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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-0172

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Westwood

Name: Stephen Resnick

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/12/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 08/07/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-0172

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: "The WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL opposes the removal of the date of ownership criterion from the Faith Based Incentive Program in LA's Housing Element. WHEREAS: Last year, California State Senate Bill 4 granted Faith-Based Organizations and Institutions of Higher Learning the right to build 100% affordable housing on property they owned even in restricted zones, provided these properties were owned prior to January 1, 2024. This bill was a means of helping these institutions build affordable housing, but the bill also added a time restriction to prevent these organizations from becoming land speculators acquiring new properties and being granted these special waivers. Now the City of Los Angeles Planning Department has proposed adding more flexibility to SB 4 by removing the date of ownership criterion.

These groups will now be the only group that can purchase new sites on an advantaged basis in single family neighborhoods. THEREFORE: The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports Faith-Based Organizations being allowed to build on land they acquired prior to January 1, 2024. The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes these organizations being allowed to build multi-family housing on land they acquired after January 1, 2024, in single-family neighborhoods. The Westwood Neighborhood Council asks that the date of ownership restriction be added to the FBO Incentive Program.

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WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2024
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING
10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members in attendance were Amie Baron, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Tracey Fitzgerald, Philip Gabriel, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, Stephen Resnick, Michael Telerant, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Lucas Dickey, Doug Mark, and Jonathan York.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

BJ's in Westwood Village is closing.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the April 10, 2024 minutes, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously with the exception of Tracey Fitzgerald.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. LAPD SLO James Allen reported that there has been a spike in burglaries.
- B. State Senator Ben Allen's representative Nick Faries gave a legislative update.
- C. UCLA representative Marco Perez announced the new chancellor.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Gibson Nyambura introduced the new NEA, Vincent Autiero.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2024

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the April 2024 MER had a beginning balance of \$35,746.21, \$15,185.17 spent, \$5,185.17 outstanding, a commitment of \$5,000, and a net available amount of \$10,375.87. Laura moved to approve the April MER, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer Laura Winikow reported that the May 2024 MER had a beginning balance of \$20,561.04, \$10.95 spent, \$5,185.17 outstanding, a commitment of \$5,000, and a net available amount of \$10,364.92. Laura moved to approve the May MER, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and approved unanimously.

B. Recap and status of NPG presentations from March 13, 2024

Both Warner Avenue Elementary's and Friends of the Westwood Library's NPG applications were denied for technical reasons. The L.A. Music Salon's application was initially denied and then approved, even though they sent the exact same application to WWNC and NWWNC and NWWNC's was approved right away.

Laura moved to amend the budget to allow Philip Gabriel to be the second signature on the account, replacing Ann Hayman. Lisa Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion to approve the invoice from Media81 for web hosting and maintenance in the amount of \$2,898.95

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comment was made.

8. PRESENTATION: SKYRAIL – SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

Mark and Marie gave a presentation on a proposed monorail with three alternatives, one through three. Alternative two is being recommended for removal. They met with UCLA representatives and UCLA's position is that they want a one-seat ride to campus, which means alternatives three through six.

9. 10433 LINDBROOK

A. Discussion in regard to an application for an adjustment

Sandy Brown will attend the upcoming hearing and bring the motion on this issue passed by WWNC at the September 13, 2023 meeting.

10. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Tracey Fitzgerald reported that the PAB voted to make a presentation to NWWNC. RAP has approved painting pickleball lines and the city is retaining the rights to rent the two courts for pickleball and tennis. The next PAB meeting is June 26th.

11. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Ann Hayman reported that a PAB meeting was held on May 23rd and members voted for officers. Dogs off-leash when staff is not present was discussed. The park is a major drop-off in the afternoons for schools. The next meeting will be in July.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive – no report

B. Land Use & Planning

1. HPOZ Interim Control Ordinance – CF 24-0490

Introduction of Motion in Support

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MOTION IN SUPPORT OF HPOZ INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE, CF24-0490

“WHEREAS:

- A motion was introduced by our Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky and seconded by Councilmember Heather Hutt, CF24-0490, on April 20, 2024, to enact an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to protect Historic Preservation Zones (HPOZ) from Executive Directive 1 (ED) projects;
- This request was made because no action has yet been taken on the ED 1 guidelines by the City Council;
- This ICO is needed to protect HPOZs; and
- HPOZs are historically very diverse neighborhoods often in underserved communities with lots of multi-family housing.

THEREFORE:

The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the Motion in its entirety, made by Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky and seconded by Councilmember Heather Hutt on April 20, 2024, that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present and present a citywide Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) within 30 days to impose temporary regulations restoring the existing HPOZ discretionary review process on the issuance of permits associated with any demolition, building, use of land, grading, and other applicable permits for the new construction of one-hundred percent affordable housing projects that are currently subject to a ministerial approval process located in a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) neighborhood, and thereby ensure compliance with HPOZ Preservation Plans, until the final ED 1 Ordinance is approved and enacted.

Our Community Impact Statement shall be emailed to all Councilmembers, Council File 24-0490, the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, and the Mayor's office."

Connie Boukidis moved the above motion, seconded by Laura Winikow, and carried unanimously.

2. Faith Based Incentive Program – CF 23-0172

Introduction of Motion in Support with modifications

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MOTION RE Faith-Based Incentive Program, CF23-0172

"The WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL opposes the removal of the date of ownership criterion from the Faith Based Incentive Program in LA's Housing Element.

WHEREAS:

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Connie Boukidis moved the above motion, seconded by Tracey Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously.

C. Outreach & Communications – no report

D. Homeless Task Force

1. Report of WRAC Homeless Roundtable Meeting of June 10, 2024

A report will be given later.

E. Budget Advocates -no report

F. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report

G. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness – no report

H. Bylaws – no report

I. WRAC – Report and Motions

1. Discussion of alternate representatives and possible motion

Lisa Chapman nominated Stephen Resnick as the alternate representative, seconded by Laura Winikow, and approved unanimously. Lisa Chapman nominated Amie Baron as the second alternate representative, seconded by Laura Winikow, and approved unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.