



CITY OF
LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



P.O. BOX 4670, WEST HILLS, CA 91308
WWW.WESTHILLSNC.ORG
MAIL@WESTHILLSNC.ORG

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING

FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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

WHNC Board member also present: Anthony Searce

Members of the Public present: Correy Kitchens, Andy Rodrigues and Chris Rowe.

- 1. The Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bill Rose at 6:31 p.m.**
- 2. Quorum was established.**
- 3. Comments from the Co-Chairs:**

Bill Rose thanked all who attended the memorial service for Bobbi Trantafello.

Char Rothstein said that the service for Ron Sobel was very nice and that Ron's passing left an opening on this committee. Char also said that there will be a hearing by the City on El Camino's Shoup location on December 3, 2020. Char also advised there have been several more complaints by neighbors about the Malibu Winery.

- 4. Minutes of Sept. 8, 2020:** After discussion: on page 1, line 4: the word ALSO was uncapitalized, as was the P in Present, and spelling was corrected to present; the second period after Mogri was omitted; in line 6, the spelling of Danny's last name is Danny Osztreicher. In Comments from the Co-Chairs, Bill Rose's comment was amended to read: Bill gave an update on Bobbi. On page 2, in the next to the bottom line, beginning with setbacks, the next word should be open. Thereupon, the September 8, 2020, minutes were approved as amended.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Chris Rowe suggested that the WHNC Board should announce important happenings, like the deaths of Board members.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding an update to the West Hills Community Plan, Q and A to follow:

Andy Rodriguez and Correy Kitchens, planners from LA City's Planning Office, spoke at length about the progress of the West Hills Community Plan after much work on it. This session was an update on the plan and community outreach, which will continue during the first two weeks in December, with three or four webinar-style, recorded meetings, one meeting per area of West Valley, and they will advise us of the upcoming dates. Both stated significant milestones were reached with drafts of a business statement, plan principles and a land use, interactive tool plan already being completed, for which the public will be able to leave comments. The next steps will be to summarize and publish the feedback, use comments to refine proposals, and work on an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). They indicated boundary alignments needed to be refined and an internal framework created.

Dan Brin stated that a major concern of West Hills has been and is that the plan must include 80% of Chatsworth Reservoir belonging to West Hills, as well as those homes south of the reservoir, north of Roscoe Blvd. and west of Valley Circle, which in prior plans and studies, not only the reservoir, but also the homes and the West Hills helipad were "left out" of the West Hills plan.

Andy and Correy were hesitant about "just moving boundary lines" and needed "criteria" for all areas, and said the plan excluded the reservoir.

That comment ignited strong comments and elaborations about these persistent problems from Bill Rose, Bob Brostoff Steve Randall, Joan Trent, Dan Brin, Anthony Scearce, Chris Rowe and Char Rothstein.

Andy and Correy said they will consider these serious concerns and work on them.

7. Discussion regarding MANDATORY City Planning 101 online training sessions for all Zoning and Planning Members:

LA City now requires committee members to attend this online class, which runs online for an hour and a half, but does NOT require attendance at the question and answer session immediately following the course. Bill, Dan and Steve said that they stayed for the Q&A session and thought it was informative and encouraged us to do so as well. After the course is taken, one should receive a confirmation of attendance, which should be sent to Betty Wong at DONE. Char will find out when additional sessions of this course will be given and advise the committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Co-chair Bill Rose announced the next meeting date, originally scheduled for November 10, 2020, must be changed, since he will be out of town. After discussing dates of other November committee meetings already scheduled, it was determined that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 23, 2020, at 6:30 PM. Whereupon, this meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.