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**FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2012**

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

**Attendance**

Present: Eric Augusztiny, Sol Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Dan Wiseman, Ed Young, Jacqueline Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Franchon Lyons.

Absent & Excused: Barry Seybert

**Announcements**

Erik Richardson, field deputy for Councilman Mitchell Englander, congratulated the new WHNC Board and stated that his absence last month was due to his recent marriage. Congratulations were offered by members of the Board.

Mr. Richardson said both Mr. Englander and his predecessor, Greig Smith, have tried to pass a new ordinance regulating group homes. If the ordinance were in place, it might have helped prevent circumstances that led to recent murders at an illegal group home in Northridge.

Mr. Richardson also stated that the Los Angeles City Fire Department released a report on its response times. It shows that the Valley is hardest hit by budget cuts because its fire stations are more distant from each other.

He said the Council District 12 office will close on 12/12/2012 for the annual holiday party and community members are invited.

The Senior Lead Officers were not present to report.

Max Reyes from California Sen. Fran Pavley's office congratulated the new WHNC board members. He said those who want to join Bonnie Klea as members of Sen. Pavley's Valley Area Advisory Board should contact him at [Sen.Pavely@Sen.CA.Gov](mailto:Sen.Pavely@Sen.CA.Gov).

WHNC President Dan Brin thanked students from Chatsworth High School for attending.

### **Public Comment**

Board member Sandi Bell asked stakeholders and board members to donate 2013 calendars for use at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

### **Board Announcements**

Alec Uzameck said he will recommend Bonnie Klea as co-chair of the Environment Committee at the next meeting of the WHNC. He also reported NASA's property at the Santa Susana Field Lab will be disposed of by the General Services Administration after clean-up. First preference for acquiring the property would go to the National Park Service, followed by Native American tribes.

Walter Perfect and Bill Rose, co-chairs of the Zoning and Planning Committee, said the committee will meet on Dec. 11. Mr. Rose said the committee is following developments at the Lederer properties and other issues, including limits on signage that might be exceeded at the corner of Vanowen Street and Platt Avenue. Erik Richardson responded that a \$350 fine can be imposed on businesses that violate sign codes, so it might be best to ask business owners to comply before filing any official complaints. He said the codes are available at the CD 12 office and he would be happy to send copies to those requesting them.

SoL Bash, co-chair of the Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee, stated that the next Eggstravaganza and Safety Fair will take place at Shadow Ranch Park on March 30, the Saturday before Easter. Ed Young, chair of Special Events, has agreed to chair the subcommittee for the event. Joanne Yvanek-Garb suggested that Chatsworth High students volunteer for service credit.

### **New Business**

**12-0014** - Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of candidates to the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board

WHNC Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein explained procedures for filling four vacant positions on the Board of Directors through the vacancy appointment process.

Six applicants were given two minutes to speak to the board: Margery Brown, Noah Golden, Carolyn Greenwood, John Hogue, Michael McCue and Steve Randall. Arturo Gomez was dropped from consideration because he was not present. Sol Bash of the Board Vacancy Committee presented the names of three applicants who were recommended by the committee: Steve Randall, John Hogue and Carolyn Greenwood.

Ballots were collected by Ron Sobel and tallied by Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Elliot Maggin. The ballot counts will be available on the website.

The elected candidates were: Carolyn Greenwood, Margery Brown, Steve Randall and John Hogue. They were asked by President Dan Brin to come and sit with the board. Dan proceeded to take a picture for the website.

**12-0015** – Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Bylaw Amendments to the West Hills Neighborhood Council Bylaws

Bob Brostoff and Alex Uzemeck, co-chairs of the Bylaws Committee, announced proposed amendments to the current bylaws. They are posted on the website and will be voted on by stakeholders and board members at the Jan. 9, 2013 meeting of the WHNC.

**The proposed amendments are attached to these minutes.**

**Minutes:** The minutes of previous meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Ms. Rothstein said that the next meeting of the WHNC will convene on Jan. 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 45 p.m.