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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

LAPD Valley Communications Dispatch Center 2nd Floor
23001 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA 91304

Attendance:

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

Absent: Solomon Bash, Walter Perfect and Bobbi Trantafello

Opening Business:

President/Co-Chair Dan Brin welcomed everyone.

Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and announced a quorum of 20. Mr. Brin then called the meeting to order. Board member Franchon Lyons arrived shortly after the roll call.

The minutes of Aug. 7, 2013 were approved as presented.

Comments from the Chair:

Mr. Brin advised that the items on the agenda would be streamlined to allow additional time for the 45th Assembly candidates' forum. He announced that a special meeting has been called for Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. to address any items on the agenda that can't be covered tonight.

Mr. Brin reminded everyone of our upcoming West Hills Arts and Crafts Fall Festival on Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Shadow Ranch Park.

Board member Sandi Bell read a poem, "From the 104th Floor," after which Mr. Brin asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedies on Sept. 11, 2001.

Announcements:

Ms. Seme Park, representative of City Councilmember Mitchell Englander, provided updates. She said Mr. Englander is planning to make a motion to enhance the 311call system. There has

been some consolidation of city departments and the mural ordinance has passed. There is a new opt-out procedure in the new ordinance. Ms. Park also introduced Councilman Englander's chief of staff, Mr. John Lee, who was present.

Public Comment:

Ms. Diane Delaney and Ms. Julie Brumana spoke about the Crop Hunger Walk on Nov. 3 starting at the Northridge United Methodist Church. This event is organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger. There are many ways to contribute. More information is on the Crop Hunger website.

Ms. Juliana Martinez provided information on "Horses Across the Valley." a project of the Museum of the San Fernando Valley. Neighborhood Councils, businesses and individuals are sought to sponsor a fiberglass horse. A \$5,000 fee will cover cost of the horse, installation, insurance and decoration by an artist. The horses will be placed at a site designated by the donor but eventually will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the museum.

Stakeholder Ms. Chris Rowe thanked the council for holding the candidates forum.

Presentation:

45th Assembly Candidates Forum – Vice President and Co-Chair Ms. Charlene Rothstein introduced the candidates present and each was given five minutes to speak. A question and answer period followed.

*Board member Mr. Dan Wiseman arrived at 8:25 p.m.

Community Update Report:

Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that Councilman Mitchell Englander was present to speak on the matter of the Lederer property on the south side of Sherman Way. Councilman Englander deferred to Mr. Allen Dietel to speak first as Mr. Dietel was on the agenda.

Mr Dietel stated that an appeal of the zoning administrator's initial decision was upheld at the Aug. 22 hearing of the South Valley Area Planning Commission. Mr. Dietel said this happened in part because of support from the councilmember's office.

Councilmember Englander expressed his intention that no projects come to him before they are presented to the Neighborhood Councils in his district. He presented a history of the WHNC's actions and positions on the project and cited a letter from the WHNC co-chairs advocating four modifications of the developers' plans. He also advised that the South Valley Area Planning Commission (SVAPC) was meeting the next day, Sept. 12, to reconsider its ruling in favor of the neighbors' appeal.

Ms. Rothstein stated that the letter Councilmember Englander referred to was written for the purpose of bringing negotiations with the developers back to the table. She noted the letter had not been brought to the WHNC for a vote and therefore did not constitute an official action of the WHNC. Ms. Rothstein also asked Councilmember Englander if he would request a continuance of the SVAPC's special meeting on Sept. 12th. He said he would inquire about that issue.

Old Business:

13-0016 – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed event at Shadow Ranch Park to be held in October 2013

Special Events Chair Mr. Ed Young moved that an earlier Board resolution regarding the Arts and Crafts Fall Festival at Shadow Ranch Park be amended to reflect the event's new date of Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

The request was approved: (19) (0) (0).

Due to the time, Mr. Brin stated that the remainder of the agenda would be held over to the special meeting on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

9:25: Meeting adjourned.