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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC FINAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Numbers refer to agenda items:

1. Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Those in attendance: Dr. Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.
Absent were Tariq El-Atrache and Kian Gholibeik.
Councilmembers Bob Brostoff, and Kent Mariconda were also present.
Also present was Christina Walsh.
A quorum was established.
2. The July 20, 2021 minutes were approved as amended.
3. Comments from the Chairs: Co-Chair Faye reminded all that the upcoming cleanup is scheduled for August 28, 2021, and will be held on Medical Center Drive near West Hills Hospital. A brief discussion ensued concerning the fact that the cleanup would require a truck to carry tools and Anthony advised he will use his truck to help carry tools on 08/28/2021.
Faye also advised that Jessica Fuentes has resigned from this committee.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Event Approvals for September, October, November, and December:
The approved cleanup event for September 2021 is milkweed seed planting at Orcutt Ranch. Myrl advised milkweed sap is dangerous to the eyes and skin, so wear goggles and gloves. Cristina advised special packets with seeds and instructions will be distributed and a warning notice could be included. Anthony advised the limit of volunteers would be set at 25. A short discussion was had concerning which Saturday the planting would be.
Anthony moved to schedule the planting on 9/18/2021 from 8 AM to 11 AM. Glenn seconded.
Yes – Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent and Brad Vanderhoof.
No – None.
Abstain – None.
Absent – Tariq El-Atrache, Kian Gholibeik.
Yes – 9, NO – 0, Abstain – 0, absent – 2
The motion passed.

Faye advised we need a small budget for food and drink for this event. Dan moved to spend \$50 on food and drink for this event. Anthony seconded.
Yes – Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.
No – None.
Abstain – None.
Absent – Tarik El-Atrache, Kian Gholibeik.

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 2

The motion passed.

The October and December event dates were considered next. Faye reminded everyone that at the last meeting, the October event was left undetermined, but Brad had suggested painting fire hydrants. And for the December event the committee had voted to paint fire hydrants. Faye suggested that, since there are so many fire hydrants to paint, the painting should be done in both October and December. A short discussion was had concerning which dates in October and December the painting would be done.

Steve moved to schedule the two hydrant painting events for October 16 and December 11. Glenn seconded.

Yes – Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

No – None.

Abstain: Myrl Schreiber

Absent – Tariq El-Atrache, Kian Gholibeik.

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 2

The motion passed.

Steve advised we will need to consider a large budget amount for the paint and brushes. That amount will be determined at our next meeting.

The November event is the Environment Day event at Chatsworth Train Station on November 20, 2021. At the July meeting, the committee voted in favor of supporting that event and having a booth at the site. Faye asked the committee to be thinking of what we should present at that event at our booth and that will be discussed and decided at our September meeting.

6. Discussion and Possible Actions on murals: There was much open discussion regarding the murals, from comments from Myrl regarding a grant for murals available, to which committee, Streets or Beautification or both, will be handling murals, to how artists and their proposed projects will be handled and voted upon, to how the West Hills community will be involved and to how the murals will be presented to the community, to how the costs will be resolved, and so on. Recognizing that this matter was not ready for any determination, the item was tabled.
7. Discussion and Possible Action and update regarding poop bag holders:
Myrl advised that he has found a donor for two poop bag holders on a trial basis and he is waiting for a response from CD 12 regarding its involvement with this project, perhaps by providing the bags. Brad observed that Rec. and Parks would require a guaranty to maintain the poop bag holders in perpetuity. Heidi said more information could be found at poofreeparks.com. Myrl said he needs time to obtain more information. This item was tabled.
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center Entrance, NOT at Justice Street Gate:
Heidi advised that the Justice Street gate at Orcutt Park remains locked and is used only by park personnel for park purposes, but that there are constantly many people who come to the gate, perhaps guided by incorrect information from online sites of how to get to the park, and are asking her and her neighbors how to get into the park. Discussion centered around the idea that the park should put a sign on the Justice Street gate, directing all to the main gate at 23600 Roscoe Blvd.
Dan moved that the committee draft a letter to Rec. and Parks, explain the problem, and request a sign be put on the Justice St. gate, directing the public to enter at the Roscoe gate. Steve seconded.
Yes – Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.
No – None.
Abstain – Myrl Schreiber
Absent – Tariq El-Atrache, Kian Gholibiek.
Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent -- 2
The motion passed. Dr. Barta will draft the letter and Dan Brin will edit, if necessary.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on the future of community cleanups and LA City Park maintenance including reports from members regarding conditions of our local parks: This item was tabled.
10. Discussion and possible action on other Beautification projects and prior suggested projects: This item was tabled.
11. Discussion and Possible Action on ROW Letters: Heidi advised the property at 23640 Elkwood Street at the corner of March and Ingomar is badly in need of cleaning. Brad said leaving a brochure is the next step.

12. Strike Team Reports: Dan advised that he and Heidi did a strike team on Fallbrook, where we held our July 31, 2021, cleanup, in order to finish up the small area which was not finished.
13. Suggestions for September 2021 agenda: None.
14. Co-Chair Brad adjourned the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

The next meeting of this committee will be held Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM, Online and Telephonically.