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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/14/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 11/04/2019

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 12-0460-S4

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: At the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council's full board meeting on 08/14/19, the board voted to support the proposed processes and procedures with two conditions including; 1) a minimum 30-day notification and appeal period on projects over 50,000sf or with documentation of over 100 pages; and, 2) that Neighborhood Councils be incorporated into the review process early enough to have input with developers. The NC's full request is included in the full CIS.

Community Impact Statement / 08-14-19

To: Los Angeles City Council, Office of Mayor Garcetti
From: Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC)
Re: CPC-2016-3182-CA and CF 12-0460-S4: Revisions to Chapter 1 of the Zoning Code
Position: FOR-if Amended

*The Board Approved this CIS on 08/14/19 by a vote of:
Aye (13) – Nay (0) – Abstain (1) – Ineligible (2)*
Update to Previous Input: NO

Regarding CPC-2016-3182-CA and CF 12-0460-S4 that propose revision to Chapter 1 of the Zoning Code which will become Chapter 1A until all Community Plans are revised to the new codes under ReCode:LA:

WHEREAS the City Council authorized overhaul of the City's Zoning Code via the 5-year ReCode:LA process; and,

WHEREAS the first result from ReCode:LA is the Processes and Procedures Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS the existing code has over 200 separate sections of the code; and,

WHEREAS the intent of the ordinance is to:

- Outline the existing authorities of the decision makers who can act on specified requests
- Standardize the procedures for the different types of project review
- Establish a standard organization and visual format of procedures and flowcharts
- Relocate all of the processes throughout the current Zoning Code into one central location; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance relocates existing workflows into a consolidated section and creates standardized unified processes; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance standardizes public hearing notices from 10 to 24 days to 21 days and standardizes appeal periods from 10 to 15 days to 15 days; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Department says that the ordinance does not change the powers of the Director of Planning or propose any changes to the City Charter or shift decision making away from the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Department says that the ordinance does not change the type of cases that can be appealed to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Department claims that the proposed Administrative Review process does not replace other processes that allow public appeals; and,

WHEREAS, the Department states that the ordinance does not create easier pathways for developers needing Variances or Zone Changes; and,



WHEREAS, the intent of the ordinance is to improve transparency to allow for all stakeholders to understand the rules; and,

WHEREAS, all public hearings required in the existing code will continue under the revised code with only the notification periods being standardized;

THEREFORE, in regard to City Planning Commission Case CPC-2016-3182-CA and Council File No. 12-0460-S4, relying solely on summary information provided by City Planning, the Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council resolves to notify the City Council and the Mayor's Office that the Board supports the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance with the following conditions:

1. For large projects over 50,000 square feet or with extensive documentation over 100-pages, the notification and appeal periods need to be 30 calendar days to allow for the public notification and public review (including Neighborhood Councils).
2. Neighborhood Councils need to be incorporated into the processes and procedures in a way where they are able to participate in the processes when appropriate and the participation of Neighborhood Councils and general public in working early with developers is facilitated.

The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council respectfully requests Council District 3 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the City Council and the Mayor's Office review this request and please respond in writing to the President of the WHWCNC within 21 days of receipt.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joyce Fletcher in blue ink.

Joyce Fletcher
President
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

Handwritten signature of Sheppard Kaufman in blue ink.

Sheppard Kaufman
Vice President
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

Cc: Councilmember Blumenfield (CD3)