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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

TUESDAY, July 9, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 1st Floor
2341 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304

1. Call to Order at 6:45 P.M. by Co-Chair Bill Rose.
2. Quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Aida Abkarians, Carolyn Greenwood, Dan Brin, Penelope Newmark, Carolyn Proppert, Steve Randall (AB2449), Bill Rose, Anthony Scarce (AB2449), Myrl Schreibman (AB2449) and Charlene Rothstein.

Committee Members Absent: Faye Barta, Saif Mogri and Joan Trent

3. Comments from the Co-Chair(s): Co-Chairs acknowledged that the number of stakeholders that appeared at the meeting was so great that the meeting had to be moved to a larger room and even the second room was overflowing.
4. Minutes from June 11, 2024 were approved with corrections.
5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Stakeholder Lucie Volotsky, who is running for the California Senate, introduced herself and spoke of her position on several issues. Stakeholder Chris Rowe stated a concern that the use of the Chaminade facility in light of the Chaminade expansion that was under discussion was a conflict of interest.

Old Business:

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Vesting Preliminary Application proposal for 7556 Woodlake at Satcoy Street/Circle S Ranch property site

Char stated that a meeting with the City via Zoom was scheduled, however, the City requested to reschedule (no new date available at this time). Char explained that the property owner has only filed a preliminary application and has until September 16th to file a complete application. She, Penny and Bill are meeting with Senator Henry Stern's Chief Consultant, Ross Zelen to discuss how legislation coming from Sacramento is impacting the community. The stakeholders present expressed that they did not want this type of development and the problems it would cause for the community. Discussion centered on how the community could inform City officials of their united displeasure with having the property developed in the manner proposed.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the DRAFT SW 2024-2025 Community Plan

Penny provided an overview of what the Community Plan is. She explained that the City is midway through the process. They are proposing such changes as higher density along certain routes and the ability to make changes "By Right." Penny went on to explain that many different changes are coming directly from Sacramento that over-ride what actions are taken by individual cities and affect the communities. August 1, 2024 is the last date to comment on the proposed changes to the Community Plan as written.

Char made a motion to send a letter that "We are against the draft zoning and building allowance changes included in the City of LA's 2024-2025 S.W. Valley Community Plan that will destroy the unique character of our West Hills single-family neighborhoods forever." Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business:

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the MND (Mitigated Negative Declaration) on the proposed Chaminade expansion

Char and Penny presented the prepared responses to the MND on the proposed Chaminade expansion. Both Myrl and Tony expressed concern regarding traffic and that the MND was done before the the proposal for the Circle S Ranch property was proposed. Penny pointed out that that is addressed in our response. Char also advised that the Zoning & Planning Committee is having a second meeting this month on July 25th and the only item on the agenda is Chaminade so the community can ask questions and provide input on the proposed plans. Forwarding of the prepared responses to the MND to Chaminade was approved.

9. The meeting was adjourned by Bill at 8:15 p.m