chair Bill Rose began this discussion by remarking that the goal of Scott Weiner is to over-populate all of California using the bills he introduces in the Legislature. Bill introduced Jill Stewart who is with Liveable Los Angeles (LLA) to give remarks about both bills. Basically both bills are attempts to order cities of all sizes to change where population growth is going to be housed by tearing down existing single family homes and smaller buildings and upzoning parcels to contain 100 units per acre. Clearly "one size for all" will not fit into every size city. AB 725 is currently on the Governor's desk but no one knows if he will veto the bill or sign it. Char pointed out that these new structures will not be adding reimbursements for schools. Aida said none of the plans require any low-income housing. Jill advised the state should examine funding again and perhaps put a measure on the ballot for affordable housing for homeless. AB 2345 is also a density bonus bill to build more bigger buildings for more low-income residents by breaking present rules of size, setbacks, open space, trees and landscaping. Char mentioned no school reimbursement again, along with parking spaces decreased. Jill advised individuals to keep writing to

elected officials and the governor until the legislature provides for better low income buildings. Char advised we can speak with the mayor as a group to suggest a different resolution to this problem.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Co-chair Bill Rose announced the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.