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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2013**

**Shomrei Torah Synagogue**  
**7353 Valley Circle Boulevard, West Hills, CA 91304**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Eric Augusztiny, Solomon Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Carolyn Greenwood, John Hogue, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Franchon Lyons, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Barry Seybert (arrived late), Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Daniel Wiseman (arrived late), Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

**Absent:** Robert Brostoff and Charlene Rothstein

**Opening Business:**

Co-Chair Mr. Dan Brin welcomed everyone. Mr. Brin advised that we would be taking things out of order as our guest has another engagement to attend.

Secretary Ms. Carolyn Greenwood called roll to establish a quorum. Having established a quorum, Mr. Dan Brin called the meeting to order.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Brin asked if a representative from CD12 or our Senior Lead Officers were present. Neither was present.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Brin turned the meeting over to the Education Committee Chairs Mr. Ed Young and Ms. Jacquie Young. Mr. Young stated that we have been blessed with a number of outstanding schools. We have eight public elementary schools within the West Hills boundaries, five of which have been designated as distinguished schools. We have another honor given to the principal of Capistrano Avenue Elementary School. Mr. Young presented a certificate from the West Hills Neighborhood Council to Ms. Sonja Garcia, principal of Capistrano Avenue Elementary School, in recognition of being named by teachers as one of the 10 best principals in the Los Angeles Unified School District, which consists of more than 800 schools. Ms. Garcia thanked the board and stated that the honor goes to her wonderful staff.

Board Member Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb provided a short biography and introduced Mr. Carmen Trutanich, Los Angeles' City Attorney. Mr. Trutanich thanked those present and gave additional insight into how he became City Attorney and why he is running again for the office. Mr. Trutanich stated that he believes in the Neighborhood Council system and therefore has always been accessible. He believes that government must be local. He reported on some of the issues and solutions in which he participated during his term. Mr. Trutanich stated that these things have been accomplished because of the dedicated staff. Ms. Yvanek-Garb presented Mr. Trutanich with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on behalf of the City and the Neighborhood Councils.

**Public Comment:**

Board Member Mr. Eric Augusztiny stated that he has obtained additional information on the subject of how children are locked in bungalows if a school is on lockdown. Mr. Augusztiny explained the process and stated that indeed once the teacher locks and closes the door it can only be unlocked from the outside, though the door can be opened from the inside. Mr. Augusztiny said there has to be a better and safer way to handle this.

**New Business:**

**13-0005** – Discussion and possible action regarding the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption located at 22101-22107 Roscoe Boulevard, West Hills, City of Los Angeles Planning Department Case #ZA 2012-2807(CUB).

Planning & Zoning Co-Chair Mr. Wally Perfect advised that Co-Chair Ms. Charlene Rothstein had the lead on this and as she could not attend tonight's meeting the matter should be tabled. Matter is tabled until next month.

**13-0006** – Discussion and possible action regarding Sprouts Market's application for a license to sell beer and wine for off-site consumption located at 6607 Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills.

Planning & Zoning Co-Chair Mr. Wally Perfect introduced Ms. Terri Dickerhoff, representative for Sprouts Market. Ms. Dickerhoff advised that Sprouts would occupy the bottom half of the old Mervyn's building at Fallbrook Center. They plan to have a second tenant, but this has not been finalized. Ms. Dickerhoff stated that Sprouts is a cross between a Whole Foods and a Trader Joe's. She stated that alcohol is not to be sold individually except for craft beer or wine.

Mr. Perfect moved that we provide Sprouts with a letter addressed to the Zoning Administrator advising him that we support the application. Motion passed (19) (1) (0).

**13-0007** — Discussion and possible action concerning proper and sufficient notification of NCs about important city issues.

Board Member Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised that this was concerning the fact that the NCs had not been given an opportunity to address either the proposed sales tax or street bond before they went before the full City Council. However, she does not have the actual motion as Dr. Wiseman was to present it. Matter to be tabled until Dr. Wiseman is present.

Returning to the agenda, Mr. Dan Brin asked those present to review the minutes. The minutes of January 9, 2013 were approved as presented.

Mr. Brin advised that he is preparing a letter thanking Chaminade College Preparatory High School for hosting past meetings of the West Hills Neighborhood Council.

**Committee Reports:**

Eggstravaganza Safety & Health Fair – Special Events Chair Mr. Ed Young advised that he is 1/3 of the way toward getting a full house at the March 30 event. Mr. Young advised that State Farm Insurance provided a \$7500 grant to Shadow Ranch to support this event. In addition, West Hills Hospital and Fairwinds are each providing \$500. Board member Mr. Ron Sobel is chairing the WHNC booth and Board members need to let him know what times they will be available to man the booth. Co-Chair Mr. Dan Brin is helping co-ordinate the entertainment. Mr. Young stated that any nonprofit organizations interested in securing a booth could go to whnc.org for an application.

Government Relations – Having arrived, Government Relations Co-Chair Dr. Daniel Wiseman advised that the Budget Survey came out this week and everyone needs to complete it.

Dr. Wiseman went on to state that the last two months have been very eventful. The new president of the Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (LAANC) immediately took action regarding the street repair fund by proposing a motion. The motion was not on the merit of the street repair or tax measure, but on the fact that these issues were not first brought before the NCs per the City Charter. Dr. Wiseman proposed that the Board pass a resolution on the matter. After much discussion and friendly amendments, Dr. Wiseman made the following motion: “In accordance with the City Charter, the WHNC requests that all issues that affect their community shall be sent to the Neighborhood Councils 60-90 days prior to their first hearing so that the Neighborhood Councils may have the time to reach out to their stakeholders and present their positions to the City Council. Motion passed (17) (4) (1).

The Treasurer’s Report was presented.

**Council Announcements:**

Mr. Wally Perfect advised that the Zoning and Planning Committee is meeting February 12 at the 911 Call Center.

Mr. Ed Young advised that the Education Committee will be attending meetings, in response to the Newtown shooting, regarding developing a plan for the 92 schools within the Topanga Division should a shooter appear on campus.

Mr. Eric Augusztiny advised that Citrus Sunday is May 5 and there is to be a meeting of the organizing committee at 4 p.m. on February 12 at Councilmember Mitchell Englander’s office.

9:05 Meeting was adjourned