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Final
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2013

Chaminade College Preparatory High School
23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills, California 91304

Meeting called to order by President Dan Brin at 7 p.m. at Chaminade College Preparatory High School's Condon Center.

Vice President Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jacqueline Young called roll and announced a quorum of 17.

Attendance: Eric Augusztiny, Solomon Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, John Hogue, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alex Uzemeck, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Ed and Jacquie Young.

Late entrants were: Franchon Lyons (8:00) and Barry Seybert (7:55).

Absent: Bob Brostoff, Bonnie Klea (on approved leave of absence), Carolyn Greenwood.

Minutes of November Board meeting: No changes or corrections were requested, so the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Comments from the Chair: The following events were noted:

- WHNC Board holiday potluck on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. at Ron Sobel's House.
- Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Holiday Mixer in Carla's Cafe at CBS Studios on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m.
- Breakfast with Council District 12 representatives at PALS Youth Center on Dec. 19 at 8 a.m.
- Topanga Community Police Station is having a toy drive

Public Comment: WHNC Environment Committee Co-Chair Alec Uzemeck noted that the California Department of Toxic Substances Control will meet during December at Chatsworth

High School and at the Senior Center in Simi Valley to discuss cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site. Also, on Dec. 18, the SSFL Community Advisory Group will meet at the Bell Canyon Recreation Center.

CD 12 Report: Ron Rubine, field deputy for Council District 12, noted that the office has encouraged LADWP to allow adequate time for customers to pay unexpectedly high bills. He asked those with high bills to call District 12.

Committee Report — Elections: Elections Chair Charlene Rothstein reported that the WHNC Board elections will be held at Shadow Ranch Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2014. Candidates must file between Dec. 31, 2013 and Jan. 31, 2014. Forms will be available at the EmpowerLA web site on Dec. 31, 2013.

Guest Speaker: Senior Lead Officer Dennis Cunningham presented “Safety Precautions for the Holidays.” He gave advice on avoiding identity thefts, burglaries, car break-ins, mail thefts, scam solicitations and other types of crime.

New Business:

• **13-0037** — The WHNC Board approved the following motion presented by Bobbi Trantafello and seconded by Jacquie Young: **“Be it resolved that the West Hills Neighborhood Council accepts the November spending report.”** Sixteen Board members voted “yes” to this motion: Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, John Hogue, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alex Uzemeck, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, and Ed and Jacquie Young. Two Board members were ineligible to vote: Sol Bash and Franchon Lyons. Barry Seybert was not present to vote. Also, Treasurer Bobbi Trantafello presented a motion (seconded by Alex Uzemeck): **“Be it resolved that the West Hills Neighborhood Council accepts the detailed budget presented by Bob Brostoff at the last meeting.”** The vote was the same as the previous vote. Sixteen Board members voted “yes” to the motion: Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, John Hogue, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alex Uzemeck, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, and Ed and Jacquie Young. Two Board members were ineligible to vote: Sol Bash and Franchon Lyons. Barry Seybert was not present to vote.

• **13-0038** – Stakeholder Nicole Flessati addressed the Board and was immediately elected to the Board, filling the seat left vacant by the recent passing of Walter Perfect. The motion to elect Ms. Flessati was made by Charlene Rothstein as chair of the ad hoc committee on vacancy appointments and seconded by President Dan Brin. The motion was approved with 16 “yes” votes and no “no” votes. Barry Seybert and Franchon Lyons, who arrived during the deliberations, abstained.

• **13-0039** — Elections Chair Charlene Rothstein moved that up to \$4,000 in previously approved election funds be spent for a pre-election mailing to West Hills residences and businesses and up to \$800 more be spent on advertising the elections, in cooperation with other Neighborhood Councils, in the *Los Angeles Daily News*. Motion approved (17 yes) (0 no) (1abstain) (4 absent) (2 ineligible).

Council Announcements:

- Dan Brin announced that the Orcutt family will participate in a tour of Orcutt Ranch on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. The public is invited.
- Jacquie Young suggested that we include city giveaways of mulch and compost to encourage participation in elections on March 16, 2014.
- Joanne Vaneck-Garb, Budget Advocate, described efforts of the Budget Advocates. She also encouraged people to watch Channel 35 to see the City Council in action.
- Bill Rose, co-chair of the WHNC's Zoning & Planning Committee, announced that construction of 42 homes is proposed for a lot on Vanowen Street adjacent to Vicky Avenue. Representatives of the proposed project will discuss it at a committee meeting next Thursday.
- Ed Young, events chair, announced that the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce Chamber has asked to work with him in organizing a 5K run through West Hills on Memorial Day weekend.

The next WHNC board meeting will convene at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Chaminade.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.