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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Revised February 1, 2022

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Beautification Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. The meeting was recorded. Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreiber, and Brad Vanderhoof. Absent were Tariq El Atrache and Joan Trent.

Board members Saif Mogri and Rosi Mariconda were also present.

No members of the public were present. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

1. The December 21, 2021 minutes were approved as written.

2. Comments from the Chairs: None.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Cleanup Events for March, April, May and June, 2022:

A brief discussion was held regarding whether or not the committee's emphasis on cleanups should and/or could be broadened to include getting the community involved and organizing volunteers, including VCC, to assist with and in cleanups every month, instead of only our committee members doing all or most of the cleaning. Consensus of the committee was to continue to plan monthly cleanups while further considering broadening the scope of cleanups to include getting the community more involved.

A report of twelve or so locations in West Hills in need of a cleanup was given by Glenn, emphasizing the worst were Platt south of Ingomar and nearby Taxco Park, Medical Center Drive, Platt between March and Pomelo, Roscoe between Fallbrook and Sale. Brad also mentioned the area behind Capistrano Elementary School. Faye moved to choose Platt south of Ingomar for the March 26, 2022, cleanup; Dan seconded. The motion passed with seven (7) yes and one (1) no. Glenn moved to choose Capistrano School for the April 23, 2022, cleanup. Dan seconded. The motion passed with 7 yes and one no.

The determination of the dates and places for the May and June cleanups was tabled to the February, 2022, meeting.

5. LA City Park Maintenance Updates, Including Reports from members regarding conditions of our local parks:
Item tabled.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Upgrades to Lazy J Ranch Park:

Members suggested more tables and more trees, perhaps using CD 12 funds, putting a community center at the north end of the park and problems with people jumping over the fence along Valley Circle. Since a fence would be a maintenance issue, Glenn and Faye agreed to speak with Edgar Fuentes, parks supervisor, concerning a gate entrance on Valley Circle.

Item tabled to February.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Landscaping for Dividers along Valley Circle and Platt:

Brad has not yet heard from Colin Crews. Item tabled.

8. Discussion and Action on Creating a Community Garden:

Item tabled to February.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Right-of-Way (ROW) Letters: none

10. Strike Team Reports:

Dan reports he is still taking down signs. Dan advised a big issue is now flyers taped to poles.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on other Beautification Projects and Prior Suggested Projects:

This matter is eliminated.

12. Planning and Suggestions for Committee Direction and Activity in 2022:

Suggestions were to organize our stakeholders to clean up our community and to organize a “community pride day”, concentrating on doing something to make neighborhoods look better.

Item tabled to February.

Brad adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

The next Beautification committee meeting will be held on February 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM on ZOOM.