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SPECIAL JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday January 25, 2017
West Hills Hospital, West Hills
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Those in attendance were: Anthony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Tom Booth, Dan Brin, Matthew Davine (left 7:45), Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel (arrived 7:45), Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. Also present were community stakeholders; Faye C. Barta, Roy Bernard, Susan Bernard, and one additional member of the public. A quorum was established

Committee Co-Chair Anthony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

2. Public Comment: none
3. Clean Streets LA Grant: Reeyan reviewed the award of \$1500 to the WHNC for the Clean Streets LA submission. Anthony stated he believes; this is a different classification of money from normal neighborhood council funds, the spirit of the program is to promote clean streets, and these funds should not be spent on other WHNC activities. Anthony explained the Beautification Committee does not have sufficient funds in the current budget for the proposed items in this special meeting agenda. Barry expressed his opinion that the award should be placed in an account held by an organization separate from the WHNC, and that spending decisions should be made by the Beautification Committee and approved by the Board. Tom asked if tools have been lost to attrition. Reeyan answered that the committee had five loppers two years ago and has two currently. Heidi said she would like to see some of the award used for a monument or other dedication in West Hills. Anthony asked the group to think of ideas on how the award should be used and bring their ideas to the February meeting. Dan emphasized the recent WHNC spending on Beautification Committee requests and his opinion that the funds should be put toward the 2018 election. Tom asked if there are any guidelines or requirements from the city concerning the grant.
5. Traffic Cone Budget Request: Reeyan made a motion to approve the budget request for traffic cones. Barry seconded.
Ayes – 8, Noes – 1, Abstain – 1, Ineligible – 1
The motion passed.
4. Lopper Budget Request: Reeyan presented a case for the committee needing ten lopper tools. Dan questioned the need for that many and suggested the tools could be used more efficiently. Tom proposed cutting the quantity in half and purchasing more expensive tools. Roy, community stakeholder, said tools like loppers could be sharpened. Reeyan made a motion to approve a budget request for ten

loppers. Steve suggested the motion could be amended to change the budget request to three loppers. During discussion, Reeyan withdrew his motion. Item tabled until February.

Committee Co-Chair Anthony adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.