



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 26, 2017 Chaminade High School, West Hills
Revised October 24, 2017

Those in attendance were: Tony Brosamle, Barry Seybert, Faye Barta, Ivan Blume, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Steve Kallen, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Ron Sobel, Gil Solomon (left 8:41), Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. Also present were stakeholders: Kumar Alwhr, Diane Higgs, Pamela Lee, Rocky Lowell, Vivian Rayos, Beverly Valenzuela, Dan Zvonicek.

Committee Co-Chair Tony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. A quorum was established.

The August 2017 Joint Streets and Transportation Committee / Board Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Chair Comments: None

4. Public Comment: Dan Zvonicek reported the need for street lighting on Valley Circle Blvd. near Chatlake Drive citing safety concerns and numerous accidents. Three journalism students from CSUN announced they were attending the meeting as observers.

5. VisionZero: Tony distributed, '1st Annual Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Poster Contest.' Tony reported on the VisionZero workgroup meeting and Fall Fest plans. Joan stated the contest entry forms have been delivered to principals at area schools. Tony announced those interested in helping with the contest should contact Olivia Naturman.

6. Public Alley Restricted Access: Pamela Lee and Rocky Lowell introduced themselves as small business owners dealing with a homeless encampment in the alley off Ponce Ave. (on the north side of Victory behind the former Osh parking lot). They reported LAPD has cleared the encampment several times and the people return. They showed pictures and email correspondence illustrating the problem which includes sanitation issues and drug paraphernalia. They passed around a petition to have a gate installed across the alleyway, which is a public right-of-way, and asked the Committee for advice and support. Dan suggested Ron Rubine, CD12, would be the proper contact. Ivan mentioned the city of Compton has closed alleys. Dan mentioned Hidden Lake and Sedan Ave. as an example of a private gate on a public street.

14. Chatlake Drive Street Condition: Dan Zvonicek spoke on the deteriorating condition of Chatlake Drive. Brad presented information from Reeyan Raynes about a 1930s City Council action to reclassify some streets. These streets are not repaved or maintained by the city beyond simple pothole repair. Tony stated Chatlake Drive does not appear to be an unsupported roadway.

Dan moved to authorize the creation of a letter of support for residents near Chatlake Drive to ask the City of Los Angeles to reconstruct and repave the streets in that area. Tom seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. Tony will prepare the letter for the Board with assistance from Dan.

8. New 1781 Asphalt: Faye described a new less water-permeable asphalt mix designated 1781. The mix is experimental and has been applied in one location in CD12 (Community St. in Northridge).

7. Metro Bus Parking: Tony gave an update. Dan reported he often observes busses parked in violation, and the drivers sometimes speed away when he tries to park and take photos.

9. Highlander Elementary Site: Faye reported a CD12 official stated a signal for Valley Circle and Highlander will be funded in 2018. Tony reported the LAUSD Board plans to vote on the building of a high school.

10. Parking Restriction Signs: Tony distributed two documents, 'Attachment A Permanent Permit Parking process,' and 'Attachment B Temporary Permit Parking Process.' Tony said they describe the process of applying for restricted parking signs and he would like them on the Streets and Transportation Committee page on the WHNC website. Brad expressed the opinion that the documents are incomplete, of unknown origin, and not appropriate for the website as presented.

11. Traffic Surveys: Surveys are in progress.

12. Speeding and Reckless Driving Reduction: There are no known requests for speed humps in West Hills.

13. Impact of Development on Traffic: no updates

Committee Co-Chair Tony Brosamle adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.