



## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Monday, February 1, 2021

Revised February 2, 2021

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Scarce, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Daniel Ostreicher, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Also in attendance: Brian Begun

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. A quorum was established.

Due to technical problems the meeting was not recorded.

Comments from the Chair: Anthony presented a reply letter from CD12 Councilmember John Lee regarding vehicle noise and speeding. Anthony said he has observed increased LAPD patrol cars and his impression is they are focusing on extreme violations of the noise ordinance and speed limit.

Announcements: None.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. The December 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
2. Utility Box Art Project next locations: Bonnie voiced her opposition to utility box artwork saying she feels it is equivalent to graffiti and a waste of neighborhood council funds. Faye also said she is opposed to painting artwork on boxes because she questions if the distraction poses a safety hazard. Anthony said he is still waiting for community improvement project guidelines regarding utility box art (including insurance requirements) and will share them as soon as he has them. As of now the plan to contract with artists to paint additional boxes is on hold. Anthony called for a vote to select the next two boxes to receive artwork.

The list of candidate box locations: 1. Platt and Vanowen 2. Woodlake and Roscoe 3. Sherman Way and Woodlake 4. Sherman Way and Medical Center Dr 5. Sherman Way and Fallbrook 6. Fallbrook and Saticoy 7. Fallbrook and Roscoe

Bonnie said the Fallbrook and Roscoe location is near her house and she does not want to see artwork there.

Anthony formatted the vote to consist of each committee member having one vote in each of two roll calls with a plurality determining the preferred locations.

1. Platt and Vanowen	2 votes
2. Woodlake and Roscoe	0 votes
3. Sherman Way and Woodlake	1 vote
4. Sherman Way and Medical Center Dr.	6 votes
5. Sherman Way and Fallbrook	0 votes
6. Fallbrook and Saticoy	5 votes
7. Fallbrook and Roscoe	0 votes
Abstain (opposed to utility box artwork)	4 votes

Sherman Way and Medical Center Drive and Fallbrook and Saticoy were selected as the next locations for utility box artwork.

Anthony said the utility box artwork is still a Vision Zero project but other artwork could be considered. Brad asked if the request for artists should be temporarily removed from the WHNC homepage on the website and Anthony replied, no, we are still recruiting artists but not scheduling them to present at this time.

3. Saticoy and Woodlake Traffic Survey Request: Brian Begun described what he feels is a very dangerous intersection that needs a traffic study. Dan B. said a traffic study would be part of any proposed development at the shopping center Chaminade purchased. He also said the city has evaluated the intersection and determined a traffic signal is not feasible due to the lack of right-of-way on the SE corner. Daniel O. said he does not want to wait for a traffic study because safety is involved. Thomas said the problem is compounded because there is no sidewalk on the SE and the sidewalk is often obstructed by overgrowth on the NE. Bonnie said she drives the route often, has not seen any accidents, and is not aware of any serious accidents at the intersection. Heidi thinks the street may be widened if the large property on the SE is developed to something other than a single house. Brian agreed with not waiting and asked for the WHNC to push the city to use eminent domain to allow a traffic signal. Olivia said the city has looked at this intersection before and it is not a new issue. She said the committee should gather facts to present and ask for a timeline. Anthony wants to edit the letter to add factual detail and show this as an ongoing concern. Dan B. will edit the letter in concert with Brian.
4. CIS for CF 21-0002-S30 Fare-Free Transit / State and Local Agencies / Equitable Post Pandemic Recovery / Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S.R. 4278):  
CIS in Support  
Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Recusal – 0  
The CIS is approved.
5. CIS for CF 20-1536 continuation of public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway: Anthony explained that STAP is a plan to put digital signage at transit stops. This may include hot spots to collect data. The proposal was approved by City Council and the contract bidding process has begun. This CIS would support the motion to extend the public engagement period.  
CIS in Support  
Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Recusal – 0  
The CIS is approved.
6. Mural in West Hills: Bonnie stated her objection to murals in the “bedroom community” West Hills. Anthony said the WHNC Board has already approved the concept of a mural. Anthony asked for volunteers to work this offline and bring recommendations for murals back to the committee. Dan B., Anthony, Brad, Daniel O. volunteered. After a determination the group would be a sub-committee and have public agenda meetings, Bonnie said she would like to represent the anti-mural point-of-view. Anthony said the sub-committee is tasked with developing ideas and plans for murals and arguments for and against a specific idea or murals in general belong in the standing committee and at the Board. Anthony declined to include Bonnie in the sub-committee.
7. Committee Chair Anthony Scarce adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM.