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JOINT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 15, 2016 West Hills Hospital, 1st Floor Conference Room 7300 Medical Center Drive, West Hills, CA 91307

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Steve Randall, Chair

In attendance were Steve Randall, Ron Sobel, Char Rothstein, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, Tom Booth, Brad Vanderhoof, Mary Crescenzo, Dan Brin, Michael Teitelbaum, Aida Abkarians and guest Ivan Blume. A quorum was established. The October 18, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Steve Randall told the committee that we are looking at and researching multiple sites. On Sunday, Steve and Dan visited a location that Dan had suggested on Vanowen just west of Valley Circle at the opening to El Escorpion Park. Also, he said that tonight we are going to have a presentation by Ivan Blume who had prepared a detailed Community Center plan Power Point.

Ivan's plan included an ADA compliant 250 fixed-seat theatre with the ability to double as a drive-up outdoor theatre, office space, fully equipped kitchen, and a 4,100 sq. ft. multi-use ballroom that could be rented out and could be divided. The theatre would have sound, lighting, dressing rooms, space for an orchestra and storage. It was suggested that the roof above the theatre could be equipped with solar panels. The ballroom space could accommodate an art gallery type display, committee meetings and other scheduled events. The conceptual design included landscaping, bay windows, and a fireplace and was warm and welcoming. The presentation was fantastic and everyone was very motivated. Tom Booth asked that individual Power Point pages be made available to use for presentations to potential investors.

Steve Randall told the group that he had approached LAUSD School Board Member Scott Schmerelson at the previous Education Committee meeting with the possibility of incorporating our community center and theater with the planned Hale/Highlander performing arts school. Scott seemed interested in the concept and a meeting had been set for December 1st. Steve also stated that he had not received any response to the letter he sent to Corporate Pointe. Steve asked Ron Sobel to provide the information on the 501c3 that he had.

Other possible locations that were discussed included Knapp Ranch, Fallbrook Mall (Kohls, Sports Chalet and the auto repair area). Aida and Char said they would contact Fallbrook Mall. Mary suggested that we contact the Calabasas Senior Center to get advice as to what they did right or wrong. Michael stated that the theatre being built in the Promenade would be very expensive to rent and would not be competition for us.

Steve announced our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM by Steve Randall.