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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2012

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

Attendance:

Present: Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Bonnie Klea, Stephen Lenske, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

Absent/Unexcused: Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Opening Business:

Co-Chair, Mr. Stephen Lenske established a quorum, called the meeting to order. Mr. Lenske welcomed all those present.

Co-chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus moved that we use the timed agenda. Motion passed (16-1-2).

Mr. Lenske went over a few housekeeping rules and that we must leave the premises as we found them. Mr. Lenske stated that we have a big agenda, including a land use item, and must adjourn the meeting by 9:30. Mr. Lenske pointed out that anyone wishing to speak tonight must fill out a Speaker Card and once an item has been open for discussion no additional speaker cards would be accepted for that item. Mr. Lenske asked that when completing a Speaker Card that the writing be legible to enable us to get their name correct and to also indicate on which item they wish to speak.

Mr. Lenske asked that while someone is speaking that we show him or her courtesy by not interrupting.

Announcements:

Ms. Courtney Hamilton, from Senator Howard Berman's office was present. Ms. Hamilton just wanted to take the opportunity to introduce herself and would be available to speak with anyone interested after the meeting.

Presentation:

Ms. Chris Rowe introduced Senator Fran Pavley. 23rd Senate District. Senator Pavley advised that she would not be able to speak for very long as she is just recovering from pneumonia but

shared some of the information out of Sacramento. Senator Pavely stated she has created the Valley Advisory Council, which is comprised of business and community leaders from the San Fernando Valley, meeting regularly on issues affecting the Valley. The Committee meets on Friday morning approximately four (4) times a year and she encouraged everyone present to join as this helps her know what the concerns of her constituents are.

Senator Pavely went over some of the things happening in Sacramento including:

Pension reform

Worker's Compensation

Measure R

Film and production

Foreclosure package

Media piracy and restitution (SB 1532)

Stakeholder, Christina Walsh asked what was the Senator's position on Santa Susana. Senator Pavely stated that she does not have a specific position but we all should take notice of what is going to be on that site. The Senator stated in particular we should be aware that a bill has been introduced that would allow Indian gaming on land not historically owned by the tribe.

Mr. Stephen Lenske presented Senator Pavley with a Certificate of Appreciation from the West Hills Neighborhood Council.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder, Christina Walsh spoke about the petition she is circulating for an advisory committee group for Santa Susana and stated she will be available later for any who wish to sign.

Stakeholder, Mr. Dan Wiseman welcomed all the candidates who were present and endorsed Ms. Margery Brown as a candidate. Dr. Wiseman stated that the mayor is requesting our assistance in the selection of the new General Manager for DONE.

Election Committee:

Mr. Dan Brin, Elections Committee Chair, stated that there is a slate of 23 candidates for the 13 open seats. There is to be a candidates' forum on September 27th at the West Valley Christian Church. This information will be on the website.

Stakeholder, Rabbi Mark Sobel stated that the Jewish Holiday was not taken into consideration when the date for the mail-in vote was set.

Mr. Ed Young, Chair, 25th Anniversary Committee, gave an update on the 25th Anniversary Celebration at Shadow Ranch Park on the date of the election. Mr. Young stated, "This was party for the community." The event will end with the screening of The Wizard of Oz.

The minutes of August 1, 2012 were put over to the October meeting.

Treasurer, Ms. Bobbi Trantafello went over the budget. She stated that all of the neighborhood signs have been paid for and she is continuing to work with Ed Crowe to resolve any outstanding issues.

Old Business:

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 he had nothing to report. He will have the reprimand letter by next meeting.

12-00010 – Discussion and possible action regarding reviewing prior Council recommendations for development of a multiuse assisted living and senior residence at property located at 23200 Sherman Way near the intersection of Woodlake Ave

Ms. Chris Rowe, Environment & Public Health Committee made a presentation identifying the different elements of the property and what the community would like to have on that site. Ms. Rowe presented a four page document outlining the (draft) recommendations of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Environment and Public Health Committees regarding the elder care project at 23200 Sherman Way under the Elder Care Ordinance.(See attached)

Stakeholders, Mr. Michael McCue, S.M. Allen, Christian Kilkka, Ms. Bonnie Blanks, Ms. Lori Yalem and Christina Walsh all spoke against various aspects of the project.

Mr. Fred Gaines, attorney for the owners of the Sherman Way property, stated he felt the West Hills Neighborhood Council recommendations were an ambush. These conditions cover a new set of issues. He wanted an opportunity to respond to these new conditions.

After discussion, the motion was made to postpone this matter. As the matter is coming before the Planning Department soon it was decided that a special meeting be held to allow review of the new material. The motion was made to hold a special joint committee meeting of the Zoning and Planning along with the Environment Committee to be held Thursday, September 13th. Motion passed (14-3-0). The joint committee would then report back to the Council at a Special Meeting to be scheduled.

Government Relations:

Dr. Dan Wiseman stated that he was recommending that the Board support Grayce Liu as the new DONE General Manager. There was discussion as to whether this would be an appropriate action. Before this matter was decided Ms. Chris Rowe called for the Orders of the Day in accord with the approved timed agenda.

9:28 The meeting was adjourned two minutes early.