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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2022 and May 17, 2022 Meetings
3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget for Beautification for 2022-2023 and any items needed to be purchased
6. Discussion and Comments regarding the cleanup events of May 21, 2022, on Woodlake Avenue and of June 25, 2022, on Medical Center Drive
7. Discussion regarding July 23, 2022, cleanup on Ingomar Avenue between Lazy J Park and March Avenue from 8 AM to 11 AM.
8. Discussion and Possible Action on future cleanup events for September, 2022, and October, 2022
9. Discussion and Possible Action on the City Adopt-a-Median Program
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Landscaping for Dividers along Valley Circle and Platt
11. Discussion and Possible action on Dedication Ceremony for Historic Trees along March Avenue
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Creating a Community Garden
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Right-of-Way (ROW) letters
14. Strike team Reports
15. Planning and Suggestions for Committee Direction and Activity in 2022 and 2023.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC DRAFT MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 19, 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:

1. Committee Co-Chair Faye Barta called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. The meeting was recorded. Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Rosi Mariconda, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent (arrived at 6:08 PM) and Brad Vanderhoof (arrived at 6:20 PM). Member Anthony Scarce was absent. No members of the public were present.

A quorum was established.
2. The minutes of the March 15, 2022, meeting were approved as amended unanimously.
3. Comments from the Chairs: Faye reminded everyone that there will be a cleanup at Capistrano Elementary School on April 23, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and asked all to attend, even if for only an hour or two.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Discussion and Comments regarding the cleanup event on March 26, 2022, on Platt Avenue from Taxco Park to Ingomar: None.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Cleanup Event for September, 2022:
Heidi said the Deveron Ridge cul de sac, especially on the school side, is in need of cleaning. Faye cautioned that members of her neighborhood watch have alerted her to the fact that there are now three homeless cars/vehicles in the cul de sac every night, and that all but one leaves during the day. Faye will contact the SLO for that area and discuss this problem. Glenn suggested Roscoe Blvd. between Fallbrook and Sale. There were no other suggestions and no motions, so this item was tabled to the May, 2022, meeting.
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Items for consideration for May, June and July, 2022: There being no discussion, this item was also tabled to the May, 2022, meeting.
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Tree Wells and Watering at Lazy J Ranch Park:
Heidi advised that the weeds at Ingomar and Valley Circle were whacked, but growth has re-occurred and whacking is needed again. In addition, Heidi reports that the tree wells of 19 trees need to be dug out again. This matter will be tabled to next month's meeting to let Heidi check the conditions again and update us.

9. Discussion and possible action on landscaping for Dividers along Valley Circle and Platt:
Brad said this project would be good to do. Glenn said that this would be a massive project for which we would need City co-operation and help. ...a monumental undertaking. Heidi said this project would require a promise of care in future, and unless neighbors would assist on a permanent basis, the project would be unworkable. Faye said for us to work on these dividers in the middle of busy streets like Platt and Valley Circle would be an accident waiting to happen. Steve said he is against us proceeding with this project and said we should encourage the City to do so. Following that suggestion, Faye tabled this item and will check with the City about these dividers.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Creating a Community Garden:
This issue has been discussed at previous committee meetings with no real outcome. Steve said a location should be chosen, like the pie-shaped lot at Saticoy and Pomelo. Myrl advised we should get reaction from the community regarding a community garden. Rosi suggested using outreach to communicate with the community. Steve said the supervisor at Orcutt, Edgar, should be contacted. Steve said he would do so. Joan mentioned that some of the trees at Corporate Pointe maybe taken out and replaced and perhaps we could use those trees to plant somewhere else. This matter was also tabled.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Right-of-Way Letters:
Rosi advised there is a house overgrown with weeds, etc. near DeSoto or Topanga. Unfortunately that area is not within the WHNC area. There were no other suggestions. Dan advised there is a home on the southeast corner of Roscoe and Sale which needs work done and he will drop off one of our leaflets there. Dan mentioned this home might be something for the Church of Rocky Peak to undertake.

12. Strike Team reports:
Heidi said she cleaned up branches along March Avenue.

13. Planning and Suggestions for Committee Direction and Activity: Heidi suggested we notify everyone about all of our activities and meetings.

The meeting was adjourned by Faye at 6:55 PM.



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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Revised May 17, 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.

Those in attendance: Dan Brin, Heidi Manning, Rosi Mariconda, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof . A quorum was established.

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Comments from the Chair: Reminder of the Cleanup on Saturday

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Future cleanup events for June, July and August, 2022: No changes.

5. Budget Items: No action taken.

6. Upgrades to Lazy J Ranch Park: a. Additional picnic tables b. Shade for existing picnic tables near playground equipment c. Gates in fence along Valley Circle:

Steve has not received a response to his inquiry to CD12.

The possibility of building a Cultural, Community, and Senior Center was discussed.

The use of Prop K funds was discussed.

Heidi suggested trees as an alternate shade solution.

Heidi said she would like to see the pedestrian/Bike walkway made into a complete loop.

Anthony said the correct Rec. and Parks contact person for proposals is Lee Marks at the WH Recreation Center.

Anthony described a park with mock stop and yield signs along a walkway to teach traffic safety to youngsters.

Anthony will check with Rec. and Parks about planting trees near the children's play area.

7. Tree Wells and Watering at Lazy J Ranch Park: No action taken.

8. Letter concerning gopher holes at Lazy J Ranch Park: Dan read the letter he edited from a letter Heidi wrote. The letter will be addressed to CD12.

Rosi moved to send the letter to the Board for approval. Anthony seconded.

Faye-Absent, Dan-Yes, Glenn-Absent, Heidi-Yes, Rosi-Yes, Steve-No, Anthony-Yes, Mryl-Absent, Joan-Abstain, Brad-Yes

Yes – 5, No – 1, Abstain –1, Absent – 3, Inelligible – 0, Recusal – 0

The letter is approved and will be sent to the WHNC Board.

9. Landscaping for Dividers along Valley Circle and Platt: Item tabled.

10. Creating a Community Garden: Dan spoke with Ron Rubine at CD12 who has been advocating for this.

11. Right-of-Way (ROW) letters: No action.

12. Strike team Reports: No reports.

13. Planning and Suggestions for Committee Direction and Activity in 2022: Item tabled to June.

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.