



CITY OF
LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



P.O. BOX 4670, WEST HILLS, CA 91308
WWW.WESTHILLSNC.ORG
MAIL@WESTHILLSNC.ORG

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Approved June 15, 2021

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

Absent: Thomas Booth, Kian Gholibiek, Olivia Naturman.

Also in attendance: Christian Kiillkkaa, Christina, Glenn Jennings, and Jill Mather.

1. Committee Co-chair Faye Barta called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. A quorum was established.
2. The April, 2021, minutes were approved, with the addition of the three absentees.
3. Chair Comments: Brad Vanderhoof stated he would love to do more beautification projects, but that the pandemic has temporarily prevented us from doing so.
4. Public Comment: Christina said she did not have any comments at this time, but would speak during item #7 discussion. Jill Mather said she was invited to attend by Heidi Manning and was herself a member of the Chatsworth NC Beautification Committee.
5. Discussion on Board Event Approvals for May and June Cleanups: Faye announced that the May and June cleanups have both been approved. The May Cleanup Event will be on the north side of Victory between Fallbrook and Royer and, if we have time, will continue north on Fallbrook to Criswell on May 29 at 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The committee will provide water. There will not be any food served and there will not be a canopy and table and there is a necessity of maintaining "social distancing", everyone must bring and wear their own masks and the cleanup group must be limited to 25 persons, all due to Covid restrictions as REQUIRED by the City. Hopefully after the COVID restrictions are lifted, as members suggested, we can seek more engagement with the public, evolve cleanups into fun projects, and outreach with contests to improve lawns and gardens and motivate people to clean up.
The June cleanup will be held on June 26, 2021, on Valley Circle, meeting at Lazy J Park, from Strathern and going to Roscoe.
6. Event with City Street Services Department (in person or by ZOOM) held with the Beautification, Government Relations, and Streets and Transportation Committee: Since there has not been any movement on this project, and since the new Board Members will be seated soon, this matter will be tabled.
7. Future of Community Cleanups and LA City Park Maintenance: Attendees Christina and Mr. Christian Kiillkkaa, a landscape architect , and Tony Scearce explained the 140- tree removals planned at Orcutt Ranch Park and the need to preserve the native milkweed which the monarch butterflies require during their migration through Orcutt Ranch Park. Suggestions on efforts to take to make people aware of the action needed immediately to save the milkweed, such as obtaining a neighborhood purpose grant, approaching Orcutt to allow residents to take milkweed to plant at their homes, to bring in CSUN Botany experts to assist and to try to obtain a grant from the City to fund all of this. The butterfly migration and the park's tree removal issues were tabled to allow more research into these issues.
8. Other Beautification Projects:
The dog poop issue was again discussed. Most committee members had numerous suggestions on how to handle this problem and how other areas around Southern California were handling this issue. Since it is clear that the City and Rec and Parks are not interested in poop bag stations, this item was tabled for further discussion and opportunity to revisit this issue. Myrl will

attempt to work on this issue with CD 12 with regard to how the parks are handling this issue and report back next month.

9. R.O.W. Letters: Brad reported he will provide an update on the Delmonico house at our next meeting. No other locations were suggested.
10. Strike Team Reports: Dan said he is still taking signs down. Steve mentioned a severe tree branch overhang on his street with branches hanging so low at two homeowners' homes that it is impossible to walk on the sidewalk underneath the overgrowth. Brad said that the City rules provide that if there is such an overhang over a right-of-way that the offending overgrowth can be trimmed by anybody. Steve Randall and Anthony Scarce volunteered to talk with the two homeowners about removing the offending overgrowth.
11. June Agenda: The butterfly habitat will again be discussed at the June meeting.

Co-chair Faye Barta adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM