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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT CULTURAL, COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 7:30 P.M.
Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 2nd Floor
23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304

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Committee Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

A quorum was established. Committee members in attendance were: Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin, Faye Barta, Ivan Blume, Ron Sobel, Myrl Schreibman and Brad Vanderhoof. Also attending were Tom Booth and Tony Brosamle. The Jan 16, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Steve advised that there is a lot going on regarding possible locations for the Community Center. Steve stated that he had a conversation earlier today with Tom Booth, co-chair of the Homelessness Committee, and asked Tom to attend and tell the Committee of an idea he had that Steve liked when he heard it. Tom suggested having two facilities on one piece of land; permanent supportive senior housing and a community center. Steve stated that having such an arrangement could provide some major advantages regarding funding and getting a location. Brad stated that he believes that such a site was a good idea to be able to access HHH funds. Myrl stated that he wanted to be sure that we do not lose site of the cultural, community and senior aspects of the center. Steve advised that Mitchell Englander is working on an upcoming project that might allow for the incorporation of a community center. Daniel Brin stated that it was important for us to pursue that possibility.

Aida relayed conversations she had with Timothy Lippman and a representative from the LADPW at the open house at Sheila Kuehl's office last week. Aida asked Timothy for an update on the hydrology study on the Valley Circle property. Also, Aida spoke at length with the DPW representative and asked that they find a piece of DPW land for our community center. Aida felt these discussions went very well.

Ivan stated that he thought the parcel on Roscoe just east of Farralone could work and that we should focus our attention on that parcel as well as the one Mitchell is working on and the Valley Circle DPW property. Char stated that the Roscoe parcel has already been approved for a small lot development and Steve stated that we should focus on the one Mitchell is working on, the Valley Circle DPW property and Lazy J Ranch Park. That said, Steve stated that he believed that our best possibility would be to work with a developer for a location on privately owned land. Aida renewed her suggestion that we do a presentation of our plans with dinner to various City officials. The committee agreed that we need to move forward with this at the appropriate time.

Steve presented some minor changes regarding members and quorum listed in our Committee Operating Rules. The changes were approved unanimously.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for April 17, 2018, 7:30 PM, Chaminade Condon Center, 2nd floor.