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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 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.

Attendance: Faye Barta, Glenn Jennings, Vinura Kotuwelle, Heidi Manning, June Moriarty, Steve Randall, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Absent: Dan Brin, Rosi Mariconda

Other Board Members in attendance: none

Numbers refer to Agenda items:

1. Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2023: The minutes were approved.
3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs: None.
4. Public Comment: Three stakeholders, Zhelbert Zohrabian, Sue Ruopp and Fred Ruopp, advised that more than 30 homeowners have serious concerns about the condition of and fire hazard on the island located at Valley Circle Blvd. and Valley Circle Terrace. Among their concerns are dead trees resting on power lines, dead shrubs, dead animal dumpings, the unkempt island from Victory to Kittridge, and the fire hazards and bushy spikes. These homeowners want WHNC to approach the City to clean this area up, as well as the north side of Vanowen on Valley Circle, and the eucalyptus on Valley Circle Blvd. is badly in need of trimming.. Joan Trent said the City does not support the cleaning up of big trees and other messes. Steve advised there should be no response to Public Comment. Steve also advised he had an hour-long conversation with John Lee's office regarding the needed cleanups. Steve was advised that the City does not have enough employees to handle these problems and staff is 6 months behind in rendering services. Further, these problems are mostly issues which homeowners haven't taken proper care of. Steve advised he has contacted CD 12 regarding cleanup of the Keswick Avenue property. Apparently the City is having difficulty in dealing with these problems and getting things done is very difficult. Brad advised that the empty lot on Saticoy and Keswick is actually an unfinished part of Keswick Street. Glenn advised that the lot is almost a half-acre ... a very big area.

5. Discussion and Possible Action for upcoming Cleanup Event on October 21, 2023: Glenn suggested that the east side of Platt north of Highlander, including the service road, which has 13 houses on it, is badly in need of a cleanup. Glenn moved that this event be held on October 21, 2023. Faye seconded.

Roll call vote – all eight members present voted yes. This event is approved.

6. Future Beautification/Cleanup Events: This item was tabled.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Spending Requests: Brad suggested the committee spend \$50 for water and snacks for the October event. All eight members present voted in favor. The motion passed.

8. Recommendations for Certificates of Appreciation: There were no suggestions.

9. Right-of-Way (ROW) Letters: None were suggested, but the committee was reminded to consider this issue for the next meeting.

10. Strike Team Reports: None given, but members were reminded to pick up litter.

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.