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**WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (LUPC) MEETING
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021 – 5:30 PM
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE OR BY TELEPHONE**

1. 5:35 p.m. Call to Order–Roll: Dr. Jerry Brown, Mary Chiu, Ann Hayman, and Marcello Robinson present. Three stakeholders and guests were present at the meeting.

2. Unanimous approval of this agenda as presented

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

See item 4.

4. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Discussion and vote in regard to second motion submitted by Councilmember Koretz to make changes to the Westwood Village Specific Plan

Steve Sann explained that the second motion is different than the original motion because the original motion supported all proposals while this one has slipped in amendments without analysis or public notice in order to remove the Design Review Board from reviewing signage. This would make Westwood the only neighborhood without signage review. Sandy Brown reiterated Steve Sann's comments and stated that CD5 and the Planning Department should conduct outreach and appear before this committee. This second motion ignores residents and is only concerned with students and Metro Rail patrons, but a balanced mix of uses is needed. Dr. Jerry Brown said that the signage process is cumbersome and should be changed, not done away with. This motion would remove any process to review or oppose signage.

Chair Marcello Robinson moved,

“The LUPC recommends that the WWNC pass the following motion:

The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the second motion submitted on May 4th 2021 by Councilmember Paul Koretz to make changes to the Westwood Village Specific Plan.”

Ann Hayman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jerry Brown moved,

“The LUPC recommends that the WWNC pass the following motion:

The Westwood Neighborhood Council supports all signage to be reviewed by the Design Review Board (DRB) once and final approval reviewed by the DRB and/or their designated board member. The purpose of this motion is to shorten the signage approval process.”

Mary Chiu seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Marcello Robinson moved,

“The LUPC recommends that the WWNC pass the following motion:

The Westwood Neighborhood Council reiterates our position that the

Westwood Village Specific Plan continue to have a balanced mix of uses and specifically retain section 2A Purpose of the current Westwood Village Specific Plan, which states:

“Section 2. The purposes of this Specific Plan are as follows:

A. To permit, encourage and facilitate a balanced mix of uses and an environment attractive to a cross section of the community (in particular, nearby residents, office employees, and UCLA students and staff), so that Westwood continues to function as a retail center that primarily serves the surrounding community and secondarily serves the broader regional and tourist market.”

Ann Hayman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Marcello Robinson moved,

“The LUPC recommends that the WWNC pass the following motion:

The Westwood Neighborhood Council strongly requests the city planning department with CD5 conduct outreach regarding the May 4th 2021 proposed amendments to the original Westwood Village Specific plan to the Westwood Neighborhood Council and Westwood stakeholders prior to holding any additional hearings.”

Dr. Jerry Brown seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement at 6:32 p.m.