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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of the September 2020 Meeting
3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion and Possible Action on recording Zoom Beautification meetings and posting the recordings online in addition to taking and posting minutes online.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on the Future of Community Cleanups (update) and LA City Park Maintenance (update and subcommittee/assignments)
 - a. Report from Tony Scarce re condition of Taxco and Lazy J parks' grass conditions and gopher invasion
7. Discussion and Possible Action on other Beautification Projects and prior suggested projects:
 - a. Attracting landscapers to beautify an area and then get "free publicity" for the cleanup
 - b. Post office grass
 - c. Roscoe restaurant
 - d. Platt trees
 - e. Fallbrook and Roscoe dumping
8. Discussion and Possible Action on R.O.W. Letters.
 - a. Report on ROW letters to 7619 and 7625 Maynard
 - b. Any new ROW letter requests?
9. Strike Team Reports
10. Suggestions for November's Agenda
11. Adjournment

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Brad Vanderhoof, Tom Booth, Dan Brin, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, and Anthony Scarce.

Also present were Board members Aida Abkarians and Bonnie Klea.

Absent were: Jessica Fuentes, Kian Gholibieck, Olivia Naturman, Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel and Joan Trent.

A quorum was established.

The August, 2020 minutes were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs: Faye announced that beginning with the October, 2020 meeting, Beautification will be meeting on the THIRD Tuesday of each month. The reason for the change in week is due to an effort to hold the Budget Committee meeting later in the month, to accommodate budget requests for all committees. Therefore, the next Beautification meeting will be held on October 20, 2020, at 6:00 PM on ZOOM.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Future of Community Cleanups (update) and Parks' maintenance:

Brad stated that NO organized cleanups are permitted yet, but there may be some who wish to get together informally to clean up an area. Tony said it might be best to wait another month and see where the pandemic situation is then. Heidi reported she sent an email to Pastor Morehead to see if his church would be holding any cleanup events. He reported back that they do have a tentative event scheduled for 03/31/21 and is still interested in working with WHNC's Beautification committee.

- a. Faye reported that she has tried to contact Mike Castro at Parks and Recreation to see if we could "volunteer" to help them, since they are so short-staffed, but has not had any reply to her messages. Brad suggested that if we "helped" them and anyone was injured or hurt, Parks and Rec could be in trouble.
- b. Tony reported that Taxco Park is now "in good shape", but he did not have time to visit Lazy J, but will report on both parks next month.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on other Beautification Projects:

Heidi found three areas in dire need of cleanup: the West Hills Post Office grass, which Dan suggested could be weed-whacked, using Beautification's weed whackers; the empty restaurant on the north side of Roscoe near Valley Circle, which planted trees and plants which have subsequently died; and the overhanging Platt trees which are behind several homes on Myrl's street. Brad said we will need to send those homes flyers first before ROW letters, and he would get those addresses. Faye reported that Jessica, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting, had sent an email saying she and her fellow neighbors had tidied up their cul-de-sac and drew chalk pictures on the sidewalks to make it look better. Jessica also suggested that perhaps we could sponsor a drive to get landscapers to "adopt" an overgrown area in West Hills, clear it and replant with drought-tolerant plants, and then they or we could put a sign up advertising the name and contact information of that landscaper to the public. Bonnie reported the north side of Roscoe near Fallbrook is once again and still a mess. Heidi agreed and said someone is dumping waste and mattresses there also. Steve said he knows one of the neighbors there who has been dumping on that corner and he will again send an anonymous letter to that homeowner and report back to us next month. All of these matters will be further discussed at next month's meeting, in addition to hearing committee suggestions for areas needing care and cleanup and developing the landscaper idea..

7. Discussion and Possible Action on ROW letters:

a. Brad said he will check the two ROW letters previously sent to those two properties on Maynard and report back to us next month.

b. Brad indicated that there may be new ROW requests next month for the Platt Ave. trees.

8. Strike Team Reports:

Heidi said that whenever she sees a really dead tree she reports it to 311.

Committee Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

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