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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.** **Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center** **23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304**

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co Chair, Alec Uzemeck Co Chair, Char Rothstein, Bonnie Klea and Brad Vanderhoof.

Public Attendees: Christina Walsh

Alec called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was present.

The minutes for the November 8th meeting were approved.

The co-chairs did not have any introductory comments.

Alec made a presentation about diesel fumes and their major components exhaust gas and particulates, which are harmful to human health. The exhaust gas adds to smog and acid rain and the soot, which is injurious to respiration.

Originally sulfur was added to the diesel fuel for lubricating the engine parts however it was found that this element harmed emissions control equipment and the industry converted to ultra light sulfur diesel fuel. Later, additives, filters and catalytic converters were developed that removed 98% of the harmful emissions, and larger firms using diesel engines added equipment or purchased new engines to meet emission standards. Unfortunately many small owners and individuals did not comply, and “glider kits” using old rebuilt engines in new trucks were used to circumvent the regulations. The Obama administration stopped this practice, but the Trump EPA is considering reversing the decision and allowing glider kits to be installed.

Alec made the motion that the WHNC should issue a letter to the EPA or some other official organization supporting the prohibition of glider kits and that the Committee should prepare the letter for the Council to approve. The motion was approved unanimously and Alec said that he would search for the contact points to receive the Council letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM