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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Meeting by Zoom

- **Members Present: Bob Brostoff, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Tony Scarce, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Faye Barta**
Guests: Yamileth Jimenez-Garcia, Reeyan Raynes.
- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.
- 2. Quorum established
- 3. Approval of June 17, 2020 Minutes
- Minutes approved as amended

Comments from Chair and Co-Chair

No Comments

4, Public Comments

There were no public comments

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Old Business

5. Update on Rylan Training

The emergency preparedness program came to a halt in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The City of Los Angeles plans to provide virtual training in the near future.

New Business

6. Discussion and possible action on creating FRS/GRMS 2-Way radio networks for emergency preparedness including purchase of 6 2-way radios at a cost not to exceed \$150

The goal of purchasing these radios is to create a network for communicating during an emergency between West Hills residents. Bob B mentioned that 2 FRS radios are provided in the Emergency Preparedness Kits. The GMRS radios have a greater range of coverage and require an FCC license. Reeyan inquired about the brand of radios that we were planning to purchase. Bob stated we were going to purchase Motorola brand which are among the best. A concern was raised regarding the personal use of these radios. Individuals will have to sign a contract regarding the usage. Brad V mentioned that a license has to be obtained by the

individual which provides some check against the personal usage of the radio. The committee approved it unanimously to purchase 6 FRS/GMRS radios for a price not to exceed \$150.

7. Discuss and possible action on approving a budget for fiscal year 2020-2021

Bob B mentioned that ultimately WHNC will have \$42,000 for the fiscal year 2020-2021 comes August 1, 2020. Faye B inquired whether some budget needed to be assigned for the neighborhood watch signs. Bob B mentioned that WHNC had recently purchased neighborhood watch signs with the hardware which should last for 2 years. The committee unanimously approved the amount of \$150 to be forwarded to the budget committee for approval.

8. Discussion and possible action on holding a forum on Covid-19 Safety and Precautions

There was a lot of discussion on this agenda item and the general consensus was that there was a lot of information disseminated by the government agencies and the news media that the public is fatigued out. Reeyan suggested that maybe WHNC can share West Hills centric information with the public. The final conclusion was to table this item and maybe consider a different topic for a forum.

9. Discussion and possible action on approving NW signs for **Yamileth Jimenez-Garcia** at Sherman Way and Shoup

There are ten units on Shoup, ten on Sherman Way with a total of thirty five units. Ms. Garcia mentioned that a face to face meeting was held on June 22 with 6 neighbors after SLO Kari McNamee dropped off flyers at the complex. The residents of the complex are concerned about attending face to face meetings due to the pandemic. The next HOA meeting is scheduled for July 22. Brad V made a motion to approve the installation of three signs and Faye B seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Brad V and Steve R will find the locations for the NW signs to be installed.

10. Safety Tip of the Month.

This item was tabled because the communications meeting was scheduled for 7:30 PM. Bob B adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

11. General discussion on any other Committee matters.

This item was tabled.

12. **Meeting adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM