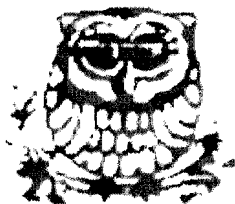


WHHO

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

December 2007

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President's Message

We have a lot happening in Woodland Hills and the residents should get informed before things happen. We are moving to get the Warner Center Specific Plan with Urban design, and trying to get Councilman Dennis P. Zine to make a more definitive Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) or a moratorium until the Urban Design is finished.

The Westfield Project is moving toward an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) but they have not specifically designed anything. If our Community does not attend the meetings and express their input Westfield will build as they wish. As of now WHHO and the Neighborhood Council are not the least bit happy with what Westfield has shown to date. It currently looks more like a warehouse development than a quality destination project. It is very poorly thought out especially with the traffic challenges. We need more open space that is large, more pedestrian friendly design, and a well thought out transportation system to make it possible for all visitors to only have to park once to see the Promenade, Plaza or the proposed Village. See the next hearing information in this newsletter.

GORDON MURLEY

President

The opinions expressed are those of the President and do not necessarily represent those of the Board of Directors or the members of the Organization

THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

The thoughts that come often unsought, and, as it were, drop in to the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have.

JOHN LOCKE

If you do not ask, the answer is always no.

OWEN LAUGHLIN

The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.

NORMAN MAILER

General Meeting
December 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
PACIFIC LODGE BOYS' HOME
4900 SERRANIA AVE.
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364

NOTE: Beginning in January 2008 we will be meeting at Kaiser Hospital and the day is changed to the 4th Wednesday. The room and schedule will be in the January Newsletter.

Agenda:

Election of Officers and Board of Directors.

Projects that are going to affect your lives and traffic. You don't know about them? Perhaps you should come and find out what you need to know!

PIERCE COLLEGE

Sports Flash!

Disappointed in your favorite college teams? Have the Trojans and/or Bruins not responded to your supportive cheers? Don't despair...our Pierce College teams will make you proud again!

As you know, Pierce is "Number 1" in transferring community college students to California universities. You may not be aware that our campus is also tops in sports. Here's the latest about our wonderful student-athletes:

The Pierce women's soccer team has just captured its third Western State Conference title in a row. This is our soccer Brahmas' fifth title in seven years and propels them to a number 5 ranking in the nation. This great team has now set their sights on winning the upcoming State playoffs.

The women's volleyball team was not to be outdone by their soccer compatriots and have also continued their history of success. Last week the team captured their 7th straight Western State Conference championship with 22 wins and only three season losses. For you statisticians: since 2002 our female volleyballers have won every home game, a total of 50 straight vic-

tories! This team also has very high expectations during the upcoming matches that will determine the top squad in California.

Our women's basketball players started their season on November 7th with a dominating 98-28 win over Victor Valley College. Last season this Pierce team was very successful with a record of 25 wins and just 6 losses. This is a very exciting group of athletes who keep the fans on their feet during every game.

The Brahma football team finished the season with a 5-win, 5-loss record. The five wins makes this season the most successful since 1993. This great gridiron turnaround thrilled the players and loyal fans. Of course, it was an especially satisfying victory to beat our cross-town rivals, Valley College, during the final game by a score of 37-17.

As you can tell, I am very impressed with our athletes who work so hard to succeed in their respective sports and in the classroom. I invite you to attend any of our sports events during the coming months. Parking is easy, admission prices are low to free, and you are certain to have a good time. You will probably hear me cheering, so make sure to join in!

Sincerely,
Bob Garber, Pierce College President

Neighborhood Council Elections.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has nominated the follow-

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ing people for the Board of Directors for the Year 2008.

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New DOT Manager-Rita Robinson 11/16/07

New Transportation Director tells WHHO members to expect more action and fewer excuses.

Saying, "I won't make promises I can't keep," Rita Robinson, the City's new General Manager of the Department of Transportation told an audience at WHHO's October meeting that she was ushering in a new era of thinking and communications at the moribund agency.

