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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/08/2018

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 09/26/2018

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Board Approved this CIS on 08/08/18 by a vote of: Aye (15) – Nay (1) – Abstain (1). Update to Previous Input: NO The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports many of the proposals in CF18-0467. We support the following: 1) renaming DONE and BONC; 2) the removal of Community Interest Stakeholder from the Los Angeles Administrative Code; 3) retaining the option of using Selections or Elections; 4) necessary funding and online course development for requiring all NC Board members to take a basic course on land use and planning. In addition, we suggest requiring the development of, and attendance in, additional training courses for land use committee chairs and committee members; 5) using a percentage of 35% of an NCs annual funding for purposes of determining allowable amount for rolling over funds on a non-cumulative basis; 6) reinstating the ability of NCs to accept in-kind and monetary donations; 7) the concept of City Departments assisting NCs to have access to shared space in City facilities and City Departments acquiring additional space in Woodland Hills-Warner Center; developing how-to-guides and online training based on a compendium of NC best practices; 8) the establishment and training of liaisons in each City Department to assist and communicate with a corresponding NC liaison. We DO NOT support the concept of having all NC elections on the same day.



Community Impact Statement

8/08/18

To: The Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee, Councilmember David E. Ryu and City Councilmembers

From: Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC)

Re: CF18-0467

Position: FOR (If Amended)

The Board Approved this CIS on 08/08/18 by a vote of: Aye (15) – Nay (1) – Abstain (1)
Update to Previous Input: NO

WHEREAS, (1) the Council Motion (CM) suggests changing the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to the Neighborhood Council Department and changing the name of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to the Neighborhood Council Commission; and,

WHEREAS, BONC is not a Commission made up of NCs; and

WHEREAS, many other Departments are named conventionally as the Department of “something”, such as the Department of City Planning and the Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils (NCs) empower communities instead of the DONE; and,

WHEREAS, the DONE’s role should be providing training, essential platforms, resources and generally supporting NCs in performing their community role; and,

WHEREAS, (2) the CM suggests removing “Community Interest Stakeholder” from the Los Angeles Administrative Code; and,

WHEREAS, (3) the CM suggests removing “Selections” as a way to constitute NC Boards; and,

WHEREAS, (4) the CM suggests having BONC on a one-time basis review all NC bylaws for equitable representation of stakeholder groups; and,

WHEREAS, NCs bylaws have been reviewed for equitable representation in the NC formation process; and

WHEREAS, (5) the CM suggests having a uniform voting age across all NCs, and

WHEREAS, (6) the CM suggests developing and requiring training for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of planning and land use committees; and,

WHEREAS, (7) the CM suggests creating a process for NCs to roll-over a non-cumulative funding amount of \$10,000 each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, (8) the CM suggests a process to reinstate the ability of NCs to accept in-kind and monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, (9) the CM suggests investigating the feasibility of having all NC elections on the same day in order to provide uniform advertising and outreach; and

WHEREAS, (10) the CM suggests creating a process to have the General Services Department and the City Clerk assist NCs in accessing shared space in City facilities; and,

WHEREAS, (11) the CM suggests developing how-to-guides based on a compendium of NC best practices; and,

WHEREAS, Training for NC members and Stakeholders would be more efficiently delivered online when they need it and not just periodically; and,

WHEREAS, (12) the CM suggests establishment and training of liaisons in each City Department to assist and communicate with a corresponding liaison within each NC; and,

WHEREAS, the maker of the CM, Councilman Ryu, has requested that NCs respond directly to the City Council Committee that he chairs, which is responsible for handling issues related to NCs;

Therefore; the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC) advises the City Council of the following:

- 1) WHWCNC supports renaming the DONE to the *Department of Neighborhood Councils* (DNC) and renaming BONC to the *Commission on Neighborhood Councils* (CNC).
- 2) WHWCNC supports (a) removal of “Community Interest Stakeholder” from the Los Angeles Administrative Code. Each NC Board should be able to determine its structure and voter eligibility.
- 3) WHWCNC supports NCs retaining the option of using Selections or Elections as each may be the most viable option for an NC.
- 4) WHWCNC believes that BONC only creates policy and should only review changes and not initiate/dictate changes to NC bylaws.
- 5) WHWCNC believes NC’s should have a choice on minimum voting age and does not support a uniform voting age requirement.
- 6) WHWCNC supports necessary funding and online course development for requiring all NC Board members to take a basic course on land use and planning. In addition, we suggest requiring the development of, and attendance in, additional training courses for land use committee chairs and committee members.

- 7) WHWCNC supports using a percentage of 35% of an NCs annual funding for purposes of determining allowable amount for rolling over funds on a non-cumulative basis.
- 8) WHWCNC supports reinstating the ability of NCs to accept in-kind and monetary donations.
- 9) WHWCNC **does not** support the concept of having all NC elections on the same day if realistic funding, staff and resources, are provided to make the election process more successful than the current system.
- 10) WHWCNC supports (a) the concept of City Departments assisting NCs to have access to shared space in City facilities and (b) City Departments acquiring additional space in Woodland Hills-Warner Center, along with making existing libraries, LAFD, Recreation & Parks, and LAPD (if applicable location exists in WH) facilities more available.
- 11) WHWCNC supports developing how-to-guides and online training based on a compendium of NC best practices.
- 12) WHWCNC supports establishment and training of liaisons in each City Department to assist and communicate with a corresponding liaison within each NC.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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