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**FINAL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 23, 2013**

**911 Communication Dispatch Center, 2nd Floor**  
**23001 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA 91304**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Eric Augusztiny, Solomon Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Bonnie Klea, Franchon Lyons, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Dan Wiseman

**ABSENT:** Robert Brostoff, Carolyn Greenwood and John Hogue

**OPENING BUSINESS**

President/Co-Chair Dan Brin welcomed everyone. Substitute Secretary Bonnie Klea called roll and announced a quorum of 21.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Mr. Brin advised that all board members must have completed the ethics and budget training before Sept. 1 to be eligible to vote on any budget issues.

Vice President/Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein announced that a new ad hoc committee would be chaired by Eric Augusztiny regarding the latest developments pertaining to the Lederer properties on the south side of Sherman Way. The committee's other members are Alan Dietel, Bill Rose, Steve Randall, Dan Brin, Sandi Bell and Solomon Bash.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stakeholder Allan Dietel opened a discussion about neighbors' dissatisfaction over the latest hearing in Van Nuys on the Lederer properties. He said the neighbors felt that the hearing lacked due process and that they were shut out of the discussion. Mr. Dietel said he wrote a letter of protest and has not yet heard a response on the matter. Stakeholders Nicole Thibedoux, Michael Klein and Jim Wallace also said they felt that the neighbors

and the Neighborhood Council were shut out of the process. Lisa Cerda from the Community Rights Foundation of Los Angeles joined the Lederer project's neighbors in criticizing Councilman Englander's role in the process.

John Luker of Box Canyon spoke in support of WHNC Environment Chair Alec Uzemeck's letter to NASA regarding the SSFL cleanup. Anthony Zepeda of the Committee to Bridge the Gap spoke against the letter to NASA, saying it was too strong in its comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**13-0025** - Discussion and possible action regarding the West Hills Neighborhood Council's budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Ms. Bobbi Trantafello explained that budget was not balanced but adjustments can be made over the course of the year.

Mr. Alec Uzemeck, a member of the budget subcommittee, spoke about a reduction of the executive director's hours from 80 per month to 65 and cutting mail pickup from five days a week to three days. Mr. Uzemeck said the issue would be revisited after one year.

A motion was proposed to reduce the executive director's hours from 80 to 65 (a 20 percent reduction) and to monitor the executive director's activities. Motion passed: (11) (5) (1).

**13-0026** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Chatsworth Nature Preserve. Mr. Uzemeck brought a draft resolution on the Chatsworth Nature Preserve to the board. The resolution requests that the DWP consult with the community and resource agencies in matters pertaining to the Nature Preserve and to restore the pond to its original size. After discussion, the resolution was approved: (19) (1).

**13-0027-** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of two Budget Advocate representatives from the West Hills Neighborhood Council. The current advocates, Dr. Dan Wiseman and Ms. Joanne Yvanek Garb, accepted their reappointments by the chairs and Franchon Lyons was selected as an alternate. A subsequent vote by the Board indicated its approval of the appointments: (20).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**13-0028** - Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed response to NASA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the cleanup at the Santa Susana Field Laboratories. Mr. Alec Uzemeck, Co-Chair of the Environment Committee, read his WHNC Resolution Letter to the board regarding NASA's soil remediation at SSFL. Serious concerns were raised over the cleanup level and quantities of trucks driving through West Hills. Dr. Ronald Ziman of Bell Canyon raised the potential health issues regarding disturbances of soil, such as Valley Fever and disruptions to the drainages. Environment Committee Co-Chair Bonnie Klea offered an alternate proposal that recommended more

on-site treatment. Mr. Uzemeck said it would be incorporated into the resolution. Following discussion, the resolution passed: (16)(3)(1).

**13-0030** - Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the WHNC's July and August 2013 spending reports. The July expenditures were approved: (17) (1). The August expenditures were approved: (17) (1).

Treasure Bobbi Trantafello explained that Shomrei Torah Synagogue needs to produce a new invoice to get paid for use of its facilities by the WHNC earlier in the year. Apple One received its payment for employment of the WHNC's executive director.

### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

WHNC Government Relations Co-Chair Joanne Yvanek Garb said the city's new mural ordinance would be discussed at a later time.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Events Chair Ed Young reminded everyone that the West Hills Arts and Crafts Fall Festival will take place Oct. 27 at Shadow Ranch Park and feature performances by an American Idol contestant and a James Taylor tribute band. He also noted that Councilmember Englander has invited all the school principals to a conference at Orcutt Ranch Park on Oct. 10.

The WHNC's next meeting will be on Oct. 2.

9:30: Meeting adjourned.