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FINAL MEETING MINUTES June 4, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Dan Brin, Esperanza Butler, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Elliot Maggin and Alec Uzemeck arrived at 7:16. Barry Seybert arrived at 7:20.
Bobbi Trantafello arrived at 7:50.

Absent: Nicole Flessati, Bob Brostoff

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, establishing a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. April 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

Comments from the Chair:

Dan Brin stated he was happy to announce that the city's Historic Cultural Monuments Commission has recommended the house on the southeastern corner of Woodlake and Roscoe for designation as a historical site.

Announcements:

CD 12 Deputy Field Representative Ron Rubine advised that "no overnight parking" signs at three locations (along Platt Avenue, Roscoe Boulevard and Valley Circle Boulevard) will be approved. He said that Councilmember Mitchell Englander has secured funding to replace outdated equipment at Lazy J Park. The work will start next week. There will be Movie Under

the Stars at Shadow Ranch Park on Saturday, July 18. He requested that the Council participate in this event as it did last year.

Sen. Fran Pavley's Field Representative, Dusty Russell, advised that the governor released the revised budget on May 14 and it is expected to pass by the June 15 deadline. He spoke about several Senate bills that the senator has been involved with.

Public Comments:

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

Board Member Bonnie Klea voiced her opposition to a 10-page letter that was sent to several members of the Board. Ms. Klea stated it singled out one member and was mean spirited.

Board Member Eric Augusztiny spoke about boundaries. He stated that we know about personal boundaries and there are physical boundaries that delineate a specific area. However, public relations "knows no boundaries" as evidenced by the flyer advertising the new Bay Club West Hills (the old Spectrum), which we all know is in Canoga Park.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe stated she came to the meeting as a friend to see the new members. Ms. Rowe stated there is misinformation on the web site with regards to the current bylaws. Ms. Rowe stated she wrote the letter mentioned by Bonnie Klea and it was not meant to be mean spirited. It is a statement of the failure of the system. There needs to be training and DONE needs to be involved.

Council Reports and Announcements

Barry Seybert stated that we all have applications to the Los Angeles Aqueduct-Owens Valley Tour sponsored by LADWP. Mr. Seybert stated he went last year and he highly recommends all availing themselves of this opportunity. This is open to all stakeholders. For additional information, call Gale at (213) 367-1415 or the Public Affairs receptionist at (213) 367-1361.

Beautification Committee Chair Michael Castro wanted to thank the members of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints and the Boy Scout Troops 642 and 474 for their help at the cleanup on May 9^h. The next two clean ups will be on June 20, on the southeastern corner of Royer and Sherman Way, and July 11 at the Bell Canyon Park Hiking Trail.

Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised that Regional Budget Day at City Hall is June 27.

Dan Brin stated there will be a farewell party for Senior Lead Officer Sam Sabra, who is being transferred, during the Neighborhood Watch meeting on June 8 at the Topanga Police Station.

New Business:

Agenda Item 15-0025- Discussion and possible action regarding a conditional use permit for the sale of alcohol at Café Della Vita, 23759 Roscoe Boulevard, West Hills, Case #ZA-2014-4024-CUB.

Co-Chair of Zoning & Planning Bill Rose introduced Mr. Anthony Bellissimo, proprietor of Café Della Vita. After some discussion, Mr. Rose stated that it is the recommendation of the Zoning & Planning Committee to support Mr. Bellissimo's application for a conditional use permit. **Passed unanimously (21 ayes).**

Agenda Item 15-0026- Discussion and possible action on filling vacant seats on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board

Charlene Rothstein, Chair the Ad Hoc Board Vacancy Committee, advised that there were seven applicants for the two vacant positions. Four of the applicants were present and addressed the Board. Ms. Rothstein advised that one vacant position was for a 3-year term and we would fill that position first. **There were 16 votes for Reeyan Raynes, 3 votes for Anthony Brosamle, 1 vote for Edwin Monteagudo and 1 vote for Andrea Nunnely (Total 21) The new member for the 3-year seat is Reeyan Raynes.**

Steve Randall advised now we would vote to fill the one-year vacancy: **15 votes for Anthony Brosamle, 5 votes for Andrea Nunnely and 1 vote for Edwin Monteagudo. (Total 21) – The new member for the 1-year seat is Anthony Brosamle.**

Agenda Item 15-0027 – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's May 2015 Spending reports

Co-Chair Bobbi Trantafello advised that this report reflects what was spent last month. Ms. Trantafello asked if there were any questions. Stakeholder Chris Rowe asked why the NPG was on this report. Ms. Trantafello advised it is because it was issued last month. **The spending report for May was approved with 20 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 2 absent and 1 ineligible (Simone Best).**

Agenda Item 15-0028 – Tabled until the next meeting on July 2, 2015.

Agenda Item 15-0029 – Discussion and possible action on reallocation of approximately \$3,900 or more from the FY2014-2015 budget

Co-Chair, Bobbi Trantafello advised that because the NPG to "The Friends of West Hills" was denied there are unspent funds in the FY2014-2015 budget. Ms. Trantafello presented the recommendations of the budget committee (detail attached), however, two of the recommendations could not be done. As a result there is at least \$866 that needs to be reallocated. After discussion it was recommended that \$400 be used for table banners and \$532 for Emergency Preparedness.

Recommendation with adjustments were approved with 20 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 2 absent and 1 ineligible (Simone Best).

Agenda Item 15-0030 – Discussion and possible action regarding a community impact statement in support of Neighborhood Councils being allocated five minutes to speak on motions in front of the City Council

After discussion and addition of a friendly amendment, Barry Seybert moved for a CIS stating: “The Neighborhood Councils of Los Angeles are an integral part of the City Government and merit due recognition and respect. They are elected representatives of entire communities of people. The West Hills Neighborhood Council therefore requests that representatives of Neighborhood Councils be allowed a minimum of five minutes instead of the usual one or two minutes allotted to individuals while address the City Council.” **Motion passed unanimously (21)**

Agenda Item 15-0031 – Discussion and possible action to authorize participation in West Hills Fall Fest on October 31, 2015 at Shadow Ranch Park

Special Events Chair Ed Young stated that Christina Henry, director of Shadow Ranch Park, was advised that she must have a Halloween event at the park on Oct. 31. Motion was made by Mr. Young to move our Fall Fest to October 31, 2015 to coincide with the park’s Halloween Event. **Motion passed unanimously. (21)**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.