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FINAL MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2015

New Community Jewish High School
22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91304

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Bob Brostoff, Esperanza Butler, Michael Castro, Ed Crowe, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young, Jacquie Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb

ABSENT: Todd Marks

OPENING BUSINESS: President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Secretary Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an initial attendance of 24 members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. The January 2015 meeting minutes were approved with some friendly amendments.

Comments from the Chair:

Referring to the proposed resolutions regarding the Santa Susana Field Lab site, President Dan Brin said a contentious issue was before the WHNC. He urged everyone to treat others with warmth, kindness and respect, regardless of where they stand on the issues.

Public Comment:

Public comments were led by Charlene Rothstein. Speakers were asked to keep the comments limited to two minutes.

Glenn Bailey, LACCD Seat 3 candidate, said he is concerned about the Farm Center at Pierce College being closed and reminds everyone that the elections are March 3, 2015.

John Luker announced the felling of oak trees at Dayton Canyon. He announced a memorial for

the oak trees on Saturday, Feb. 8th , at 6 p.m. at the entrance to the Pulte Homes development on Roscoe and Valley Circle.

Kevin Hoffman announced his efforts to have the Haynes Street pedestrian bridge in West Hills re-opened for the public.

Chris Rowe asked for a supplemental EIR regarding the Dayton Canyon development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ron Rubine of CD12 announced the next Conversations with Councils event on Feb. 25th . He also mentioned that letter concerning the West Hills medallions needed to be revised for the Bureau of Street Lighting. He noted that March 28 is the date for the 2015 West Hills Eggstravaganza Health and Safety Fair and Councilmember Mitch Englander's office is teaming with the West Hills Neighborhood Council and additional sponsors. The CD12 office is also doing everything it can to facilitate the West Hills 5k/10k Spirit Run Event happening this May. Corinne Ho, president of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council and a West Hills stakeholder, thanked the WHNC board for taking the time to address the issue of the Santa Susana Field Lab remediation.

Judith Daniels, vice president of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, announced a VANC anniversary mixer on March 12, 2015.

PRESENTATION:

Leland Tang of the California Highway Patrol described a program for mature drivers designed to promote safe driving.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda Item 15-0004 – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's January 2014 spending reports. A roll call vote was taken to approve the spending reports and approval passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 15-0005 – Bylaws amendment regarding shared jurisdiction over the Platt Branch Library with the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council. Motion was made by Joanne Yvanek-Garb and seconded by Barry Seybert. The motion passed with 23 affirmative votes and one negative vote by Ed Crowe. (Resolution attached.)

Agenda Item 15-0006 – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed resolution for the remediation and future use of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. Environment Committee Co-Chair Alec Uzemeck presented the resolution that was approved by the Environment Committee. Discussion ensued, with members of the public stating their opinions of the proposed resolution. The discussion was then directed back to the board with Steve Randall introducing a proposed friendly amendment. Board member, Bonnie Klea opposed the resolution and questioned the board's authority in the matter. A motion was made by board member Margery Brown to table the vote for further discussion; board member Ed Crowe seconded the motion. A vote was taken with seven in favor of tabling and 14 opposed. At 9:30, Bonnie Klea requested an order of the

day to end the meeting. A motion to extend the meeting to complete the business at hand was approved with 18 in favor and three opposed. Bob Brostoff made a motion to incorporate a resolution requested by stakeholder Christina Walsh favoring National Monument status for the SSFL site. The language was accepted as a friendly amendment. Discussion continued among board members and a vote was taken on the entire resolution (see text attached): 19 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions. Board members Bill Rose, Bonnie Klea and Bobbi Trantafello were not present at the time of the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the lateness of the hour, the announcements were skipped.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.