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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Monday, February 1, 2021

Approved February 16, 2021

Committee Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Kian Gholibiek, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman (arrived 6:15 PM), Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent (arrived 6:25 PM), and Brad Vanderhoof.

Also in attendance: Daniel Ostreicher, Glenn Jennings, Pastor Brian Morehead, Emily Rose

Numbers refer to agenda items.

2. The minutes of the November 2020 committee meeting were approved with some formatting changes.

3. Chair Comments: None

5.a. Future Community Cleanups: Brad said the City Clerk's Office is not approving any NC events with in-person meetings. Dan B. said a local individual is planning a cleanup at the Cave of Munits. The cleanup will include painting over graffiti. Dan and Brad plan to participate. Brad mentioned it is preferable to match the natural rock colors and not use standard urban graffiti remediation paint. Dan B. said Victory in front of the Fallbrook shopping center (Ralphs market) is filthy again. Heidi said she follows a Facebook group that has worked at cleanups in Woodland Hills for 100 straight days. They are asking for suggestions for areas and Heidi will contact them. Olivia and Dan B. both said the committee should not invite the community to join cleanups until the stay-at-home order is lifted

4. Public Comment: Emily Rose said she wants to remind Steve Randall that California Public Records Act requests are a protected activity under the law. She also said she does not appreciate threats of litigation and will not be intimidated.

5.(2) b. LA City Park Maintenance: Thomas said Taxco Trails Park is looking good and it looks like Rec. and Parks is doing some work there. Heidi said Lazy J Ranch Park has a problem with numerous gopher holes and there appears to be irrigation problems but Rec. and Parks is working on them.

6. The Church at Rocky Peak All Serve Day – March 13, 2021: Pastor Morehead spoke on the yearly activity and the past partnerships with the WHNC. He described some of the projects they have tackled in the past. All activities will be planned for small groups working outdoors with masks and social distance required. A preliminary list of projects has been distributed and leadership roles for projects will be assigned on or about February 12. The number of volunteers he will be able to recruit is unknown. Dan B. suggested the area on Victory near the shopping center, and the curve where Sherman Way turns into Platt for cleanup. Brad said fire hydrant painting is always a popular project. Pastor Morehead agreed that fire hydrants are a good project as very small groups (ex. 3), and possibly family groups could work together. Brad also said there was positive feedback from a group that cleared tree branches obscuring traffic signs.

Project activities: Brad will create maps and directions for fire hydrants.

Olivia, Glenn, Thomas, Heidi, and Dan B. will identify signs blocked by foliage.

7. Other Beautification Projects and prior suggested projects:

a. Attracting landscapers to beautify an area and then get “free publicity” for the cleanup – Tabled to the regular February meeting.

b. Post office – Heidi reported the grass is being cut regularly and believes the post office has a contract. She said some bushes appear to be overgrown. Heidi also submitted a request for street sweeping in the area but that request is on a waiting list.

c. Roscoe restaurant – Heidi said there is a for lease sign on the building. After she made a 311 request, an inspector came out, and the parkway was subsequently cleaned up.

#### 8. R.O.W. Letters

Stakeholder Request – 8706 Delmonico: Brad described where the location is in West Hills, NNE of Chase Park. Brad will deliver a WHNC parkway maintenance brochure to the address. Myrl said there should be an investigation of who lives in the house and their situation before proceeding. Anthony will contact the complaining neighbor for more information.

9. Strike Team Reports: Dan B. is still taking down garage sale signs and will start reporting them to the city. Heidi has collected fallen palm fronds from the historic trees on March and made piles six times. She then reports them to 311 for pickup.

10. Suggestions for the February agenda: Heidi suggested plantings for spring. Olivia said she would like to help with that activity.

Co-chair Faye Barta adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM