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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

De Toledo High School

22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills 91307

1. Call to Order at 6:32 P.M. by Co-Chair Bill Rose.
2. Quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Aida Bkarians, Faye Barta Dan Brin, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Anthony Searce and Joan Trent.  
Committee Members Absent: Bob Brostoff, Saif Mogri and Myrl Schreiberman.

3. Comments from the Co-Chair(s): Bill thanked everyone for attending and their patience as we are transitioning from zoom to in-person.
4. Minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting: The minutes were approved unanimously with two minor corrections.
5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Stakeholder, Jeff Sacher, read a list of items on the traffic study done on the Chaminade campus expansion that he felt the Committee should review (he will send his questions to Bill for further review). Stakeholder, Esther Corn, who lives behind Chaminade, stated her displeasure with what Chaminade says it will do and what they actually do. Bonnie Klea, as a stakeholder, spoke about the shopping center on Roscoe and Fallbrook where Mission Barrito is located. She stated that they have opened an in-door recycling shop on the property and several of the employees of the other businesses are upset and feel unsafe. (Char stated at Bonnie's request, it can be put on next month's agenda) Stakeholder, Chris Rowe, stated she did not hear the roll call and asked that it be repeated. She also asked who was on the committee (Bill stated that quorum was established and that Chris could find the information on the Committee on the WHNC web-site.)

#### **New Business:**

6. Discussion and possible action on a CUB application for the continued sale and dispensing of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 3600 sq. foot 7-Eleven convenience market located at 23701 Vanowen Street and Platt Avenue

Bryce Evans, representing the owners, stated that the CUB expired in 2013, unbeknown to the owners. They have since applied to renew it. They have obtained a statement of non-opposition from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and are asking for a statement of non-opposition from the Committee. Char stated that she verified with LAPD that there have been no incidents at the location.

Char moved that a statement of non-opposition be provided. Faye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Char explained that now the matter would be presented to the Board for approval.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding stakeholder concerns regarding Orcutt Ranch located at 23600 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills

Stakeholders, Malike Shamajel and Arash Jahanbigloo stated that Orcutt Park is hosting weddings and parties every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. While they don't want the venue to stop having events, they want the loud music which lasts until 10 p.m. every weekend to stop. They have spoken to the woman in charge of rental of the venue, who would not give her name, and she stated they are in compliance and no outdoor amplification is allowed. However, what the stakeholders have witnessed is that while the speakers are inside they are pointed out the windows, thus the sound is amplified outside. Another couple who live behind Orcutt Park stated that they go the mall every Friday, Saturday and Sunday to escape the noise. None of the neighbors have filed a complaint with the City. They were trying to engage with the park staff. Stakeholder, Don Thompson suggested they contact the LAPD Noise Abatement Unit as this is definitely a quality of life issue. Char recommended that they file complaints, contact LAPD and bring it back to Zoning and Planning next month. Another suggestion was to start a petition.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding stakeholder concerns regarding Kadima Day School located at 7011 Shoup, West Hills

Committee member, Sandi Bell stated that Kadima is in violation of Article 5 – Amplified Sound and Article 6 – General Noise of the CUP. During the pick up period and at other times, they are using a megaphone to give instructions. Stakeholders, Don and Genevieve Thompson stated that it has become a problem and is definitely disturbing the neighbors. Stakeholder, Cameron Potts stated that he and his wife work from home and those attending zoom calls have questioned what was the sound they are hearing. Dr. Steven Lords stated that the use of a megaphone will be stopped immediately. They will find another way. He went on to say that the inability to use amplification will interfere with the current project of developing an emergency system for the safety of the children. Several stakeholders and committee members said that an emergency system is quite another matter and no one would object to such use in an emergency.

9. The meeting was adjourned by Bill at 7:25 p.m