The affable Ms. Robinson was appointed to her new post by Mayor Villaregosa after a successfully re-energizing the City's Department of Sanitation. Ms. Robinson stated that she intended to make DOT proactive instead of reactive, in order to address the growing traffic headaches at are gridlocking the entire region.

DOT's new leader stated that one of her first actions will be to develop a complete transportation system,

2007 Meeting Schedule

	General Meeting Q	Board Meeting W		General Meeting Q	Board Meeting W
Jan	25	11	Jul	no meeting*	12
Feb	22	08	Aug	30	09
Mar	29	08	Sep	27	13
Apr	26	12	Oct	25	11
May	31	10	Nov	no meeting*	08
Jun	no meeting*	07	Dec	06	13

Q All meetings are held at PACIFIC LODGE BOYS' HOME 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

W All Executive Board meeting will be held at various locations until a permanent day and place can be set. They will be announced at the general meeting where they will be held.

and not just try to patch a network that is inadequate for today's needs.

She acknowledged that the Transportation may have a quality control problem, and she said that she wants to do her best to alleviate frustration, irritation and problems. She is investigating a "No Roadwork During Rush Hour" policy, and is also looking into an Automated Surveillance System at key intersections so that traffic lights can be synchronized or altered to keep the greatest amounts of traffic flowing.

When asked about the growing traffic problems throughout Woodland Hills and Warner Center, Ms. Robinson stated that she has instructed her District Office Traffic Team to be more open to suggestions and complaints from the community and to be more communicative about what is happening at key locations. In response to a direct question about having a Traffic Engineer attend Neighborhood Council meeting every other month, she stated that is was a good idea because she felt it would open communications between the people who live in the community and the Traffic Engineers who are responsible for that area.

In answering a complaint about the "telephone maze" people get caught in when they call about traffic signal problems, illegal parking and other questions, Ms. Robinson noted that she too, was frustrated with the system and promised to try and get real human beings to provide help over the phone.

"We want a partnership with the people who live in this community," she emphasized. "We are the traffic--all of us--and we have to work together to solve it."

Westfield Town Hall

Your last chance to tell Westfield what you want--and don't want--in Warner Center is Dec. 12.

Speak now, or forever hold your complaints about Westfield's plans for its major development in Warner Center.

The Neighborhood Council has asked Westfield to hold one final Town Hall meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Woodland Hills Academy (formerly Parkman Middle School), located at the corner of DeSoto and Burbank Blvd.

Ideas about what should or should not be included in

the new 31-acre development named "The Village" can be submitted and there will be an opportunity to voice concerns about increased traffic, apartment density, parking and transportation that will all be impacted by Westfield's project.

A number of presentations have been made by Westfield, including a presentation to WHHO members at our September meeting. Westfield's initial plan call for substantial variances from the existing Warner Center Specific Plan that could impact businesses, residents and commuters throughout Woodland Hills and the West Valley. The numbers presented at previous Westfield meetings are:

- Allowed 16,000 sq. ft. of retail/ restaurant space.
Proposing 540,000 sq. ft.
- Allowed 1,600,000 sq. ft. of office space
Proposing 540,000 sq. ft.
- Allowed 300 hotel room units
Proposing 600 hotel room units
- Allowed 160 residential apartments
Proposing 360 residential apartments
- Community facilities: Proposing 15,000 sq. ft.

Westfield's initial concepts include a Community Center and a possible satellite branch of the Los Angeles County Art Museum or MOMA. They also propose a "trolley" to carry people between their Topanga Mall, the Village and their Promenade Mall.

Concerns have risen about increased traffic on the main streets serving Warner Center, including Topanga, Victory, Van Owen, Oxnard, and Canoga. Under discussion is a "transportation bridge" over Victory and possibly widening Victory.

Other key issues that will be influenced by public input are the questions of more residential building in Warner Center, the need for additional office space, green belts and heat generation, air quality from increased traffic, architectural style, and sculpture and public art projects.

