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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE / BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 25, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised April 27, 2017

Those in attendance were: Tony Brosamle, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Simone Best, Dan Brin, David Burg, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-Chair Tony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM. Tony called roll and a quorum was established.

The March 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Chair Comments: None

4. Public Comment: Stakeholder David Burg suggested having all the traffic signals in West Hills set to have a two second period where they are red for traffic in all directions. He related his experience as a tow truck driver and said a major cause of accidents is cars involved in tee-bone collisions when one driver tries to make a light through the yellow while another jumps the green. Tony assigned the task of researching this to Olivia, the WHNC Vision Zero coordinator.

5. Highlander Traffic Issues: Tony distributed ‘Highlander Road Site Proposals from Streets and Transportation Committee (and Youth and Education Committee) **(Revised April 25, 2017).**’

The need for additional traffic signals at intersections in the area was discussed. Tony stated that this issue would not be included in the current proposal but the committee could consider it in the future. Reeyan requested the issue of traffic signal be added to the May agenda. Faye reported that Edward Paek, LAUSD CEQA office, told her that because of community opposition LAUSD is required to consider other sites for the proposed high school. At the suggestion of Steve and Brad, the references to ‘(Exhibit A)’ and ‘(Exhibit B)’ were deleted from the recommendations.

Tony called for a vote to approve the revised resolution. Steve seconded.

Ayes – 8, Noes – 0, Abstain – 2

The resolution passed and will be sent to the Board.

6. Local Traffic Safety Issues: Ron stated West Hills needs more speed limit signs. Heidi asked if more of the feedback signs that display vehicle speed to drivers could be placed in West Hills. Olivia suggested a Facebook campaign to ask for more police patrols. Aida suggested introducing this topic at the Conversations with Councils event on April 26th. Simone suggested organizing a public forum sponsored by the committee.

Heidi asked about proposed increased penalties for street racing and Simone reported on the status of the related LA City Council file. Faye suggested presenting the West Hills traffic fatality report at the Conversations with Councils, and Steve agreed to print it for the event. Steve suggested decoy law enforcement cars or cameras could be helpful to discourage speeding and racing.

Tony created three workgroups, appointed leaders, and asked committee members that are interested to join by speaking to a group leader.

- i. Infrastructure: Reeyan
- ii. Speeding Issues: Tony
- iii. Forum: Simone

7. Crosswalk Safety: No update

8. Metro Bus Parking: Dan had prepared a letter with pictures concerning the bus parking situation at the Platt and Victory layover site. Reeyan will research and find the correct contact to address the letter to in Metro.

9. Haynes Street Bridge: According to Aida, as of the planning process meeting Ron Rubine is still reporting the reopening of the bridge is in process. Tony said Ron Rubine has asked for information regarding the other pedestrian bridges in West Hills.

10. Speed Humps: No update.

11. VisionZero: Tony announced the committee has requested \$1100 from the 2017-2018 budget. Olivia explained her plan for VisionZero in West Hills will require funding for projects like art in schools, bus bench ads, and interactive displays. Olivia will continue to develop a budget plan for VisionZero and will distribute a copy of her proposal before the next Streets and Transportation Committee meeting. After discussion, Tony agreed to increase the budget request to \$2000.

12. Committee Operating Rules: Item tabled until May.

Committee Co-Chair Anthony Brosamle adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.