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**FINAL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 1, 2012**

**Chaminade College Preparatory, 23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Sandi Bell, Solomon Bash, Shelly Bright, Robert Brostoff, Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Yoav Shalev, Jeffrey Shapiro, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Daniel Wiseman, Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Jacquie Young

**Absent/Excused:** Bonnie Klea, Stephen Lenske and Bobbi Trantafello

**Opening Business:**

Co-Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus established a quorum, called the meeting to order. He also asked, that any stakeholder who would like to speak, please fill out a speaker card so that the appropriate amount of time can be allotted. Mr. Dockus explained that the Council held a special meeting January 25, 2012 on the proposed move of the New Community High School to enable those who felt they did not have an opportunity prior to speak to the Board. Mr. Dockus stated that several CUP conditions were voted on and that any questions on the matter be addressed to him.

**Announcements:**

Representative from Council District 3, Mr. Ron Rubine advised that the latest map of the redistricting plan has West Hills entirely in District 12. Councilman Zine is interested in hearing what the Council would like to see in the redistricting. Mr. Rubine advised that Councilman Zine has taken the position the officers should do what the law says with regards to the impounding vehicles as the result of a DUI. Mr. Rubine also advised that AB1290 has provided the district with \$700,000 and that Councilman Zine has decided to give \$100,00 to each of the Councils in his district for projects that affect the quality of life of its residents. The Clean and Green Project is looking for kids between the ages of 13 and 18 so please refer anyone interested to the district office.

Representative from Council District 12, Ms. Seme Park stated that Councilman Englander is encouraging everyone to have his or her voices heard on redistricting. On Monday Councilman Englander held a meeting with other councils on the matter and most wanted to be whole or stay

as they currently are. Ms. Park advised that the last “pot shop” in District 12 has been closed. The district has been systematically closing the shops as each was found to be involved in illegal activity. Ms. Park advised that the councilman voted no on the proposed DWP increase. Councilman Englander feels that any change should not be made until the Planning and Land Use Department has completed its study.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Dan Brin presented a letter to be attached to the minutes regarding the Lederer Property. Mr. Jeff Bornstein spoke about redistricting.

**Grievance Committee Report:**

12-0001 – Discussion and possible action regarding findings and recommendations by the Grievance Committee regarding four (4) separate grievances filed against West Hills Neighborhood Council Board Member. Mr. Bob Brostoff

Grievance Committee Chair, Mr. Donn Howell advised that the committee wishes to postpone the matter until the March meeting as the committee was waiting for additional information on two of the complaints. After reading the four grievances Mr. Howell made a motion to postpone the committee findings until the March meeting. Motion carried with 14 ayes, 2 nays and 1 abstention.

Board member, Mr. Bill Rose stated that the Council, instead of creating an ad hoc committee each time, should have a standing Grievance Committee and that these types of matters could probably be resolved before coming to the Board. The Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus advised that this might be a good idea this was not the time to take it up and suggested that Board take it up at a later date.

Board member, Ms. Chris Rowe and stakeholder, Mr. David Karchem spoke on this matter.

**Council Announcements:**

Ms. Jacquie Young advised that the Budget Committee would be holding a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Ms. Young advised that anyone interested in requesting anything from the Council, including committee chairs, come to the meeting. The request form is on our website.

Board Member, Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that we have committed to participation in Citrus Sunday again this year.

Board Member, Mr. Sol Bash advised that WHNC is holding its second Safety and Health Fair at Shadow Ranch Park on April 7, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional information can be found at [westvalleyevents.org](http://westvalleyevents.org).

Board Member, Mr. Wally Perfect advised that the West Valley Neighborhood Council District signs should be installed in about three weeks. There were some necessary modifications and there will be an official announcement after the installation.

Minutes – the minutes of December 7, 2011 were approved as corrected with three abstentions.

Treasurer's Report – As Ms. Bobbi Trantafello was not present, Mr. Edwin Dockus reviewed the Treasurer's Report (copy attached).

