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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Approved October 18, 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.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. The meeting was recorded.

Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent and Brad Vanderhoof. Member Rosi Mariconda was absent.

Also present were members of the Board: Aida Abkarians and Vinura Kotuwelle.

A quorum was established.

The minutes of the August 2022, meetings were unanimously approved as amended.

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2. Comments from the Chairs: None.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Discussion and Comments regarding the August 2022, cleanup (Valley Circle north of Victory): none
5. Discussion and Review of the September Event – Planting Milkweed at Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center: Brad said it was a fun day. Aida said we did a great job and the teachers at her school want to know when we will do planting again next year. Faye advised Christina and Michael were there and said it went well. Brad added it was good outreach for the Council.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Events: including adding a budget for the November event and whether to have a December event:
Faye advised that prior minutes showed that in October we will do the cleanup at the West Hills Post Office and in November we will clean up Valley Circle between Ingomar and Roscoe and we added \$50 for snacks for the post office clean up. Dan moved for the committee to spend \$50 for water and snacks for the November cleanup. Steve seconded. The motion passed with 9 in favor and 1 absent.

Brad asked for suggestions for the December cleanup. Dan, Glenn, Brad, Steve and Heidi agreed we should do an easy cleanup. Dan suggested December 3 as a good date, considering that the month (December) is a busy one. Dan also suggested the north side of Saticoy east of Woodlake, and going east perhaps to Fallbrook and moved to do the cleanup at that location, plus \$50 for water and snacks. Heidi seconded. The motion passed with 9 in favor and 1 absent.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on a Spending Request for Supplies like Replacement Line for the string trimmers:
Several members agreed that replacement line for our string trimmers is needed, since there is none left. Glenn advised that the string comes in packages of three each and cost between \$10 and \$20. Steve moved to purchase string in an amount not to exceed \$65. Glenn seconded. The motion passed with 9 in favor and 1 absent.
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Landscaping for Dividers along Valley Circle and Platt:
Brad asked if there were any new ideas regarding this project. He also reminded us that this would be a lot of work because it is a major project. There was no further discussion and this matter is tabled.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Dedication of Trees along March Avenue:
The discussion centered around which entity will be paying for the sign to be used at the dedication. Suggestions were from Heidi (CD 12 and as many other organizations as are willing to do so to pay); Anthony (he will check with CD 12); Myrl (perhaps the LA Historical Society and we could create a big event for this); Dan (the historical societies of Canoga Park and West Hills); Brad (we should contact both). Brad suggested the first step should be to have Anthony check with CD 12 to see if it will purchase the sign. This matter was tabled.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Creating a Community Garden: Myrl suggested the corner of Keswick and Saticoy needs help. Aida advised water is the big issue and the schools have gardens and always need help for water supply. Joan asked how large the area is and whether homeless would congregate there. This matter was tabled to November.
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Right-of-Way (ROW) letters:
Aida asked what this item is and Brad explained it to her. Steve said there are some houses on Saticoy near Woodlake, but addresses are needed. Brad suggested the committee could drop off brochures at those homes. Heidi suggested we also drop off flyers for our cleanups. Brad said this is doable and we can accomplish this. Brad also advised we should pass out brochures on Lauren Lane.
12. Strike Team Reports:
Steve advised he will be cutting overhanging branches on Faust.

Brad adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.