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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2013

First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way, 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, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Daniel Wiseman, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Absent: Franchon Lyons and Barry Seybert

Opening Business:

President/Co-Chair Dan Brin welcomed everyone.

Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and announced a quorum of 18. Mr. Brin then called the meeting to order. Board members, Mr. Ed Young and Ms. Jacquie Young arrived shortly after the roll call.

The minutes of Sept. 11, 2013 were approved as presented.

Comments from the Chair:

Mr. Brin advised that the death of our dear friend Mr. Wally Perfect leaves an opening on the Board. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board will find the application on the WHNC website. Candidates applying will probably come before the Board in December.

Mr. Brin advised that, as our business tonight is light, this meeting would take the place of the usual mid-month meeting of the Operations Committee.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Mr. Alessandro Machi wanted to inform the Board about a situation. Mr. Machi is caregiver for his elderly mother. Because of the time spent with providing her care, the property had been ignored and was badly run down. A neighbor became upset and reported him to Building & Safety. Building & Safety came out and advised him that the property must be

cleaned up, which Mr. Machi stated he has done. However, he has received a citation of \$350, which he can ill afford. Mr. Machi stated that there should be a middle step. The property owner should have a period of time to comply before a citation is issued.

Announcements:

Mr. Brin announced that we have several representatives present at the meeting. Mr. Brin first introduced Matthew Vallecilla from Congressman Brad Sherman's office, who spoke about the congressman's work to expedite assistance for veterans and other recipients of federal assistance. He also expressed hope that the government shutdown will end soon. Mr. Brin then asked him to inform Rep. Sherman of West Hills' need to have a single ZIP Code. Mr. Vallecilla said he would.

Ms. Rosalba Gonzalesz, San Fernando Valley field representative for California State Sen. Fran Pavley, spoke on a couple to things in which the senator was involved. They include SB145, a child pornography law that has been signed, and the development of a reasonable plan to reduce crowding in California's prisons.

Ms. Seme Park, field representative for Councilman Mitchell Englander, advised that today has been declared as the Day of the Horse. She also said the councilman is working on ways to reduce the number of hit-and-run crimes, improve access to City Hall and regulate valet parking.

Old Business:

13-0025 – Discussion and possible action regarding the West Hills Neighborhood Council's detailed budget for the fiscal year 2013 - 2014

Ms. Bobbi Trantafello, WHNC treasurer and co-chair of the Budget Committee, said the budget presented is not balanced but will be adjusted as needed. Changes to the executive director's hours as indicated in the budget will take effect this week.

The budget as presented was approved: (17) (1) (1). One member, Sol Bash, was not eligible to vote.

New Business:

13-0030 – Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the WHNC's September 2013 spending reports

Mr. Bob Brostoff, WHNC controller and co-chair of the Budget Committee, went over the spending report. Mr. Brostoff explained that this is a new document required by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and must be approved by the Board. There was a correction to the date on item C. 8 to read "June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014."

The September Monthly Expenditure Report was approved as amended. (17) (1) (1). Mr. Sol Bash is not eligible to vote.

Government Relations:

Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, co-chair of the WHNC Government Relations Committee, reported on the new mural ordinance. Ms. Yvanek-Garb explained that there is an opt-in and opt-out provision but is not sure just how it will work.

Ms. Yvanek-Garb advised that she and Dr. Dan Wiseman co-chair of the WHNC Government Relations Committee, will attend the Mayor's Budget Day and urged anyone who wishes to also attend.

Council Announcements:

Mr. Ed Young, the WHNC's events chair, invited everyone to attend the October 27th West Hills Arts and Crafts Fall Festival at Shadow Ranch Park. Mr. Young stated there would also be a large motorcycle show that day.

Mr. Brin advised that there is a new WHNC sign on the bus bench at Fallbrook and Ingomar. Mr. Brin also advised that he has been talking to Jeanne Orcutt, a member of the Orcutt family, about touring Orcutt Ranch. Information will be provided when a firm date has been set.

Mr. Alec Uzemeck, the WHNC's Environment Committee chair, advised that the committee was able to forward the West Hills Neighborhood Council's Resolution on NASA's draft environmental impact report (DEIS) on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory cleanup.

Mr. Alec Uzemeck advised that the letter on Dayton Canyon has gone out.

9:25 Meeting adjourned.