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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @6:00 PM

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.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

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

Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Rosi Mariconda, Steve Randall, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Board member Bonnie Klea was also present. Member of the public Christina Walsh was also present.

A quorum was established.

1. The minutes of the January 18, 2022, were approved as written.
2. Comments from the Chairs: None.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Cleanup Events for April, May and June, 2022:  
The April 2022, cleanup location was already determined at the January 2022, meeting. For the May 2022 location, Glenn said the area on Woodlake south of Ingomar was the worst from his list from last month and Platt north of Cohasset and between March and Pomelo also needed cleanup. Rosi asked if the committee could do more by doing more than one location at a time. Brad advised that Beautification also has strike teams and explained how they are formed, but the cleanups are totally separate from the strike teams. Heidi said the north side of Roscoe between Fallbrook and Sale needed cleaning. Heidi also volunteered to contact VCC and advise them of our cleanups. Christina said the north slope of Platt Hill between Highlander and Platt needed cleaning. There were no other suggestions. Glenn moved to choose Woodlake between Saticoy and Ingomar for the May 21, 2022, cleanup; Dan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brad asked for suggestions for the June, 2022, cleanup. Dan suggested that item be discussed at the next meeting and we continue with tonight's long agenda. Brad agreed, and the determination of the date and place for the June cleanup was tabled to the March 2022, meeting.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Graffiti Cover Paint for Committee or Stakeholder Use:  
Recently the Committee learned that stakeholder, Mark Weiber, locates areas which have been "graffitied" and then at his own expense and on his own time he covers the graffiti with paint he himself purchases. The question is whether or not this committee should buy paint for committee or stakeholder use. Almost every member contributed reasons why the committee should NOT supply the paint: the committee should not be responsible for the paint and there is no way to monitor its use; this stakeholder has already spent his own funds to do so and can continue to do so; 311's response to graffiti calls is quick and thorough; the committee has not done anything like this before and it may not be allowable; such items cannot be given to individuals, only to non-profits; there is liability we do not want to risk; and the painting does not always meet our standards. Brad advised this would be too problematical for the committee and dropped the matter from the agenda.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Request for Tools and Supplies:

Brad explained that he and Glenn determined which supplies and tools we need and priced the items for general discussion. Much discussion was had for each of the 13 items listed on the agenda and every single committee member had contributions to make. By the end of the discussion, it was decided as follows:

- a. String line for our trimmers is needed – cost is approximately \$20;
- b. Protective equipment – we really have enough at this time and need nothing now;
- c. Battery-powered leaf blowers – Two with batteries, and cost is approximately \$175;
- d. Battery-powered hedge trimmer – it was finally determined by a majority vote that we need only one and its use will be limited to Board members only and cost is approximately \$150 with battery;
- e. Trash cans, folding and non-folding – all agreed that six of the self-folding kind are needed at a cost of approximately \$90;
- f. Hand-held clippers – it was agreed that these are dangerous but much needed, so the purchase of three were approved by a majority vote;
- g. Brooms – it was approved with a majority vote that we need to replace half (6) of our current brooms which are much used at a cost of approximately \$96;
- h. Rakes – it was determined that the existing rakes are OK for now, no new ones needed;
- i. Grain shovels – these items are much needed to pick up trash and cuttings; four are needed at about \$25 each for \$100 total;
- j. Litter scoops -- much pro and con discussion was had, but finally all decided to purchase 3 at a cost of approximately \$60 total;
- k. Litter shoulder bags – only one member liked this idea so it was scrapped.
- l. Weights for the canopy – all were in unanimous agreement that the canopy weights are much needed and other committees use the canopy as well; the suggestions for different kinds (sandbags, buckets with sand and specially designed weights for such use); the cost will be approximately \$140;
- m. First aid kit -- we have a very old one so a new one with bandages, a tourniquet and eye wash and a list of the closest hospital and clinic is needed; cost should be approximately \$35.

Since the total is over \$800, without tax, it was determined that the amount of \$1,000 should be earmarked for the above items. Glenn moved that Beautification spend \$1,000.00 on the items decided upon above. Faye seconded. The vote was unanimous for the expenditure.

Items 7 through 15 were tabled for lack of time.

Brad adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

The next Beautification meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM.