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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order at 6:32 PM by Co-Chair Bill Rose.
2. Quorum established.  
Committee Members Present: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreiberman, and Joan Trent.  
Committee Member Absent: Alec Uzemeck  
Board Members also present: Brian Begun, Marie Javdani, Daniel Osztreicher and Brad Vanderhoof.  
Members of the Public Present: Steve Crosby, Melody Forsythe, Ruth Kritz, Victoria McDevitt and John Moss.
3. Comments from the Co-Chair(s):  
Bill Rose advised that Joan Trent needs to complete the Planning 101 training.  
Char Rothstein advised that if anyone wants to attend the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan meeting on December 10, 2020, sign-up is necessary. Char will re-send the notice to all members.  
Char also advised that the hearing on the El Camino Shoup school site has been cancelled indefinitely, perhaps because of the committee's letter to the City. Char advised she told El Camino that the letter cannot be changed.  
Char also advised that the final committee minutes from February, March, July, September, October and November, 2020 will be posted on the Board's website within a week or two. Due to Covid, there were no meetings of this committee in April, May and June, 2020, and the August, 2020 meeting was also not held.
4. Minutes of November 23, 2020 were approved as amended.
5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:  
Steve Crosby from "Building a Safer Los Angeles" reported that he did not have any updates now and would advise us when there are any updates.

**Old Business:**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Assembly Bill 3308, employee housing and update on the LAUSD 12/2/2020 meeting:  
Chair of the sub-committee Faye gave a brief summary of the LAUSD 12/2/2020 meeting where its plan for "affordable employee housing" at three sites in the west Valley, one of which is the Highlander Rd. school site, was described. As Co-Captain of the Highlander Pomelo Neighborhood Watch (HPNW), Faye said that most of HPNW's members are opposed to LAUSD's plan and would like WHNC to help oppose building any housing at the Highlander site and instead build an elementary school and/or a community center. Myrl, Steve and Dan reminded the committee that WHNC's Community, Cultural and Senior Center committee had been in discussions with LAUSD Board member Scott Schmerelson about using the Highlander site for such a center, as well as with Councilman John Lee and want to continue with that process. There was much discussion back and forth concerning the problems regarding such housing, including the shortness of time within which LAUSD was going to make its decision, during the first quarter of 2021.

A motion was made and was passed unanimously to prepare and send a letter to LAUSD to explain WHNC's concerns about the "affordable employee housing" at Highlander and the sub-committee would schedule two meetings about this issue, the first with the Highlander community and any other interested West Hills stakeholders, and the second with LAUSD and Highlander and other interested West Hills stakeholders.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for a zone change from (Q)C1-1VL and (Q)C4-1VL at 6400 Platt Avenue, West Hills, at Platt Village  
Char discussed this issue with a City planner, who advised that when a shopping strip backs up to a residential area; all prospective tenants must obtain a CUP. Char therefore does not understand why any change in zoning is needed at this point and so because more information is needed, this matter is tabled to the next Zoning and Planning meeting on 01/12/2021.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Council File #19-0603, "Building a Safer Los Angeles":  
Melody Forsythe and Steve Crosby attended to advise that this Council motion seeks to build new safer homes and all other kinds of buildings in Los Angeles by imposing a ban on using untreated wood from all such future buildings due to the high fire risk of untreated wood. Steve Crosby said there were other neighborhood councils which had already approved this motion, including Silverlake. There was brief discussion of various substitute materials to be used instead and questions concerning these uses and issues with them. A sub-committee was named, with Bill, Saif and Brad being its members, which will report back to the committee at its next meeting, 01/12/2021. This matter was tabled for a vote to that date.

**New Business:**

9. Discussion and possible action regarding Noise Ordinance #144.331: WHNC Board member Brian Begun explained his long and unsuccessful attempts to change this City ordinance due to the excessive and daily noises of trash trucks emptying trash bins at all hours during the night and very early morning near his home, which is located very near to West Hills Hospital and the several medical buildings which are on the same corner lot as the hospital. Discussion was had about suggestions on how to proceed. It was determined that the committee wants to hear from nearby neighbors who are also bothered by the noise. This item was tabled to the 01/12/2021 meeting for further discussion.

Adjournment – 8:18 P.M. Next meeting will be January 12, 2021.