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FINAL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2015

de Toledo High School

22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91304

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Simone Best, Dan Brin, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Esperanza Butler, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Ed Young and Jacquie Young \

Sandi Bell arrived at 7:15.

Absent: Nicole Flessati, Barry Seybert and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

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 21 board members, establishing a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting minutes for Aug. 6, 2015 and Aug. 13, 2015 were approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Dan Brin stated thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Brin advised that he just received a call from 12th Council District Deputy Field Rep. Ron Rubine. Mr. Rubine is stuck on the 405 and probably will not make the meeting. Mr. Brin advised that he is sure Mr. Rubine would remind everyone about the upcoming Conversations with Councils and encouraged all to attend. Mr. Brin stated that if anyone has questions/concerns for Mr. Rubine, please give them to him and he will be sure to forward them to Mr. Rubine.

Mr. Brin spoke about the upcoming 2015 Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, Sept. 26 at City Hall. Mr. Brin stated it is a great opportunity to attend various workshops,

complete ethics training (if needed) and to network with other neighborhood councils and stakeholders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no representatives present.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Brostoff, Bylaws: The bylaws have been amended as requested and we should receive the revised copy soon.

Ed Young, Chair, Special Events: Fall Fest will be Oct. 31st at Shadow Ranch Park.

Reeyan Raynes, Beautification: Community cleanup will be held starting at 8 a.m. on Sept. 12th at Platt and Ingomar. There will be a major cleanup on Nov. 7th involving hundreds of volunteers. More information will be on the WHNC web page.

Michael Castro, Beautification: Announced this is his last meeting. He is stepping down from the Board for personal reasons. He knows he is leaving the committee in good hands and he will be around to help as much as he can.

Simone Best, Sustainability Alliance: The Alliance requested NCs to act on CF15-0786, Watershed Approach to Conservation, and 15-0540, Recommendation Proposed to implementing Phase 3 of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Conservation Plan Ordinance. Both Council Files are going to the Environment Committee for review and action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Janet Risch from the Platt Library advised that they are in need of volunteers to assist with the Adult Literary Program at Platt Library. It is a three-hour-a-week commitment at the library.

Glenn Bailey, NC Congress Planning and VANC (NC elections), encouraged everyone to register as soon as possible for the Congress to assist them in finalizing the planning. He advised that April 17 is the date for our region's elections. There may still be some flexibility on the exact date but the elections will be in April. Mr. Bailey brought a new Neighborhood Watch sign that has been approved by LAPD and includes space for a Neighborhood Council's logo.

Chris Rowe, a West Hills resident, advised that Supervisor Mike Antonovich is not listed

as an elected official for West Hills on our website. However, according to the maps, West Hills is in part of the Fifth District.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Dan Brin and Alec Uzemeck presented a Certificate of Appreciation to environmental activist John Luker.

Michael Castro presented Certificates of Appreciation to Bishop J. Martin Furtak of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Robert Rees, Boy Scout Troop 474 Scoutmaster, and Jim Chrisman, Troop 642 Scoutmaster. Mr. Castro also presented each troop with an American and a California State flag.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 15-0036 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's August 2015 spending reports

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin advised we are taking this out of order as Bobbi Trantafello, Co-Chair of the Budget Committee, doesn't feel well and needs to leave.

The August spending reports were approved with 21 yes votes, 0 abstentions and 1 ineligible vote (Reeyan Raynes, who supported approval).

Bobbi Trantafello left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 15-0030- Discussion and possible action regarding development of property at 22650 Sherman Way, West Hills.

Bill Rose, Zoning and Planning chair, turned this item over to Mr. Favbo Rigo De Righi, Domani Architecture, who explained changes that have been made to the project. After discussion with project neighbor representative Rick Sparks, who endorsed the changes, a motion was made to accept the project as presented with the written recommendations of the Zoning and Planning Committee. **Unanimously approved (21 yes votes with no opposing votes or abstentions).**

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 15-0037 – Discussion and possible action regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to the North Valley YMCA for up to and including \$250 for its upcoming Thanksgiving Program.

Chris Rowe, a West Hills resident, wondered why we were giving monies to the North

Valley YMCA. She stated she thought the money should stay in West Hills. Bob Brostoff, Budget Co-Chair, advised that the program serves schools and families that are in West Hills. **The NPG grant was approved with 20 yes votes, 0 abstentions and 1 ineligible vote (Reeyan Raynes, who supported approval).**

Agenda Item 15-0038 – Discussion and possible action on modification of ZIP plus 4 carrier route numbers to facilitate correct delivery of mail to West Hills addresses. After discussion and a friendly amendment suggested by West Hills resident Chris Rowe, Reeyan Raynes moved to accept the motion and Eric Augusztiny seconded that motion. **Motion was unanimously approved (21 yes votes with no opposing votes or abstentions).**

Agenda Item 15-0039 – Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of support for a City of Los Angeles bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games – REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

Item needs to go to committee first.

Agenda Item 15-0040 – Discussion and possible action regarding the WHNC's 2015-2016 Budget Package.

Bob Brostoff explained that several items need to be forwarded with our 2015-2016 Budget Package, most of which have to be submitted via DONE website. Because of this he is unable to physically show the Board what is being submitted. He is asking for approval to submit the necessary documents. **Request approved with 18 yes votes, 2 abstentions and 1 no vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.