

**JOINT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AD-HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEST HILLS HOSPITAL-TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2014 7:30 PM**

OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Steve Randall, co-chair of this committee and a quorum was established.

The attendees were Steve Randall, Ron Sobel, Marge Brown, Aida Abkarians, Elliot Maggin, Nicole Flessati, Bill Rose and Dan Brin.

The September 11, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Randall gave an update on the success of the petition. One hundred and twelve people have signed on line. Aida acquired 301 signatures, Ron Sobel acquired 47 signatures and a handful of additional signatures were acquired for a total to date of 465 signatures. Steve Randall stated that although this is a good start, he felt that we needed at least 2,000 to have the desired impact. Steve suggested the need for more committee members to aggressively get out and obtain signatures, stating that time is our enemy as Fallbrook Center is moving forward with development.

Petitions for signatures will be brought to the upcoming October 25th Fall Fest and the November 2nd Meet & Greet. In addition, we need a grass roots effort to obtain the needed signatures. The goal is to be able to show prospective location owners, developers and possible political colleagues that there is a demand and need for such a center. We could promote Fallbrook Center as the center of West Hills and bring them more traffic.

Dan Brin stated that there was nothing new regarding his efforts to work with the owners of the Fallbrook Center, as they have not been returning his calls.

OLD BUSINESS

Funding sources were discussed. Some possibilities are the Department of Aging and Recreation and Parks, as well as Quimby funds. Ron Sobel stated that he was not sure if the Department of Aging would participate if the center were not solely a Senior Center. The Simi Senior Center got \$9 million from a federal grant. The possibility of having a builder donate a building was discussed. The possibility of having a fundraiser event at the old OSH property on the corner of Victory and Fallbrook was discussed. Funding sources discussed were building/room corporate sponsorships, travel programs and space rental. We determined that it would take 4-5 people to run the center with the rest done by volunteers.

The committee discussed asking Jill Banks Barad about available financing through VANC.

The need to find out what happened to our previous Quimby funds was discussed. Possible information sources are Recs & Parks and public records. That will be followed up on.

There was discussion of possible Community center locations. There is a possibility of an upstairs location above Sprouts at Fallbrook Center if the northwestern site is not available. Marge Brown agreed to start a search for possible locations. We also discussed the possibility of the old OSH property and getting CD12 to assist with finding a location. Pulte Homes development at the end of Roscoe could also be asked to partner in the development of a CC/SC. The downside is that there is no public transportation to there. Nicole Flessati agreed to find out who owns the suitable site properties for possible locations of CC/SC.

The next meeting will be held on November 18th at 7:30 PM at the West Hills Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned.