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Joint BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday June 28, 2016** **West Hills Hospital, 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, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Liz Brosamle, Ilona Buratti, Matthew Davine, Ed Fischbach, Mary Fischbach, Fayleen Harmon, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Mike Teitelbaum, Pat Tjasaas, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. A quorum was established.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Tony Brosamle.
2. The May 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.
3. Tony informed the committee that Pastor Moorehead from The Church at Rocky Peak has reached out concerning a joint cleanup event on November. Tony asked the group to start thinking about ideas so the committee can begin the planning process. Reeyan thanked Dan for representing the WHNC at the event honoring the Eagle Scout who rebuilt the historic greenhouse on the Orcutt ranch site.
4. Public Comment: Ron mentioned he has noticed front yard issues with some properties around West Hills and asked if the Beautification Committee can assist homeowners who have difficulty maintaining their landscaping. Tony responded with the suggestion that a working group address this offline. Joan stated her opinion that the Beautification Committee needs a more "flamboyant" event be more noticeable and generate community interest. Barry asked if the committee should incorporate the mention of municipal code violations in outreach efforts and notices to homeowners. Mary Fischbach introduced herself and Ilona Buratti as representatives from the West Valley Garden Club. The West Valley Garden Club has been meeting at Orcutt Ranch on the second Tuesday of the month, excepting July and August, since 1967. As part of their efforts they prune approximately 400 rose bushes on the ranch. Mary distributed a pamphlet from California Garden Clubs, Inc. describing the 'Blue Star Memorial Program' which was established for the purpose of "Honoring those who have served, those presently serving and those who will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.". The West Valley Garden Club would like to place and dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marked in Orcutt Ranch. Ilona asked for support from the WHNC Beautification Committee. Reeyan inquired as to the response they have received from the Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks. Mary responded that although the response was very bureaucratic, the staff at Orcutt ranch have been positive and helped develop a plan for mounting the memorial plate on an existing rock and identified a suitable location for placement of the memorial. Tony proposed a motion to have the WHNC provide a statement of support for the establishment of a Blue Star Memorial marker at Orcutt Ranch to the West Hills Garden Club. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dan will write a support letter for the WHNC to consider at the July Board Meeting.

5. The chairs declared the 6/25/16 Cleanup Event a great success. Tony thanked Thomas Booth for his efforts for coordinating the participation of LAPD SLO Sean Brown.
6. Anthony and Reeyan led discussion on possible sites and dates for the next two months. Tony confirmed Sherman Way on the south side between Fallbrook and Shoup for July. The following locations were suggested for August: Reeyan – Valley Circle from Bell Canyon to the baseball, Dan - suggested Ingomar and Saticoy but commented the committee needs to approach Chaminade about adopting this area for ongoing maintenance. Tony and Liz will use their contacts to reach out to Chaminade. Tom – Medical Center Drive, Tony – Valley Circle and Victory, from social media - Debs and Lemay. It was determined by consensus that the west side of Valley Circle Blvd. from Bell Canyon to Highlander/West Hills Baseball will be the cleanup location for August. Possible dates are August 20th and 27th. West Hills baseball will be contacted regarding schedule and possible participation..
7. The discussion concerning the West Valley Garden Club request was moved to public comment.
8. FY 2015-2016: Tony stated a budget of 1300\$ was approved for the Beautification Committee. Spending is complete with the exception of traffic cones which will not be purchased.
9. Approved Committee Letter: No action taken
10. Committee Letters to the Community: Tony asked Barry to start working on a second letter with references to code violations. Olivia offered to draft a “flowery” version of the letter to encourage stakeholder and homeowner participation.
11. 3-1-1- Walks: Barry reported he tried to use the 311 app to report motor home parking but his requests were all cancelled without action. Tony commented this is political issue in the City of Los Angeles.

The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday July 16, 2016, to clean the area on the south side of Sherman Way at 8:00 AM. Please note summer meeting time. Meeting place is the southwest corner of Sherman Way and Asman Avenue.

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on July 23, at 6:30 PM at West Hills Hospital, first floor Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by Tony Brosamle and Reeyan Raynes.