



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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Committee Members: Anthony Scarce (Chair) Olivia Naturman, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Daniel Osztreicher

Call to Order and Roll Call

Comments from the Chair

Announcements

Public Comments on matters of committee jurisdiction not on the agenda (2 minutes)

1. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes** from the February 1st, 2021 Streets and Transportation Committee Meetings
2. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Street Racing mitigation and solutions, Aaron Schwartzbart (Motorgospel Ministries)
3. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Saticoy and Woodlake Traffic Survey Request (Brian Begun)
4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Highlander Rd. Traffic Safety Solutions and Traffic Survey Request
5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) in West Hills
6. **Discussion and Recommendations:** on Mural in West Hills
7. **Discussion and Recommendations:** agenda items for the March 16th regular meeting
8. **Adjournment**

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Streets & Transportation next meets on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021



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, Bob Brostoff, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Daniel Osztreicher, 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.

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| 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 an extremely 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 agendaized 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. Additionally, the Board voted for the Streets & Transportation Committee to pursue and investigate mural locations and design in West Hills. Anthony declined to include Bonnie in the sub-committee.
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Committee Chair Anthony Scarce adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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

RE: Intersection of Saticoy and Woodlake in West Hills

The West Hills Neighborhood Council is charged with safeguarding the safety and security of its stakeholders. Accordingly, it is necessary to address the ongoing traffic hazards at the intersection of Saticoy Street and Woodlake Avenue.

This intersection is unusual for several reasons. Its four corners have commercial and agricultural zoning designations as well as two types of residential zones. In addition, both streets are categorized as Avenue II by the Department of Transportation. While similarly designated intersections throughout West Hills all have traffic signals, the intersection of Saticoy and Woodlake has four stop signs.

The intersection has no pedestrian markings and one of the corners is partially blind to cross traffic. It is heavily traveled during peak rush hour periods and vehicles often do not approach safely or even stop as they are supposed to.

Chaminade College Preparatory High School, less than a block west on Saticoy on the south side, is formulating plans to expand to the north side of the street. West Hills Hospital is two blocks to the south.

We believe this intersection requires traffic control lights. Our community should not have to wait for additional automobile and pedestrian traffic generated by Chaminade's expansion to address the safety shortcomings at this intersection.

We therefore request that a traffic study be conducted at the intersection and that all creative and legal opportunities be explored and shared as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION

MOTION

The City's current Coordinated Street Furniture Program expires at the end of 2021. Since 2018, the City Council, led by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, held numerous hearings and policy discussions on the topic and on November 26, 2019, authorized StreetsLA to undertake a competitive process and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a successor program, the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) (C.F. 00-1073-S1). Under this authority, the release of an RFP to solicit proposals for STAP is being considered by the Board of Public Works on November 24, 2020.

The expansion and enhancement of facilities that support public transit riders, improve bus stops, and offer wayfinding for visitors and residents alike are among the opportunities presented by the modernization of the street furniture program. The integration of digital elements into this program offers many opportunities for convenience, revenue, emergency and public service messaging, and local benefits; but it also raises the specters of potential privacy infringement, intrusively illuminated signage, and overall aesthetic diminishment. Last week, we heard similar questions and concerns from a number of community members.

These and other outstanding issues of significance require policy guidance from the City Council and, as was the expectation when the City Council last acted on this matter, must be addressed to shape the final design of the STAP and to assure the public that adequate controls are in place to protect neighborhoods and the City's interests. The deliberation and decision making on these issues must be made in a transparent fashion and be resolved before any award to operate the STAP is approved.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:

- Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways;
- A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities;
- How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement;
- Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and
- Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.

PRESENTED BY:

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

MIKE BONIN (verbal)
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON (verbal)
Councilmember, 8th District