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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC FINAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Committee members in attendance: Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Jessica Fuentes, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Absent: Kian Gholibiek, Anthony Searce.

Also in attendance: Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Reeyan Raynes, Glenn Jennings, Paul Sauter, Christina Walsh and Daniel Osztreicher.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. Committee chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.
2. The minutes of the February 2021 committee meeting (held on 02/16/2021) were approved as amended.
3. Chair Comments: None
4. Public Comment: Paul Sauter, a Biology teacher at Chaminade High School, spoke about the possibility of using the “paper street” lot at Saticoy and Keswick for a community garden. Christine Walsh spoke about being banned by Facebook.
5. Discussion of Outcome of The Church at Rocky Peak All-Serve Day: Brad explained that the City’s ban on Council activities prevented our attendance and assistance at the Rocky Peak All-Serve Day.
6. Community Cleanups and LA City Park Maintenance:
  - a. Report re status of clean-ups: Brad said the committee still cannot plan in person events per the Office of the City Clerk. Reeyan advised that the Empower LA and Public Works Departments did NOT state we “cannot do clean-ups”, and some other neighborhood councils are holding clean-ups. Discussion pro and con about holding clean-ups ended with a unanimous vote to schedule a clean-up for 04/24/2021 on the north side of Victory between Fallbrook and Royer and, if time allows, north on Fallbrook to Criswell.
  - b. Report re conditions of local parks: Several members said that our local parks looked nice and green due in major part to recent rains.
7. Discussion and Action on other Beautification Projects:
  - a. Attracting nurseries/garden shops to beautify an area and then get “free publicity” tabled.
  - b. Post Office – Heidi reported it looked OK, but trees and bushes need to be trimmed, which is usually done by a City crew.
  - c. Roscoe restaurant – Heidi reported the curbside is being maintained.
  - d. Spring plantings – Heidi and Olivia want suggestions next month for locations for the garden. Myrl suggested trying to get a merchant to sponsor such planting. Reeyan suggested new trees; Daniel suggested plantings around tree stumps; Heidi mentioned there must be a water source. Dan advised soon Sky Valley volunteers will need volunteers to water the oak saplings at Dayton Canyon.
  - e. Outdoor exercise equipment – Daniel did not research this. Brad said permits would be required and the equipment is too expensive. Reeyan indicated there is a LADOT program for this but it is complex. Item is dropped.
  - f. Dog park locations: Dan suggested the two drainage areas on Valley Circle, one east of the baseball park and owned by LA County, and one where Bell Creek enters Bell Canyon., also owned by LA County. Members discussed the need for

huge land spaces between dog parks and homes and the need for minimum 5 acres, as well as maintenance forever and locking and unlocking every day and night. Item tabled.

g. New areas? None.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on ROW letters:

a. Brad sent a ROW letter to 8706 Delmonico. He will check if the problem has been resolved or if the committee should move ahead.

b. Other locations: Dan left a brochure for the house on the northwest corner of Saticoy and Shoup because a tree is obstructing the sidewalk. He will monitor and advise.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on West Hills Post Office Sign: Both Dan and Brad agreed that although the sign's logo is missing, the sign looks OK and really does not need replacement. No action taken.

10. Discussion and Possible action on Parking and Direction Signage at Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center: There was discussion as to why the locked Justice Street entrance to the park has no signage to direct the public to the front on Roscoe. Reeyan indicated that Parks and Rec has its own sign shop but may now be understaffed. Dan volunteered to discuss this signage issue at the Retirement Ceremony at the Park on 03/17/2021 and report back. Also Dan will inquire about the misspelled signage at El Escorpion Park, which is currently misspelled El Scorpion. Brad said the Park does not want cars parked inside or on the street near the Justice entrance. Heidi said she fears cars would be parked on Justice, making traffic unbearable, if the gate is left unlocked. All agreed.

11. Strike Team Reports: Dan is still taking signs down.

12. Suggestions for the April Agenda: none

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM.