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### **FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

July 2, 2015

de Toledo High School

22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91304

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Esperanza Butler, Anthony Brosamle, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

**Absent:** Ed Young, Jackie Young

**Alec Uzemeck left at 8:52 p.m.**

#### **OPENING BUSINESS**

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Secretary, Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an attendance of 23 board members, establishing a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. June 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (A portion of the announcements were moved up to accommodate the speaker's schedule.)

Senior Lead officer Jennifer Popeke wants to alert the community to be careful when leaving on vacation to not make it obvious, take in mail, etc. She said that people can call her and give her a heads up to their absence and if possible they'll have local police make extra patrols in that area. Also, the Fourth of July holiday is a busy one and calls about illegal fireworks will not be responded to in a timely manner due to the prevalence. Please be mindful of the officer's limitations to being everywhere at once and be patient. They expect that illegal fireworks are going to be continuing throughout the summer. The West Hills Neighborhood Watch meeting for July has been cancelled.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Dan Brin stated he was happy to announce that the city's Historic Cultural Monuments Commission has recommended the house on the southeastern corner of Woodlake and Roscoe for designation as a historical site. This was going before the City Council's land use planning committee this month but has been removed from the agenda. He doesn't know why but will attempt to find out. He has also been reaching out to the Fire Department Air Operations about the August dedication of the Glen B. Smith Helipad at the West Hills Hospital but has been unsuccessful in reaching anyone. Glad that the WHNC is able to wrap up the spending for the previous year, we have new business cards, table banners and other nice stuff. Thanks everyone for working so hard on finalizing the fiscal year end.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

CD 12 Deputy Field Representative Ron Rubine mentioned that Councilman Englander was unanimously re-elected as Council President Pro-tem. Lazy J Ranch upgrades to park for shading and new child equipment is in the works. He addressed the Chatsworth Nature Reserve as well, that CD 12 is continually looking for solutions to attempt to maintain the ecosystem. He is concerned about the turtles and confirms that CD 12 is working for both long term and short term solutions. CD12 is once again hosting the Movie under the Stars is July 18<sup>th</sup> at Shadow Ranch Park – they will be showing "Paddington." Councilman Englander will be there this year.

## **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Michael Castro – Chair of the Beautification Committee: July 11 is the next clean up on Saticoy/Ingomar, west of Woodlake going westward. On July 28 the Beautification Committee meeting will be led by Reeyan Raynes. August 15 will be the Bell Canyon clean-up. More details to follow. July 11-12 is the annual fruit pick at Orcutt Ranch. He will be displaying a dozen historical flags on July 3-4<sup>th</sup> at his house.

Bill Rose – Co-Chair of Zoning and planning committee: On Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Fairwinds, the developer for 22650 Sherman Way will be presenting revised plans at the meeting. There will also be an update on the Pulte development.

Bob Brostoff – Co-Chair of the Budget Committee: City Council granted an additional \$5,000 for the NC budgets.

Reeyan Reyes – The ad hoc Committee for the public safety forum is disbanding to allow for the H&S fair and Eggstravaganza to be the main events and to avoid duplicating efforts.

Sandi Bell – Chair of the Public Health Committee: She put a call into the City's Public Health with a question about the health of the dogs who were getting sick after hiking with their owners in Dayton Canyon.

Barry Seybert – Chair of the Streets and Transportation Committee: In August, the pothole filling truck will be through the area to fill potholes. He is requesting the public to bring potholes to the attention of the council so they can compile the list and advise the city. Ron Rubine asked that the public also reach out to him to make him aware of anything that’s going on with the streets that need to be fixed so that he can point the right person to the problem. Email with a description and photos to [Ron.Rubine@lacity.org](mailto:Ron.Rubine@lacity.org)

Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Chair of the Govt. Relations Committee: The budget advocates just held the community budget day and it went well.

Elliot Maggin – Chair of the Communication Committee: Announced the council’s “new” twitter presence: @westhillsnc #westhillsnc.

Aida Akbarians – Co-Chair of the Youth and Education Committee: Not much happening due to the summer holidays. El Camino is trying to expand their feeder charter schools. She will have an update next month.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Charlene Rothstein led public comments. Speakers were asked to keep comments limited to two minutes.

Board Member Alec Uzemeck voiced his objection to an email from a stakeholder that was sent to some members of the board. He is objecting to the “character assassination” of a board member and would like to say that this behavior is unacceptable.

Glenn Bailey discussed the Congress of Neighborhoods and the recent BONC meeting. He congratulates the board on the approval to share the jurisdiction of the Platt Library with Woodland Hills. He encouraged contributions from the councils to the Congress of Neighborhoods to help cover costs of meetings and workshops. Board member Bob Brostroff confirmed that the council is making a donation to the Congress.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe voiced her objections to being attacked for pointing out an mistake made by the council. She will be pursuing a grievance against the council.

An unidentified stakeholder is asking for help to resolve an issue with a neighbor who shot at his 85 year old father. The police report lists this incident as vandalism. There have been no arrests. He’s asking for support to get the attention of the officers at Topanga. The city decided to act on an ordinance against this person and he is currently retaliating against the speaker. The offending neighbor has dumped large quantities of dog waste into their pool. He alleges that the neighbor’s lack of cleanliness in his yard has caused an outbreak of pneumonia in this specific neighborhood due to the inactions and actions of said neighbor. This correlation was supported by the West Hills Hospital. He would like to have the police report changed from vandalism to some form of assault. This matter has to be elevated to criminal prosecution. President Dan Brin suggested he reach out to the Neighborhood Prosecutor, Karine Brown.

Stakeholder Cindy Willis is requesting some attention be paid to the sidewalks on her street. She would like to know how to get this cleaned up. She maintains the streets on her street but would like additional city support to help better maintain the streets – particularly the sidewalks. She lives on the 2600 Block of Elkwood – she backs up to Ingomar. Board Member Barry Seybert would like to see homeowners take care of the sidewalks on the other sides of their block walls.

## **PRESENTATION**

Marty Cooper – He’s a longtime observer of the Valley and has produced a book that examines the Valley from the perspective of the driving forces of its post-war growth.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM 15-0028** - Discussion and possible action on the WHNC Budget Committee recommendations for a total budget of \$37,000 for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe would like to know where the money allocated for Emergency Preparedness in West Hills will be going. President Brin clarified points regarding which 5013c the money would be allotted to. Stakeholder Reeyan Raynes mentions that NC cannot have supplies stored on city property. There are currently additional discussions taking place with the city to have this clarified or amended. There are some places where they can be placed. Board member Erick Augusztiny asked what’s in the containers with the supplies and who gets what and what gets distributed. Bob Brostoff suggested he read the plan for Emergency Preparedness in West Hills. Motion was called to accept the budget committee’s recommendation. Vote was taken. **Motion passes with (19) in favor and 2 Abstentions and 0 No’s. Board member Reeyan Raynes’ vote: YES**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM 15-0029** – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s June 2015 spending reports

After discussion and questions from the board members, the public was able to ask questions, after which a vote was taken. **Passed unanimously (20) yes. Board member Reeyan Raynes’ vote: YES**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**