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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 28, 2020, Chaminade High School, West Hills CA

Numbers refer to agenda items:

1. Call to Order and establish quorum: Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Tom Booth, Dan Brin, Tony Brosamle, Jessica Fuentes (arrived at 6:44 PM), Kian Gholibiek, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Tony Scearce, Myrl Schreibman, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. A quorum was established. Stakeholder Glenn Jennings also was present. Joanne Yvanek-Garb arrived at 7:15 PM.
Committee Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
2. The November 26, 2019, minutes and December 12, 2019, were approved as written.
3. Comments from the Chairs: Brad suggested our cleanup snacks should include sweets, not just bagels. Faye said she would not want to clean up the Topanga/Nordhoff area again, mainly because of the traffic speeds and noise, and because it is a very busy public highway in California.
4. Public Comment: none
5. Review of January, 2020, cleanup: Comments from both committee members and the public were negative: the hill on the west side of Topanga is dangerously high, dirt on the hill is becoming dislodged and needs shoring up, Topanga is very busy and since it is a designated California highway perhaps Cal Trans should clean it up.
6. Discussion and Reminder of February 22, 2020 cleanup: The 2/22/2020 cleanup will be on Medical Center Drive. We will set up the pop-up and table and some of the tools in the parking lot near the corner of Sherman Way and Med Center Dr. Ron Sobel suggested we include the post office to be cleaned up, since the federal government no longer provides cleanup. Brad advised we can do so if we have enough volunteers. Tony B and Dan stated the bulk of the cleanup is beyond the hospital and we will place tools closer to the west end of Medical Center Drive. Jessica volunteered to recruit the hospital and her neighbors. Faye will contact Joellen at West Hills/Canoga Park Chamber of Commerce about joining the 2/22/20 cleanup.
7. Discussion and possible action on partnering with West Hills/Canoga Park Chamber of Commerce: Faye will contact Joellen at the Chamber and try to set up such a partnering for the 02/22/20 cleanup.
- 8 and 9. Discussion and possible action on spending \$75 on vacuum coffee dispensers: Brad suggested we use the Council's big coffee pot, but Tony S. said it doesn't "seal" and is very heavy. Tony B. moved to purchase the vacuum coffee dispensers, Joan Trent seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
10. Discussion and possible action on spending for new tools including but not limited to brooms, safety vests, gloves, clippers and other tools: At the 12/2019 meeting, motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to purchase tools and equipment as finally determined by the co-chairs, not to exceed \$300. Brad asked the committee if there were any additions or changes to be made, but all present said no.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on progress of scheduling volunteer groups for cleanups: Kian (El Camino) has done an excellent job of recruiting volunteers from ECR and was congratulated for his efforts. Heidi is working with giving dates and times to scout troops. Tony S. needs flyers for Hale and brought some volunteers to our December cleanup. Tony B. is working with St. Bernardine's and Chaminade and has recruited volunteers. Ron suggested passing flyers out to students. Olivia suggested students would simply destroy the flyers, but distribution to HOA's could work much better. Jessica will post flyers at neighborhood watch meetings; Brad and Heidi and Dan post flyers at various West Hills sites. Dan suggested Chaminade adopt Saticoy for cleanup.
12. Discussion and possible recommendation to the WHNC Streets and Transportation Committee regarding BSS offer to plant trees OR repair potholes with the SAR truck: Reasons both pro and con about choosing trees rather than potholes were given. Motion was made and seconded to choose to plant trees, just not in front of homes and was passed 18 yes, 1 no. Recommendation for trees will be made to Streets and Transportation Committee.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on R.O.W. letters: Discussion was had regarding handing out brochures about homeowner responsibilities along with monthly cleanup flyers, which are OK to leave on front porches or at front doors of homes. No homes were suggested for ROW letters.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding abandoned newspaper vending machines on sidewalks was tabled.
15. Strike Team Reports: None.

Committee Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 6:30 PM, at Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.