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Joint BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday December 22, 2015 Hidden Lake Clubhouse, West Hills

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM by Tony Brosamle and Reeyan Raynes, Committee Co-Chair's.

Those in attendance were Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Dan Brin, Steve Randall, Tom Booth, Brad Vanderhoff, David Saltzman and Heidi Manning. A quorum was established.

The October 2015 and November 2015 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

During the Public Comment period, Heidi revisited the approval of a letter template that would be distributed to local residents to encourage their ongoing involvement to clean and maintain public areas surrounding their homes. Tony requested a draft version of proposed letter from Heidi before next Meeting. The verbiage, additional discussion on proposed letter, to be scheduled for next agenda.

Brad commented on the corroded fence surrounding local West Hills park, Lazy J Park, during the Public Comment period. Brad proposed to remove the fence completely instead of replacing or repairing. Reeyan agreed to contact Park and Recreation for further information. Further discussion set for next Committee meeting.

During the Public Comment period, Reeyan mentioned the possible need for a Community Impact Statement for the damaged sidewalks in West Hills.

During the Public Comment period, David commented that beautifications projects were a "good idea".

Tony reported that the Justice Street Cleanup, the Beautification Committee's last held event, was well attended and a huge success. Also, flyers delivered by Heidi and social media outreach prior to the event, helped to attract more participants than other previous cleanups. Families from a local Boy Scout troop, Troop #175, also attended. Both Brad, who helped transport equipment after the event, and Heidi were acknowledged by Dan for their extra assistance.

Tony suggested that Woodlake Ave, north of Ingomar Street, would be a good location for the next cleanup. Heidi reported that the south side of the Platt Branch Library would benefit from a cleanup with additional items such as old mattress, etc. also needed to be removed. Tom suggested that the Committee should widen the geographical area for possible future cleanup events. The Committee agreed to target Woodlake Ave. as the next cleanup effort location on 1/16/15 at 8:30am, meeting at the Field's Market parking lot.

Tony updated the Committee on Operation Storm Drain proposal that would enlist stakeholders to take responsibility for their nearby neighborhood storm drains. Steve suggested that stakeholders should inform their gardeners to clean out storm drains and all residents be more vigilant regarding leaves and other debris that

might come from their respective yards. Committee agreed to move forward on plans to inform stakeholders on this topic. Dan agreed to creating graphic design of notification flyer.

Tom updated the Committee on the possible donation of trees by the Church of Latter Days Saints, Pastor Martin Furtak. Tom reports that discussions have continued with Pastor Furtak who clarified that the trees are intended for public locations such as local parks and non-profit locations such as community churches and synagogues. Pastor Furtak stated that he works with a landscaper who plants and sets up irrigation. Tom will continue to contact Pastor Furtak for promised written proposal. Steve suggested that the group identify possible locations that might be interested in planting trees. Tony commented that Committee members should be encouraged to identify specific location prior to next month's Committee meeting.

Reeyan updated the group on the plan to label the Beautification Committee's entire inventory of equipment. Reeyan reported that labeling would help identify the Committee's equipment at cleanup events and when stored in a shared common location at Orcutt Park. Heidi reported that she owns a label maker and would make it available for this task. The Committee agreed to move forward on the project.

Dan informed the group that Hidden Lake Clubhouse had raised the cost of the Committee's current meeting location and was no longer affordable. The Committee decided that West Hills Hospital would be the most likely new location of future Committee meetings, to be confirmed prior to next meeting.

The next cleanup was scheduled for Saturday January 16, 2016, to clean the area on Woodlake Ave, north of Ingomar Street, meeting at Field's Market parking lot at 8:30 AM.

The next meeting of this Committee will be on January 22nd at 6:30 PM at a new location to be determined, most likely West Hills Hospital, first floor Conference Room.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:05 PM by Tony Brosamle and Reeyan Raynes.