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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 22, 2016 West Hills Hospital, West Hills Revised November 23, 2016

Those in attendance were: Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Barry Seybert (7:20PM, agenda item 8), Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Zhelbert Zohrabian – community stakeholder. A quorum was established

Committee Chair Tony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

- 2) During review of the October minutes Heidi pointed out that in a public comment she misstated the height of the fence around the vacant house at the corner of Justice St. and March Ave. as twelve feet instead of the correct height of eight feet. The October 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended
- 3) Chair Comments: Reeyan informed the committee members that the Clean Streets LA website is down and information concerning trash receptacles at transit stops is not available.
- 4) Public Comments: Zhelbert, a homeowner in the Valley Circle Terrace development west of Valley Circle Blvd., provided information on the islands separating Valley Circle from Valley Circle Terrace. There have been irrigation issues resulting in dead vegetation on the islands. Zhelbert claimed a company she identified as 'True Green' was turning off the irrigation and is no longer working for the city. She reported a new company is working to resolve the irrigation issues and plant replacement shrubbery. Zhelbert also voiced concerns about fruit stands in residential areas and the Numero Uno pizzeria operating as a tavern.
- 5) Community Letters: Thomas gave some background information on the effort to generate letters to the community. Olivia read the letter written to the homeowners with overgrown vegetation along Saticoy east of Woodlake. Olivia made a motion to approve sending this letter, with minor formatting changes by Dan, on behalf of the Committee. Steve seconded.

 The motion passed: Ayes 9, Nays 0, Abstain 0
- 6) November 5th Cleanup: The co-chairs declared the project in cooperation with the Church at Rocky Peak was a fantastic success. Olivia asked that some recognition and publicity be given to the Home Depot management (Fallbrook Mall location) for their generous support. Tony thanked the captains who coordinated and managed the activities at the five work sites.
- 7) Next Two Months' Cleanup Projects: The December Cleanup Project is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at Platt Ave. and Sherman Way. Meeting place is the frontage road behind the island on the south side of Platt (between Highlander Road and the intersection with Sherman Way where Platt turns to go up the hill).

Tony asked for suggestions for the January Cleanup event; Dan – east side of Fallbrook north of Saticoy from Ingomar to Lull, Heidi – north side Roscoe from Hillary to Woodlake, Reeyan – east side Valley Circle from Stagg to Dorie, Reeyan - Medical Center Drive. By consensus the group selected the east side of Fallbrook as the location and January 21, 2017 at 8:30 AM as the date and time for the January Cleanup event. The meeting location is the southeast corner of Fallbrook and Lull.

8) Budget Request – consumable tooling – replacement spools for string trimmers - \$108.84: Tony stated this is a request to spend money from the approved Beautification Committee budget for supplies. Tony made a motion to approve. Steve seconded.

The motion passed: Ayes -8, Nays -0, Abstain -1, ineligible -1

9) Budget Request for Storage Unit: Reeyan explained there is a need for more storage space as the inventory of equipment has increased. Tony informed the Committee that the Department of Recreation and Parks has given notice they may revoke access to the electrical room currently being used for storage. Reeyan read a list of quotes for self-storage rental locations and storage container purchases. He briefly described the options. Dan prefers a container purchase but questioned the availability of a location for it. Reeyan answered that Bob Brostoff is investigating the possibility of placing a container in the parking lot at the Montessori at Valley Circle and Kittridge. Zhelbert asked if Home Depot has been approached regarding storage. Tony made a motion to submit a funding request for an amount not to exceed \$2400 for storage. Barry seconded.

The motion passed: Ayes -8, Nays -1, Abstain -0, ineligible -1

- 10) Tabled until December
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- 13) Tabled until December
- 14) Additional Business: Tony asked everyone to take the online survey on preferences for the fence at Lazy J Ranch Park. Reeyan summarized the current survey results: 180 respondents; 60.6% wrought iron, 22.2% black vinyl chain link, 17.2% no fence. Steve showed the group a picture of a three rail fence and stated he has a cost installed this fence at Lazy J for \$20K.

Tony adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

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The next meeting of this Committee will be held: December 27, 2016