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MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2012

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

Attendance

Present (including continuing, re-elected and newly-elected members): Eric Augusztiny, Sol Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Franchon Lyons, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alex Uzemeck, Daniel Wiseman, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

Absent Barry Seybert

Opening Business:

Stephen Box, Election Administrator of the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), presided over the opening of the meeting shortly after 7 p.m. He stated that seating the Board was the first order of business. Citing authority granted by the Los Angeles City Council to DONE for administering Neighborhood Council elections, he stated there were no unresolved challenges or appeals pertaining to the WHNC elections on Sept. 29, 2012, and that the elections were duly certified.

WHNC Board members elected and re-elected in the WHNC elections on September 29, 2012 include Eric Augusztiny, Sol Bash, Sandi Bell, Michael Castro, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Franchon Lyons, Elliot Maggin, Bill Rose, Bobbi Trantafello, Daniel Wiseman, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

Presentation:

Charles "Chuck" Gremer, founding president of the WHNC, administered the oath of office to the entire Board of Directors.

Mr. Box noted there were four remaining open seats on the WHNC board to be filled at a later date according to the WHNC's vacancy appointment process.

Mr. Box then presided over the election of a new president of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. He opened nominations for president, saying candidates could be self-nominated. Elliot Maggin nominated Dan Brin, Charlene Rothstein nominated Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Alex Uzemeck nominated himself. Each nominated person made a short speech. Dan Brin received 10 votes, Joanne Yvanek-Garb received seven votes and Alex Uzemeck received two votes. One board member abstained from voting. Citing *Robert's Rules of Order*, Mr. Box declared Dan Brin the winner, having received the majority of the 19 votes cast. He congratulated Mr. Brin on his election. Mr. Brin then moved to the president's chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Brin opened nominations for vice president. Ed Young was nominated by Jacqueline Young, Charlene Rothstein was nominated by Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Elliot Maggin was nominated by Dan Brin. All three made short speeches. Ed Young received three votes, Charlene Rothstein received nine votes and Elliot Maggin received eight votes. Then a run-off vote was held. Charlene Rothstein received 12 votes and Elliot Maggin received eight. Ms. Rothstein was congratulated by Mr. Brin as the new vice president.

Nominations then followed for the positions of secretary and treasurer. There was only one nomination for each of the two positions. Jacqueline Young was elected secretary and Bobbi Trantafello was elected treasurer.

Bob Brostoff and Ed Young were nominated as controller. Mr. Brostoff received 14 votes and was named as controller.

President Brin then introduced a motion to establish a co-chair relationship between him and Vice President Rothstein according to the WHNC Bylaws. This motion passed with 19 votes.

Mr. Brin led a standing ovation for Chuck Gremer in recognition of his service to the West Hills Neighborhood Council and to the entire community of West Hills.

.Public Comment:

Glenn Bailey, the staff member from DONE who presided at the WHNC elections on Sept. 29, 2012, thanked the board for allowing him to serve as poll manager. He recognized the service of the WHNC's Elections Committee, chaired by Bob Brostoff, Dan Brin and Charlene Rothstein. He then invited all to the Bi-Annual Planning Forum to be held the next night by the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council at CBS Studios in Studio City. Mr. Bailey also said all are invited to the VANC meeting every second Thursday of the month at Sherman Oaks Hospital at 6 p.m. Joanne Yvanek-Garb said she and Barry Seybert probably will attend the Planning Forum.

Grayce Liu, interim general manager of DONE, then addressed the WHNC, encouraging

attendance at the Mayor's Budget Day on November 17, 2012, and the Treasurer's Training on November 19, 2012. She passed out copies of the WHNC Bylaws to board members. Ms. Liu then encouraged WHNC members to read DONE's e-mail newsletter and to call the department at (213) 878-1551 if they have any questions. She spoke about Ethics Training, which should be taken by board members at least once every two years.

Council Announcements:

Minutes - The minutes from the WHNC's October meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was approved without objection

President Brin encouraged all to attend the Mayor's Budget Day and said Dr. Dan Wiseman and Joanne Yvanek-Garb will represent the WHNC as its official Budget Representatives.

Mr. Brin thanked all previous board members for their service. He specifically praised the service of immediate Past-President and Co-Chair Stephen Lenske and immediate Past-Vice President and Co-Chair Edwin Dockus. He also said he would like to arrange a formal presentation in their honor in the near future. Mr. Brin then praised the efforts of Ed Young for organizing the West Hills 25th Anniversary Picnic on Sept. 29 at Shadow Ranch Park and thanked Alisa Smith, DONE's administrator for Neighborhood Council elections in the Southwestern San Fernando Valley, as well as Stephen Box and Glenn Bailey, for their service in facilitating the WHNC's elections. In addition, Mr. Brin praised the service of Ed Crowe, graphic designer and publisher of the *West Valley News*, for his work in designing the pole banners celebrating the 25th anniversary of West Hills.

Mr. Brin said chairs of WHNC committees will be nominated and ratified by the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.