This will be the last chance for the public to make its feelings known before Westfield firms up its plans and draws up its final project plan. Since many residents have already heard or read about initial thinking for The Village, WHHO and the Neighborhood Council are urging you to come out with ideas and opinions that define exactly what you want or don't want in this project.

For more specifics on The Village, you can go to

Westfield' s website.

WOODLAND HILLS SIGNS FOR VENTURA BOULEVARD

The following have sent in money earmarked for the signs. Robert & Kathy Gross, Harry & Laura Hope, Jay & Rachelle Zukerman, David Gorton, Save Oaks Savanna, Charles & Betty Salverson, Betty J. Williams, Rose Goldwater, Eugene and Ellen Dow, Silvia and Gordon Murley, Robert and Shirley Blessing, Howard J. Millstein, D.M. & G.B. Schnaid, Gary S. and Tut Howe Platt, Lee Armen, Richard and Marilyn Bennet, Joan Blackmer, Paul and Amy Lawrence, Dave & Ronna Breliant, Morris & Lieux Repass, Richard Oppenheim, William Mir, Don Whittemore and SOS.

Will the rest of our members names be added????

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

So, if you want to help us get started you can email us and we will put you in the WHHO address directory. Email to: g.murley@worldnet.att.net

WHHO'S WEB SITE

We have a Web site it is www.whho.com

There are links to other web sites for information on Government and Schools. It will greatly enhance the speed for finding important information for those wanting to interface with various government agencies.

USEFUL WEB SITES FOR OTHER INFORMATION

WHHO - www.whho.com

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - www.whcouncil.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS - www.charterassociation.org

HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL - noonhughes.org

OSO SCHOOLS - no-oso-highschool.org

We invite you to frequently visit the above Web sites for updated information

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WHWCNC Election Results 11/16/07

Neighborhood Council Elections Return 3 WHHO Board Members to Seats

WHHO Board President Gordon Murley and Board members Pat Patton and Marty Lipkin were returned to their Neighborhood Council seats in the Council' s November 8 elections.

Murley was the leading vote-getter of all candidates as he returns as the Area 6 Business Representative. Patton beat back the challenge of five other candidates seeking the Area 6 Residential post, while Lipkin defeated two other candidates for the Area 4 Residential seat.

Also elected to Neighborhood Council seats were John Anderson (Area 2-Residential), Sean Clark (Area 2-Business), Scott Silverstein (Area 4-Business), Nancy Eisenhart (Area 4-At-Large), and August Steurer (Area 6-At-Large). Council Chairman Joyce Pearson was voted in by the Council to fill the Area-2 At-large seat because there were no candidates in the elections.

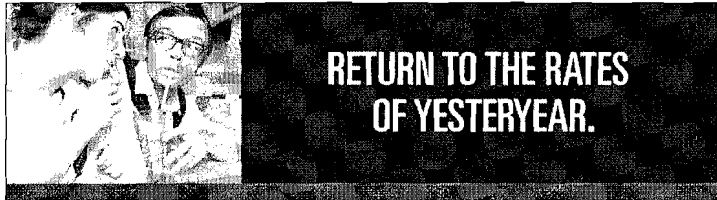
Returning to the Council as Alternates are Sherman Gamson (Area 4) and Misho Stawnychy (Area 6). New Alternates are Don Lyon (Area 2), Steven Spector (Area 2), and Jon Markarian (Area 4).

The Council is still seeking people who want to fill the Alternates seats for Area 2 At-large, Area 4 Business, and Area 6 Business. To see if you could qualify for any of those positions, please check the Neighborhood Council website at www.whcouncil.org. The Neighborhood Council also welcomes participation of stakeholders on committees, so if you have a specific interest or concern, your participation will be welcome.

Only 202 voters participated in this year' s Neighborhood Council elections, a drop off from the previous year' s vote where contests in Areas 1, 3, 5 and 7 drew large numbers of stakeholders because of concerns about development and traffic in those areas.

MEETINGS: They are listed on the website. www.whcouncil.org

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