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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2013**

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

**Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** None

**Opening Business:**

Co-Chair Mr. Dan Brin welcomed everyone. Mr. Brin asked that anyone wishing to speak use the microphone at the front of the room. Mr. Brin advised those present to check the agenda as some items have changed.

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

**Comments from the Chair:**

Mr. Brin advised that First United Methodist Church on Sherman Way will seal a 50-year time capsule on Sunday, May 12, at around 11a.m. The WHNC Board will sign a letter to be put into the capsule.

On a sad note, we lost our former co-chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus. A moment of silence was observed in Mr. Dockus' memory.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Brin introduced Ms. Victoria Cross, representative from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Ms. Cross spoke about the Smart Meter Pilot Project and its benefits to the stakeholders. Ms. Cross advised that there will be an opt-out provision.

Ms. Seme Park was present to represent CD 12. Ms. Park advised that Ms. Melody Jaramillo has taken a leave of absence and Ms. Park will be the West Hills representative during her absence. Ms. Park provided legislative updates and budget information. She said Councilman Englander has arranged for various City Departments to be at the Community Service Center in Northridge once a month to make it easier for stakeholders. Anyone interested can call (818) 882-1212 to find out which departments will be available and to make an appointment. Also, Councilmember Mitchell Englander is starting a Leadership Academy this summer.

**Presentation:**

Ms. Seme Park returned to the podium to discuss Councilmember Englander's proposal for a municipal bond program to finance much-needed street repairs.

**Public Comment:**

Stakeholder Ms. Phyllis Palkovic spoke about the need for a West Valley Senior Center and the potential of using the Boeing Employees Fitness Center property on Fallbrook Avenue.

Stakeholder Ms. Lisa Pincus stated that she lives on Michale Street, behind the Boeing Fitness property, and was not informed about what is happening with the property. She has lost confidence and is worried about what is happening to West Hills.

Stakeholder Ms. Sherry Lopata stated she wanted to thank the Council on behalf of Enadia Way School for allocating funds for field trips to the West Hills elementary schools. She also wished to invite everyone to Enadia Way's open house on May 14.

**New Business:**

**13-0013** – Discussion and possible action regarding the WHCN's participation in the 2013 Memorial Day parade in Canoga Park.

Mr. Brin advised that he can secure rental of a flatbed truck, with railings, for use in the parade. He Brin requested approval of approximately \$250 for the truck rental, entry fees and other related costs.

Request approved (22) (1) (1).

**13-0014** – Discussion and possible action regarding allocation of West Hills Neighborhood Council funds for the remainder of the 1012-2013 fiscal year.

Controller Bob Brostoff discussed two motions submitted by the Budget Committee. He proposed the first motion to be changed to read: "Be it resolved that the WHNC supports the 2013 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods with the contribution in the amount of \$1,500 and the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of \$500, only if funds are available." Motion passed (12) (2) (4).

Mr. Brostoff withdrew the second motion.

**13-0015** – Discussion and possible action in support of Councilmember Mitchell Englander's efforts to modify the city's proposed Mural Ordinance.

Streets & Transportation Co-Chair Barry Seybert presented the resolution in support of

Councilman Englander's proposed modification of the proposed Mural Ordinance (CF-11 0923). Mr. Seybert advised that the proposed ordinance had changed without any input from the Neighborhood Councils or communities. The resolution, which is attached to these minutes, passed (23) (0) (1).

**13-0016** – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed event at Shadow Ranch Park in September.

Special Events Chair Mr. Ed Young advised that for 10 years the WHNC has sponsored a celebratory event in the fall. Eight of these were as the main sponsor of the West Hills Fall Fest. Mr. Young presented a resolution to have a West Hills Autumn Arts & Crafts Fair at Shadow Ranch Park on Sept. 21, 2013 as this year's event. Mr. Young proposed to appropriate \$6,000 in Outreach funds in order to produce the event. After discussion the resolution passed (19) (0) (0). Note: Because they are affiliated with the Foundation for Arts and Community Events, which would be a recipient of some of the funds, these board members left the room to recuse themselves from the discussion and the vote: Dan Brin, Bobbi Trantafello, Ron Sobel, Barry Seybert and Ed Young.

**13-0017** – Distribution of proposed revisions of the West Hills Neighborhood Council's Bylaws. The co-chairs of the Bylaws Committee, Mr. Alec Uzemeck and Mr. Bob Brostoff, advised that the revised bylaws have been e-mailed to the entire board and they are on the web site for review. They advised that the changes were too numerous to show the changes/ additions and the new bylaws would stand on their own. Mr. Uzemeck and Mr. Brostoff advised that this is considered the first reading beginning the 30 days to take action.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of April 3, 2013 were approved as corrected.

**Committee Reports:**

Government Relations Co-Chair Dr. Wiseman advised that the board is allowed to have up to five board members recognized by DONE to submit Community Impact Statements. Currently he is the only person authorized and feels we need to address this.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Ms. Bobbi Trantafello presented the treasurer's report.

**Board Announcements:**

Co-Chair Wally Perfect advised that the Zoning & Planning Committee would be discussing the expansion of the school at Sale and Vanowen.

9:18: Meeting adjourned.