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**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 5, 2016**  
**de Toledo High School**  
**22622 Vanowen St., West Hills, CA 91304**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Aida Abkarians, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Thomas Booth Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Esperanza Butler, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert (arrived 7:19), Ron Sobel, Michael Teitelbaum, Bobbi Trantafello, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an initial attendance of 21 board members, establishing a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. March 2015 meeting minutes were approved after some updates were made to the minutes.

### **SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED and REELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson administered the oath of office to 12 newly elected and re-elected board members: Sandi Bell, Anthony Brosamle, Margery

Brown, Esperanza Butler, Carolyn Greenwood, Olivia Naturman, Bill Rose, Barry Seybert, Michael Teitelbaum, Joan Trent, Ed Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

### **ELECTIONS OF WHNC OFFICERS**

Kevin Taylor, Representative of Eric Garcetti's office, officiated in the election of the NC board's officers. All five incumbent officers were reelected unanimously by the board: Dan Brin, president; Charlene Rothstein, vice president; Nicole Flessati, secretary; Bobbi Trantafello, treasurer, and Bob Brostoff, controller.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

President Dan Brin announced that Jacquie Young has retired as a board member. He escorted her to a seat and, with Youth & Education Committee members, presented a certificate thanking her for her service.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dusty Russell, field representative from Sen. Fran Pavley's office, updated the board in regards to two items of legislation making their way through the State Senate: Senate Bill 380 and Senate Bill 887.

Ron Rubine from CD 12 updated the board and stakeholders on the parking signage and bridge issues. He also awarded certificates of appreciation to retired WHNC board members Jacquie Young and Eric Augusztiny, recognizing their service to the community.

Matthew Vallecilla, field representative from U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman's office, thanked the board members for their service and presented the recently elected and re-elected board members with certificates of appreciation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stakeholder Chris spoke regarding the Brandeis-Bardin site, the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory site and a report on KNBC television.

### **PRESENTATIONS OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

West Hills residents David Daily, Devin Coury and Sandra Taylor were honored for their heroic but unsuccessful attempts to save the lives of two pedestrians who were struck by a car while crossing Roscoe Boulevard on April 11.

Aida Abkarians and Ed Young, co-chairs of the WHNC's Youth & Education Committee, presented awards to West Hills educators and support staff: [NAMES?]

**PRESENTATION:** Herb J. Wesson, Jr., president of the Los Angeles City Council, spoke on proposals for reforming the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and answered questions from the audience and board members (see agenda 16-0035). He invites Neighborhood Councils to engage further in the conversation and to submit community impact statements. Andrew Westall, Councilmember Wesson's assistant chief deputy, assisted in answering questions. Some of the questions related to reviewing the LADWP's billing system and transfers of LADWP revenues to the city's general fund, as well as composition of the LADWP board, its duties and compensation for its members. One stakeholder said if we remove or limit the involvement of the city council, we might get better DWP reform. Councilmember Wesson noted that a town hall meeting on LADWP reform will take place next Wednesday, May 11, in the Van Nuys City Hall.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**16-0011** — Discussion and possible action on \$1,200.00 in publicity expenses for the WHNC elections. A friendly amendment was made to adjust the amount to \$1,362.40. **Motion is made to allocate \$1,362.40 for publicity around the WHNC elections. Motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0019** - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's March 2016 spending reports. **Motion is made to approve the WHNC's March 2016 spending reports. Vote is taken and motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**16-0026** – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's April 2016 spending reports. **Motion is made to approve the WHNC's April 2016 spending reports. Vote is taken and motion passes with 21 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0027** – Discussion and possible action on allocating \$288.00 to Proton Mail for WHNC email services. **Motion is made to allocate \$288.00 to upgrade the NC's email system. Vote is taken and motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0028** – Discussion and possible action on a request from the Beautification Committee for \$165.00 for tools. **Motion is made to allocate to the \$165.00 to the Beautification Committee for tools. Vote is taken and motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0029** - Discussion and possible action on a request from the Youth & Education Committee for reimbursement of costs to Aida Abkarians for expenses for Heroes Day in amount of \$200.00. Ms. Abkarians left the room before any discussion took place. In discussion it was mentioned that the allocation was approved in committee last fall. **Motion is made to reimburse Aida Abkarians for Heroes Day expenses. Vote is taken and motion passes with 21 ayes, 0 noes, 1 recusal (Aida Abkarians), 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0030** - Discussion and possible action on re-allocating available \$2998.70 to the Youth & Education Committee for neighborhood purpose grants (NPGs). **Motion is made to reallocate available funds of \$2998.70 to the Youth & Education Committee for neighborhood purpose grants. Discussion takes place. Vote is taken. Motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0031** - Discussion and possible action on request for up to \$300.00 for outreach giveaway clips with WHNC logo and URL. **Motion is made to request up to \$300.00 for outreach clips with the WHNC logo and URL. Vote is taken. Motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0032** - Discussion and possible action on re-allocating potential unspent funds from the 2015-2016 budget in the approximate amount of \$200.00 to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for Map Your Neighborhood supplies. **Motion is made to reallocate potential unspent fund from the 2015-2016 budget for Map Your Neighborhood supplies. Discussion ensues. Vote is taken. Motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0033** - Discussion and possible action on spending up to \$500.00 in Outreach expenses through participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Motion is made to spend up to \$500.00 relating to rental and use of a truck and decorations for the Memorial Day Parade. **Dan Brin asks for a friendly amendment to change the dollar amount from \$500 to “up to \$600,” which is accepted. Discussion is held. Vote is taken. Motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0034** – Discussion and possible action on a Community Impact Statement on CF16-0287, “Sharing Space” of city facilities with Neighborhood Councils. Motion is made to

support the CIS on CF16-0287. **Vote is taken Motion passes with 22 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 board members ineligible to vote.**

**16-0035** - Discussion of Los Angeles City Council File 16- 0093, DWP Reform (see presentation by City Council President Herb Wesson).

After committee updates, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.