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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Revised November 10, 2020

Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Brad Vanderhoof, Thomas Booth, Jessica Fuentes, Kian Gholibiek, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce.

Also present was a stakeholder named Therese.

Absent were Dan Brin, Myrl Schreiber and Joan Trent.

A quorum was established.

The September 22, 2020 minutes were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs: Faye announced the sad news that our committee member Ron Sobel had passed away. Olivia, Steve and Jessica remembered Ron with fondness. Brad asked for a minute of silence for Ron.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Recording Zoom Beautification Meetings: Brad explained that recording our meetings would be a good thing and that many committees are doing so. All in attendance agreed this is a great idea. Brad started recording this meeting immediately, and all future meetings will be recorded.
6. Future of Community Cleanups (update) and Park Maintenance: Brad stated that cleanups might be possible, if all obeyed current masking and safe distances measures, in addition to the committee cleaning all tools and gloves and vests before and after use. It was suggested that perhaps Board Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood could contact DONE to see if anything could be done with cleanups. Steve and Olivia both stated it would be better to wait for a couple more months. Brad also agreed and so we will reconsider this issue in January 2021. However, if there are any of our members who wish to get together informally to clean up an area, that would be OK. Heidi reminded us that Pastor Moorhead of Rocky Peak Church said that they do have a tentative event scheduled for 03/31/21 and are still interested in working with WHNC's Beautification committee. Anthony reported that Taxco Park is still "in good shape," but Lazy J is full of gopher holes, as are many private homes' landscaping. Brad reported Knapp Ranch is also in good condition. Heidi reported a neighbor group living near Knapp Ranch and using it frequently will be doing some landscaping work at the top of the hill in the park.
7. Other Beautification Projects: Brad said that he is willing to join anyone who wants to clean up an area any morning. Heidi reported a custodial crew cut the grass at the post office while the government is working on a contract for regular cleaning, which could take a long time. Jessica said she will do further research on her idea to have contractors clean up a certain area for free and then put up a sign to advertise their services. located and any sign might "disappear." Brad advised that DONE is now in the process of changing rules drastically, so all is obfuscated at this time. Heidi reported a group of neighbors cleaned up the Woodlake/Saticoy area and

perhaps we can give them a Certificate of Appreciation. All were in favor of so doing. Heidi will try to get their names so we can follow up with that. Brad reminded us that we still have paint to do fire hydrants. Olivia volunteered to help Brad so some hydrants. Anyone else who wants to join may do so.

8. ROW letters:

- a. Brad said he has not yet checked the two ROW letters previously sent to those two properties on Maynard and will report back to us next month.
- b. Brad indicated that there may be new ROW requests next month for the Platt Ave. trees.
- c. Tom reported an impassibly overgrown area near the Saticoy/Woodlake corner, address 23146 Lauren Lane. Brad will leave a brochure and we will monitor this property at the next meeting.

8. Strike Team Reports: None

9. Suggestions for November's Agenda: Heidi will bring some suggestions to next month's meeting. Brad mentioned that we donated all of our face masks to West Hills Hospital, so we need to obtain new facemasks, hand sanitizer, plus we need to clean our tools and launder our gloves and vests. Faye mentioned we do have a small (\$200) budget, plus unspent money from the City of approximately \$1,300 which we can use to prepare for our next cleanup.

Committee Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM.

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