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**FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2015**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ABSENT:** Ed Crowe, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Todd Marks

**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 22 members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. The December 2014 meeting minutes were approved with amended adjournment time.

**Comments from the Chair:**

President Dan Brin, thanked Linda Landau and David Marcus of the New Community Jewish High School for allowing us the meeting rooms on campus and Bob Brostoff for coordinating on behalf of the WHNC. Monthly board meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month going forward.

The Canoga Park Chamber of Commerce Gala is coming up on February 6, 2015 and Mr. Brin urges board members and the community to attend and show their support. On January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., there will be a presentation of a West Hills NC Certificate of Appreciation to Gordon Fleming Garlington Jr. on the occasion of his turning 100 years old.

**Public Comment:**

Public comments were led by Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein. Speakers were asked to keep the comments limited to two minutes.

Board Member Bonnie Klea mentioned that she sent an email out regarding the SSFL clean-up project and the upcoming environmental committee meeting. She urged board members to attend and read the email she sent with four documents pertaining to the clean-up project. The environment committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Hidden Lake clubhouse at 7 p.m.

Tom Nachtrab of the Santa Susana Mountains Park Association spoke about the group's activities and encouraged participation by West Hills stakeholders.

**AWARD PRESENTATIONS:**

Ron and Jeri Sobel were honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for opening their home to the WHNC board's annual holiday potluck.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Capt. Maureen Ryan introduced herself as the new commanding officer of the LAPD's Topanga Community Station. Also speaking were West Hills' new senior lead officers, Janet Zumstein (southern West Hills) and Duc "Duke" Dao, who is the first of two or three officers who are being tried out as senior lead officers for the northern part of West Hills. In addition, Ron Rubine, field deputy for City Councilmember Mitchell Englander, spoke of several initiatives undertaken by the CD 12 office. He said he would ask the office's Rapid Response Team to have the gutters cleaned on Valley Circle Boulevard in advance of the West Hills Half Marathon on Jan. 25.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 15-0001** – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's December 2014 spending reports – Roll call vote was taken to approve the spending reports, approval passed unanimously. Voting record is attached.

**Item 15-0002** – Discussion and possible action regarding an NPG for LAPD Topanga Station in the amount of \$3,000 to help replace irrigation system for landscaping at the station. The Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend the reallocation of funds. Vote was taken and the reallocation passed. Voting record is attached.

**Item 15-0003** – Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a candidate to the WHNC Board

Two candidates were in attendance and made presentations to the board: Simone Best and Esperanza Butler. Before a vote was taken, candidate Simone Best withdrew from consideration. Board member Jacquie Young made a motion to accept the nomination of Esperanza Butler to the board. Board member Bob Brostoff seconded the motion. Esperanza Butler was unanimously elected to the board to complete the term of former board member Franchon Lyons, which expires in 2016.

**COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Alec Uzemeck announced the Environment Committee Meeting.

Committee Co-Chair Bill Rose said the Zoning and Planning Committee will meet at Fairwinds West Hills on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The developers of a proposed small-lot subdivision on Sherman Way between Fallbrook and Shoup will be there to discuss the project.

Board member Mike Castro, chair of the Beautification Committee, announced a project at Orcutt Ranch to prune the roses from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 17. Volunteers will be needed to help out that day.

President Dan Brin noted the West Hills Half Marathon will take place January 25, 2015.

WHNC Events Chair Ed Young announced the Memorial Day 5k/10k Race will take place during the weekend on May 16-17. Vendors can sign up for a table at the race. Also, board member Bob Brostoff noted the Eggstravaganza Health and Safety Fair will be on March 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Public Health Chair Sandi Bell announced the Education and Public Health committees will meet at Pomelo Elementary on January 14, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Government Relations Chair Joanne Yvanek Garb announced the Budget Advocates have been interviewing the City Council members and are working with Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Education Co-Chair Aida Abkarians announced that the Community/Senior Center Committee is still seeking signatures to show support for the development of a Community/Senior Center.

Former Board Member Dr. Dan Wiseman suggested a Community Impact Statement be written to promote and support more personnel for EmpowerLA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.