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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2012

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

Attendance:

Present: Sandi Bell, Solomon Bash, Robert Brostoff, Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

Absent/Excused: Shelly Bright, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Stephen Lenske, Yoav Shalev, Jeffrey Shapiro, Daniel Wiseman and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

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 Co-Chair, Mr. Stephen Lenske is out with bronchitis. Mr. Dockus advised that there would be a Special Meeting following this meeting. The Special Meeting is on the proposed redistricting. The Board's input has not been given to the commission and we do not want to be in District 12, per the current proposal, even though we enjoy working with Councilman Englander.

Mr. Dockus advised that there has been a problem getting DONE to approve our revised by-laws. At this time there is no one available in DONE to assist in the filing of the revised by-laws. It is important that we get the revised by-laws to the City Attorney, as there are matters pending which the City Attorney is not sure which by-laws apply.

Announcements:

Representative from Council District 3, Mr. Ron Rubine advised that Councilman Zine has heard the voice of the area regarding redistricting. It seems that everyone wants to stay in District 3. Mr. Rubine advised that Chief Beck's vehicle impound proposal passed by a 4 to 1 vote. Councilman Zine has taken the position that he does not agree and that officers should do what the law says with regards to the impounding vehicles as the result of a DUI. Mr. Rubine also advised that Councilman Zine has presented a resolution that the the full City Council support AB2299, the Mike Feuer bill that in part would require a program by which the names of public

safety officials would be redacted from any property record of principal residence available to the public.

AB1290 has provided the district with \$700,000 and that Councilman Zine has spent \$500,00 on Bischoff Park and has dedicated monies to install a synthetic soccer field at Shadow Ranch Park. Councilman Zine has also allocated monies to West Valley Division, Clean & Green and the Bureau of Street Services.

Mr. Rubine invited all to attend the Z Awards on May 24th at the Marriott Warner Center. Mr. Rubine also stated that Councilman Zine has provided a conditional support letter for the Lederer Property.

Representative from Council District 12, Ms. Seme Park stated that Councilman Englander is working with the LAFD in combining two current report methods, which allow them to be more effective. Ms. Park stated that according to the Red Cross only 14% of the population is prepared for an emergency, so Councilman Englander is continuing with providing emergency preparedness information. Councilman Englander has made a motion to create two traffic divisions. He feels that because of the size of the valley we are underserved with one division.

Presentation:

Board member, Mr. Dan Brin introduced Ms. Sheree Adams, Council District 3 Senior Citizen Specialist, advised that the 2012 Senior Symposium would be held at One Generation Senior Enrichment Center on May 19th. Ms. Adams introduced Ms. Denyse Selesnick, Outreach Chair for the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, who is spearheading the event. Ms. Selesnick provided information on the services that the Center provides and that the first senior symposium was held there. Ms. Selesnick stated that it will be an all day event and the theme this year is "Living Well." The event is free to attend and for those interested in being a vendor the cost is \$125. They are asking each neighborhood council to contribute \$1000 to cover the expenses. And as the center is in need of some refurbishing, any monies left over will go toward refurbishing One Generation.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jacquie Young asked that discussion of monies received back from DONE be on the agenda next month.

Ms. Carolyn Greenwood spoke about the current LAFD deployment, the potential for lack of coverage in the West Valley and that this might be considered for a topic for a future meeting.

Ms. Chris Rowe provided an update on the recent information coming out of the Santa Susana Field Lab.

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 next meeting as the committee was waiting for additional information on two of the complaints. Co-chair Mr. Dockus stated this is the reason we need our revised minutes approved, as the City Attorney is unable to advise us how to remedy the situation. Mr. Howell made a motion to postpone the committee findings until the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Announcements:

Ms. Jacquie Young advised that the Budget Committee would be holding a meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month, 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the 911 Call Center. 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.

Council Member, Mr. Ron Sobel was appointed to make the recommendation to the Budget Committee on behalf of the Senior Symposium.

Council Member, Ms. Chris Rowe advised that she is moving forward in arranging a congressional debate between four candidates.

Council Member, Mr. Ed Young advised the West Valley Optimist Club is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 31st at the Prince of Peace Church.

Council Member, Mr. Walter Perfect advised that the Zoning and Planning Committee is holding a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 13th at the 911 Call Center on the proposed project for the Lederer Property.

Council Member, Mr. Bob Brostoff advised that volunteers are needed for the Eggstranviganza on April 7th at Shadow Ranch. The next meeting on the Public Safety Fair will be held Tuesday March 20th, 6:30 at West Hills Hospital.

Co-Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus cautioned all board members about representing themselves as representing the board at meetings for which they had not been given that authority. Members should clearly state that they are representing their own ideas/feelings/thoughts when not given the authority to speak for the board.

Minutes – the minutes February 1, 2012 were approved with one abstention (Ed Young had not been seated on the Board until after the meeting). The minutes of the February 16, 2012 Special Meeting were approved with three abstentions and one recusal.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Bobbi Trantafello presented the Treasurer's Report which showed a net income available of \$19,912.35. Ms. Trantafello advised that no monies are encumbered at this time according to DONE. Ms. Trantafello advised that the Board needs to discuss that reallocation of hours for the Executive Director and asked that it be on the next agenda. Mr. Bob Brostoff advised that because of projected expense for the Executive Director the council actually has approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 available.

Old Business:

02-003 – Discussion & possible action regarding the West Hills street signage design, locations and approval of Los Angeles Department Sign installation conditions

Zoning and Planning Chair, Mr. Walter Perfect advised that everything is ready. They were only waiting for the \$350 check to Street & Lighting, which he understands is being issued.

New Business:

12-0005– Discussion and possible action on a resolution supporting West Hills’ desire to have a community center available for use by everyone in West Hills on the Lederer property on the south side of Sherman Way

Council Member, Mr. Dan Brin proposed a resolution on the Lederer Property that any public facilities built would be available to everyone and not just one segment of the population. After some discussion and with the knowledge that the owners of the property, David Spegal and Michael Harris, were present, Bill Rose moved that this matter be sent to the Zoning & Planning Committee. Motion failed with 6 ayes and 10 nays.

One of the owners, proposed an amendment to the resolution. The motion was made to amend the resolution. Motion passed with 11 ayes, 1 nay and 3 abstentions.

Mr. Dan Brin read the amended resolution which now stated “Be it resolved that the West Hills Neighborhood Council intends that any public facilities *that the property owners agree to establish* on these properties shall be open to use by all of the people of West Hills to serve the civic and cultural needs of the entire community” and moved to approved the resolution as amended. Motion passed with 11 ayes, 1 nay and 3 abstentions.

12-0006 – Discussion and possible action regarding West Hills Neighborhood Council elections or selections in 2012

Council Member, Mr. Dan Brin moved to postpone. Motion carried with 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

9:10 Meeting adjourned to Special Meeting.