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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2012

Chaminade College Preparatory, 23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills, CA 91304

Attendance:

Present: Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Daniel Wiseman, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

Absent/Excused: Solomon Bash, Shelly Bright, Robert Brostoff, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Stephen Lenske, Barry Seybert and Jeffrey Shapiro

Opening Business:

Co-Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus established a quorum and then called the meeting to order. Mr. Dockus stated that there has been a controversy over our by-laws. We have waited patiently for DONE to act upon our updated bylaws and this has handicapped the business of the Council. Therefore, it has been decided by the Chairs that we will use the new bylaws effective October 2011 when they were submitted. If DONE or the City Attorney have a problem with this they can contact us.

Mr. Dockus welcomed all those present. He pointed out that we are have a timed agenda and that any stakeholder who would like to speak, please fill out a speaker card so that the appropriate amount of time can be allotted. We have a timekeeper who will keep us on track and asks that all speakers show respect when told that their time is up.

Announcements:

Representative from Council District 3, Mr. Ron Rubine stated that he is the WHNC representative for at least the next 60 days. Mr. Rubine advised that if the City Council approves the new Redistricting Plan (which puts West Hills completely in District 12) it would take effect probably July 2012. Mr. Rubine congratulated us on the instillation of the WHNC Medallions. He stated that it is an example of collaboration between City Council and the Neighborhood Councils.

Mr. Rubine advised that Councilman Zine has introduced a motion to hold the Department of General Services accountable for servicing the police stations once built. This motion stems from

problems that are being experienced at Topanga Station and determining who is responsible for the repairs.

Mr. Rubine advised that the Z Awards are coming up. Dennis McCarthy is to be honored. Mr. Rubine also reminded everyone of the Senior Symposium at One Generation Senior Enrichment Center.

Mr. Rubine presented a certificate from Councilman Zine for being named a California Distinguished School for academic excellence to Ms. Jill Frieze, Principal at Justice Street Elementary School.

Erik Richardson, Field Deputy from Council District 12 introduced himself. He advised that he is temporarily replacing Seme Park as she is working with Councilman Englander on the budget. Mr. Richardson provided some information on the Mayor's Budget and the problems presented.

Public Comment:

Dr. Daniel Wiseman spoke about how the Council could get additional funds to support various projects in light of the anticipated cut of the NC's budgets.

Stakeholder, Mr. Jeff Bornstein thanked the board for not supporting the Westfield plan as presented as it does not respect the Warner Center Specific Plan.

Stakeholder, Mr. Michael McCue advised that he has a blog on becoming an engaged citizen and commented on the debate for the 30th Congressional District held at Pierce.

Presentation:

Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus with Education Committee Chair, Ms. Sandi Bell and Education Committee Member, Mr. Ed Young presented Certificates For Academic Excellence. The Certificates were presented to the principals of Enadia Way, Hamlin Street and Justice Street Elementary Schools Ms. Vivian Cordoba, Ms. Bette Kaplan and Ms. Jill Frieze.

Grievance Committee Report:

12-0001 – Discussion and possible action regarding findings and recommendations by the Grievance Committee regarding four (4) separate grievances filed against West Hills Neighborhood Council Board Member. Mr. Bob Brostoff
Grievance Committee Chair, Mr. Donn Howell advised that the committee wishes to postpone the matter until the June meeting at the request of Mr. Brostoff.

Council Announcements:

Council Member, Ms. Jacquie Young announced that the Budget Committee is meeting on May 21st at 7 p.m.

Council Member, Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that Citrus Sunday is on September 23rd this year and presented a budget request in support of this event to Ms. Young for consideration.

Council Member, Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised that there would be training for the

upcoming elections on Saturday in Hollywood. Council Member, Dr. Daniel Wiseman provided some overview of what would be presented during the day.

Council Member, Mr. Dan Brin advised there would be no Communications Committee meeting this month. Mr. Brin also stated that the Gypsy Camp Music and Arts Festival would be at Shadow Ranch Park on May 19th.

Council Member, Mr. Walter Perfect advised that the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting would be on May 8th at 6:30. They will be going over the Community Plan for West Hills.

Minutes – the minutes April 4, 2012 were approved as corrected (10-0-2).

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Bobbi Trantafello requested the postponing the June payroll until July because of the uncertainty regarding the budget. After much discussion about what is happening with DONE and the treasurer's inability to ascertain exactly how much money the Council has this fiscal year, the matter was sent back to the Budget Committee.

Government Relations Report

Government Relations Liaison, Dr. Daniel Wiseman advised that there are two parts to the budget, the budget that covers the entire City and the budget for the Neighborhood Councils. Dr. Wiseman went on to explain the different scenarios presented for handling of the elections.

Old Business:

11-0021

Discussion and possible action on authorizing an additional amount of money, not to exceed \$1,400.00 for a total of \$5,400.00 to be encumbered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and rolled over for next Fall's Election Committee, subject to availability of excess funds.

After some discuss, Ms. Jacquie Young moved that WHNC authorize any additional money not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be encumbered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and rolled over for next Fall's Election Committee, subject to availability of excess funds. Motion carried (18-0-0)

New Business:

Discussion and possible action re board vacancy appointment of Mr. Alec Uzemeck
Board Vacancy Chair, Mr. Walter Perfect advised that it is the Committee's recommendation that Board appoint Mr. Alec Uzemeck. There was lengthy discussion of the handling of the two request received by the Board Vacancy Committee and application of the new bylaws. Mr. Perfect stated that both applications were considered and it is the Committee position that Mr. Uzemeck is the best candidate. Recommendation was approved (11-1-1).

Because of the time, there was a Call for the order of the day. Therefore, item 12-0008 will be the first item on next months calendar. There were four stakeholders present wishing to speak on this item.

9:35 Meeting adjourned