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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, May 9, 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, and Brad Vanderhoof.
Public Attendees: Christina Walsh, Michael Walsh, Bonnie Klea, and Denise Duffield.

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

Alec did not have the minutes for the April 23rd meeting. These will be presented at the June meeting for approval.

The co-chairs did not have any introductory comments.

There were no public comments.

In response to some remarks made by Dan Hirsch in communication with DTSC that questioned the legitimacy of the neighborhood councils, Alec read the Los Angeles City Code that described the structure, responsibilities and operation of the neighborhood councils (NC's) The NC's are part of the city administration and consist of elected stakeholders who advise the City Council, act on delegated authority and are an early warning system for issues and opinions from the communities that they serve. Dan Brin is writing a letter to DTSC refuting the Hirsch comments.

The construction of air sampling stations at the SSFL by the RP's was announced in the DTSC monthly status report for the site cleanup. Initially the sampling will be done to establish baselines for air quality prior to the main excavation. Additional information will be obtained from the existing air sampling being done in Reseda and the Simi Valley. Members requested further information regarding sampling in West Hills and Alec said that he would investigate further with Boeing.

Alec gave a presentation about the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. (NIOSH), which is a branch of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. NIOSH has accepted the operation of the SSFL as a past operation that harmed workers by exposure to toxic materials. Workers, as petitioners, would be able to establish a work record at the site and within a specific timeframe would receive a dosage reconstruction and based on NIOSH analysis would receive compensation. NIOSH was unable to establish exposure doses or links the illnesses to the SSFL, however it decided to compensate petitioners based on work records.

Denise Duffield is an advocate for petitioners and she explained the NIOSH process completely and the need for compensation for the workers. Members thanked her and expressed full support for her efforts.

Discussion for future projects was postponed until our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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