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FINAL MEETING MINUTES April 2, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Dan Brin, Esperanza Butler, Margery Brown, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Barry Seybert, Bobbi Trantafello and Alec Uzemeck

Absent: Sandi Bell, Nicole Flessati, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Ed Young, Jacquie Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Todd Marks

Opening Business:

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. acting Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and announced an initial attendance of 17 board members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. February 2015 and March 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

Comments from the Chair:

Dan Brin stated he was happy to announce that the last of the West Hills Neighborhood Council medallions have been installed and thanked all those who have been involved in the very long process. He went on to say what a success the Eggstravaganza was this past weekend and wanted to single out Bob Brostoff, Carolyn Poppert and Christina Henry who were most responsible for its success. The WHNC was recognized by the Valley Alliance at their gala for the success of this event.

Mr. Brin advised that he is meeting with the L.A. City Fire Department to begin arrangements for the renaming and dedication of the helipad at the top of Fallbrook.

The WHNC is expanding its boundary to include the Platt Library. Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support the shared location.

Announcements:

CD12 Deputy Field Representative, Ron Rubine advised that Councilman Englander is working on pushing through “no overnight parking” signs in three locations (along Platt Avenue, Roscoe Boulevard and Valley Circle Boulevard). He said that Councilmember Englander is working on having more serious consequences for participating in street racing. Also, a program is being established to assign a nurse practitioner to each fire station.

Sen. Fran Pavley’s field representative, Dusty Russell, introduced himself and stated he is now assigned to our area sharing duties with Rosalba Gonzalez. His number is (818) 896-3352.

Chair Dan Brin announced Board Member Ed Crowe has resigned and therefore there is a vacancy on the board. Anyone interested in filling it should file an application that can be found on our web site.

Beautification Chair Michael Castro advised that Gov. Brown has ordered mandatory water conservation of 25%. Mr. Castro brought copies of L.A. City’s water conservation ordinance for those present. He advised that the city will probably be updating the ordinance to comply with the 25% reduction.

Environment Co-Chair Alec Uzemeck stated that the San Fernando Audubon Society passed a resolution in support of our resolution to declare SSFL a National Monument.

Board Member Aida Abkarians spoke about the newly formed Sunshine Club. She hopes it would take West Hills to a “Norman Rockwell” era in which neighbors help each other. She said all are welcome to participate.

Communications Chair Elliot Maggin advised that he has developed an online magazine format titled “Horizons.” It is a magazine for West Hills. All are welcome to submit

information to be included and he welcomes anyone wishing to help with this project.

Public Comments:

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

Kevin Bitar spoke regarding the Haynes Street pedestrian bridge. He said he now has more than 100 signatures from area residents who want the bridge to be reopened for public use. He has attended meetings of the Streets and Transportation Committee. Dan Brin stated that the Street and Transportation Committee should draft a resolution to be presented to the Board.

Christina Walsh, stakeholder, gave an update on the campaign to have the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site designated as a national monument. She is still circulating a petition online and in hard copy. She brought more postcards to be sent to the President of the United States. They almost have launched a web site, savesantasusana.org, to support this endeavor.

Board Members Eric Augusztiny and Alec Uzemeck left the meeting.

Presentations:

Mr. David Marcus, campus business manager, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his assistance in finding a home for the West Hills Neighborhood Council at the New Community Jewish High School. Ms. Linda Landau, who was also instrumental in accomplishing this fete, was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Ms. Bonnie Abel, owner of Nothing Bundt Cakes, was present to accept a certificate of appreciation for public service. She presented a portion of proceeds from her sales to the Family Rescue Center.

New Business:

Agenda Item 15-0012 — Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's March 2015 spending report. A motion was made by Bobbi Trantafello and seconded by Char Rothstein. The report was unanimously approved with 15 ayes.

Agenda Item 15-0013 — Discussion and possible action regarding a neighborhood purpose grant for the allocation of up to and including \$3,779.88 to the “Friends of West Hills” to purchase a cargo container and start-up supplies as part of the WHNC Disaster Preparedness Plan. Safety & Emergency Preparedness Chair Bob Brostoff stated that he is unable to vote on this agenda item as he sits on the Friends of West Hills board. He did recap what the funds were to be used for (non perishable supplies) and that there is to be a total of two containers for West Hills. Mr. Brostoff then excused himself from the room. A motion to approve the NPG was made by Ron Sobel and seconded by Steve Randall. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 15 ayes.

Chair Dan Brin tabled the two remaining items of new business as the Government Relations Committee Chair, Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, was absent.

Council Reports and Announcements

The Beautification Committee will have a clean up on Saturday, April 11th, at 8 a.m. at Fallbrook Avenue and Saticoy Street.

The Zoning and Planning meeting will take place Monday, April 13, at Fairwinds beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.