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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2022

Approved September 20, 2022

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Beautification Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

1. Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The meeting was recorded. Those in attendance: Faye Barta, Glenn Jennings, Heidi Manning, Rosi Mariconda (arrived 6:15 PM), Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreiber (arrived at 6:35 PM), Joan Trent and Brad Vanderhoof. Member Dan Brin was absent. Also present were members of the public Christina Walsh, Susan Bradshaw, Christian Kiillkkaa, and Lionel Mares.

A quorum was established.
2. The minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.
3. Comments from the Chairs: None.
4. Public Comment: Lionel Mares invited the committee members to attend the LA CicLAvia event to be held Sunday, August 21, 2022, in Hollywood.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on approved Budget for Beautification for 2022-2023 and any items needed to be purchased. There were no comments on this item.
6. Discussion and Comments regarding the cleanup event of July 23, 2022, on Ingomar Avenue between Lazy J Park and March Avenue.
Faye commented that it was a good cleanup. Heidi said people walking by thanked us for cleaning up.
7. Discussion regarding the August 27, 2022, cleanup on Valley Circle Blvd. between Victory and Kittridge Avenue from 8 AM to 11 AM.
Anthony said that Dan had sent him an email about this area and he called and reported the area needed cleaning to the City. Anthony thinks the area is too much for our weed whackers and the City may clean up the area before the cleanup date. Brad advised that even if the City does any work on the area, there will still be litter and other items to be trimmed, and so we will continue with this cleanup on August 27, 2022.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on September 17 event planting milkweed at Orcutt Ranch Horticulture Center. Christina advised that she has been working on large pollination projects and will donate seeds for this event. She advised Orcutt has cut down almost all of the milkweed that had been planted there and before any future cuttings the seed pods must be captured. Therefore we must determine from Orcutt when the next fruit picking event will be, since the milkweed would be cut before that event. Heidi asked if Edgar at Orcutt will let us know the cutting date in advance. Faye advised he would. Heidi suggested we advise the West Valley Garden Club about our planting and request volunteers to help us. Steve asked if the milkweed was cut to enable people to have paths. Faye said yes. Christina said there are over 7000 milkweed plants and they will regrow after cutting. She suggested we now plant in the front of the park and in the southwestern parts of the park in sunny spots. Brad advised we will contact Edgar regarding this September planting.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Events for October and November, 2022. Because of the annual Halloween decorating event, the unanimous agreement was to hold the October cleanup on October 15, 2022. Three areas to clean up were suggested: (1) the Sherman Way Post Office; (2) Valley Circle between Ingomar and Roscoe; and (3) the Justice Street flood control area. A vote was taken as follows: for (1), Sherman Way Post Office, Yes – 4; for (2) Valley Circle between Ingomar and Roscoe, Yes –4; for (3) Justice Street flood control area, no votes; and 1 abstention.
For October 15, from 8 AM to 11 AM, Glenn moved to do the Sherman Way Post Office. Steve seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Yes – 9, No – 0, Absent – 1. The motion passes.
For November 12, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Steve moved to do Valley Circle between Ingomar and Roscoe. Glenn seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Yes – 9, No – 0, Absent – 1. The motion passes.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Landscaping for Dividers along Valley Circle and Platt. Christina spoke to recommend tree planting, but due to the present drought, it might prove difficult. Anthony advised there are medians available for adoption, but the agreement for maintenance is in perpetuity. Brad said these kinds of projects are good ideas, but difficult long-term projects, but right now is not a good time. This matter was tabled.
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Dedication Ceremony for Historic Trees along March Avenue. Myrl stated this matter requires more information and details. Christina advised this is also a long-term project. Anthony advised he is working with LA City on this and CD 12 wants to spearhead this project. This matter is tabled for further research.
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Creating a Community Garden. Here again there are many unresolved issues: long term project, ownership of property, need for water. This item is tabled.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Right-of-Way letters. This item is tabled.
14. Strike Team reports: This item is tabled.
15. Planning and Suggestions for Committee Direction and Activity in 2022 and 2023. Anthony suggested working with local schools. Rosi agreed outreach is needed. Heidi believes flyers on porches could garner ideas. Further discussion and research is needed. This item is tabled.

The meeting was adjourned by Brad at 7:36 PM.