Board Member, Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised that all city departments will be cut, therefore the council's funding will be cut effective this July. If we plan to hold our own election the monies must be formally encumbered before July.

Board Member, Ron Sobel presented an overview of what is currently being proposed for the Lederer property. There is to be low income and assisted living housing as well as a 4000 sq. foot community center. Mr. Sobel advised that this is only the early stage of planning and he is continuing to push for a senior center.

Board Member, Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb provided an update on the Budget Advocates. There are 27 Budget Advocates and they have developed 25 questions such as how can we work cheaper and faster, the various funding issues, etc. The Budget Advocates will prepare a report that will be presented to the Mayor. Ms. Yvanek-Garb encouraged everyone to take the budget survey to tell the Mayor what core services the City needs to provide to our community. It is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012LABudgetSurvey>

Board Member, Mr. Dan Brin introduced Mr. Ed. Crowe who presented the board with a sample of the West Hills' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner. Mr. Brin advised that the cost of the banner is \$275 and they plan to purchase 6 or 7. In addition to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo the banners will each represent a point of interest in West Hills such as Castle Peak.

**Government Relations Report:**

MOU with the DWP - Board Member and Government Relations Liaison, Dr. Daniel Wiseman, after providing some background, moved that the West Hills Neighborhood Council urge the Department of Water and Power and the Neighborhood Council DWP MOU Oversight Committee to extend the current Memorandum of Understanding as soon as practicable. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus moved that the NC representative on the DWP MOU Oversight Committee be Ms. Joann Yvanek-Garb with Dr. Daniel Wiseman as the alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwin Dockus then moved that the NC representative on the DWP Committee be Dr. Daniel Wiseman with Ms. Yvanek-Garb as the alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Daniel Wiseman moved that the NC affirm its participation in the DWP Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

River Improvement OVERLAY – Dr. Daniel Wiseman moved that the WHNC ask that the River Overlay Committee to consider extending their jurisdiction to recognize the origin of the LA River which is Box, Dayton and Bell Canyons. Board Member Berry Seybert advised that the council has previously voted to work with the Mountain Conservancy and National Park Service

to develop this area. Based on Mr. Seybert statement the matter was tabled until it can be researched.

Redistricting – Dr. Daniel Wiseman advised the redistricting started last September and that there have been 15 district meetings with over 2,000 people participating. The majority of the councils have said keep the neighborhood councils whole. One particular exception is Panorama City who wants to keep the current boundaries. It was stated that the council voted on this issue in December. As Mr. Ron Rubine, Deputy Field Representative for Councilman Zine stated that the councilman is interested in how the stakeholders feel the Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus took a vote on three possible scenarios.

1 – Keep the current boundaries – 8 board members and 4 stakeholders approved

2 – All in District 3 – 10 board members and 4 stakeholders approved

3 – All in District 12 – zero (0) approval

**New Business:**

**12-0002**– Discussion and possible action regarding New Community Jewish High School (CUP) permit for a private high school for up to 450 students and community center with a pre-school for up to 100 students within the A1-1 and RS1 zones located at 22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA (CPC-2011-1187-CU)

Board Member, Ms. Charlene Rothstein presented the CU condition #3 that was not voted on at the special meeting on January 25, 2012. After much discussion on if the representatives from the New Community Jewish High School would be allowed to make a presentation and the stakeholders wanting to hear what they have to say, it was moved that at the completion of the Agenda before us the meeting would be suspended until a Special Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the JCCA. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

**12-0003** – Discussion and possible action re the installation of twelve (12) Verizon panel antennas mounted on an (E) rooftop penthouse located at 22736 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA (ZA 2002-1750 CUPA5)

Board Member, Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that the 12 antennas would be added to an exiting antenna. Ms. Rothstein advised that the Zoning and Planning Committee recommended approval. Motion passed unanimously.

**12-004** – Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Mr. Ed Young to the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board.

Board Member, Mr. Wally Perfect moved that we appoint Mr. Ed Young to the WHNC Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to Special Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012.