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JOINT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 17, 2017

**Chaminade College Preparatory-Condon Center
23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Steve Randall, Chair.

In attendance were committee members Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Dan Brin, Rob Sobel, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, Tom Booth, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians and Marge Brown. A quorum was established. The December 20, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Joan Trent introduced Lenore Machanic, who is a volunteer at West Hills Hospital and has an interest in the senior aspect of our planned community center. Dan Brin introduced Ron Brunzell, who is the director of physical planning at Chaminade. The committee requested to visit the Chaminade theatre in the near future.

Steve Randall advised that he is working on a draft letter to send to Mitch Englander, LAUSD and Parks and Rec to set up a sizzle presentation. Mr. Randall is also working with Dan Brin on establishing a 501c3. Mr. Randall, Dan Brin and Ron Sobel spoke about the history of the movement to establish a West Hills community & senior center. Mr. Randall explained that currently the committee is considering a location on Deveron Ridge Road between the Highlander Road School property and Mae Boyer Recreation Center.

Tom Booth has made arrangements with the Simi Valley Senior Center to tour the facility with several other committee members and discuss their programs and source of their funding. Tom and other attendees will report back at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Brin stated that he would like to see an amendment to Chaminade's CUP that would allow outside use of their theatre. Ron Brunzell stated that he liked the idea. Mr. Brin also advised that he had called for a meeting of F.A.C.E. to ask if they would provide the funding to establish a 501c3 for the community center. Once the 501c3 is established, Dan suggested that the Community Center Ad-hoc Committee be dissolved. This still needs to be discussed.

Aida explained LAUSD's interest for including a West Hills community center in their plans. The thought is that while the neighbors are petitioning against the school, they would be more accepting if a community center were part of the overall plan, and the theatre aspect of the center would be very beneficial to the school.

It was decided that it was too early for fund raising efforts, but that we should get the word out about plans for a cultural, community & senior center. Myrl Schreiber suggested that we use our website and social media and show some of the renderings prepared by committee member Ivan Blume.

Steve announced our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Chaminade. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by Steve Randall.