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Final
MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2013

911 Communication Dispatch Center 2nd Floor
23001 Roscoe Boulevard, West Hills, CA 91304

Attendance:

Present: Eric Augusztiny, Solomon Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

Absent: John Hogue, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Franchon Lyons, Daniel Wiseman and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Opening Business:

President/Co-Chair Dan Brin welcomed everyone.

Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and announced a quorum. Mr. Brin then called the meeting to order.

The minutes of May 1, 2013 were approved as presented.

Comments from the Chair:

Mr. Brin advised that Ms. Vivian Cordova, principal of Enadia Way Elementary School, is retiring. He provided information for individuals interested in attending her retirement luncheon. He also noted the West Hills Optimist Club is sponsoring an Italian dinner this Saturday at the Prince of Peace Church in Woodland Hills.

Mr. Brin said he enjoyed participating in the recent Memorial Day Parade along with other Board members and their families and would like to do it again next year.

Announcements:

Field Deputy Seme Park represented City Councilmember Mitchell Englander of Council District 12. Ms. Park advised that a "back to basics" budget has been approved by the city. We

will see some streets paved, sidewalks repaired and trees trimmed. Also, senior meals are being funded. Mr. Englander is prepared to assist in funding the Budget Advocates and the Congress of Neighborhoods on Sept. 28.

Ms. Park presented a certificate to Vice President/Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein for her volunteerism on behalf of West Hills.

No representatives from the LAPD or the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment were present.

Public Comment:

Mr. Ronald Ziman, M.D. introduced himself as vice president of the Bell Canyon Home Owners Association and Member of the new Santa Susana Field Laboratory Community Advisory Group (CAG). He hopes to foster a working relationship with neighboring communities, including West Hills.

John Luker, vice president of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA), said the group is working toward creating a national park at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site with participation by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Presentation:

Mr. Brin noted that the spokesperson for Horses Across the Valley was not present. Mr. Brin went on to give a brief explanation on the project, in which fiberglass horses are purchased at a cost of \$5,000. Local artists are hired to decorate the horses, which are placed around the San Fernando Valley to celebrate the area's heritage as a horse-friendly community and as a place that promotes and encourages the arts. This is similar to the Community of Angeles project in Los Angeles in the early 2000s.

New Business:

13-0017 – Discussion and possible action on proposed revisions of the West Hills Neighborhood Council's Bylaws

Bylaws Committee Co-Chair Alec Uzemeck provided background on the bylaw revision process. He advised that the changes from the previous Bylaws were numerous, so the new Bylaws should stand on their own. The new Bylaws need to be approved and sent to DONE by Friday or we will not be able to make the changes until the end of the year. Stakeholders in the room were advised they, as well as members of the Board, were eligible to vote on or suggest any changes.

In discussion, it was moved that Article V, Section 7 be changed to read "A Board Member who has been absent from one-third of the meetings..." Motion carried (21) (7) (2).

It was moved that the title of Article V, Section 11 be changed to "*Community Relations*" and the text will read "All Board Members shall *inform, recruit and engage with regard to community participation in activities initiated by the Board.*" Motion carried (14) (6) (2).

A friendly amendment to add "shall be a member of the budget committee" as #3 to Article VI, Section 2, E. Amendment, was accepted.

Article VIII, Section 1, A was changed to "...the Board, but at least *9 times per year*," to be consistent with Article VII. It also was recommended that "*and shall complete a self-assessment within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year*" be added. Both recommendations were accepted as friendly amendments.

Mr. Brin called for a vote on the bylaws as amended. Bylaws accepted. Ayes: 23 (19 Board members plus four stakeholders); Nays: 1 (a Board member); Abstentions: 0.

Government Relations:

As both Co-Chairs of the Government Relations Committee, Dr. Daniel Wiseman and Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb, were absent, there was no government relations report.

Committee Presentations:

Mr. Barry Seybert, Co-Chair of the Streets & Transportation Committee, advised that he and Co-Chair Ron Sobel are working on developing motions relating to street cleaning, "no overnight parking" signs on major streets to deter the parking of advertising vans, and removing the "no parking" signs on the street east of the inside divider on Platt Avenue.

Mr. Michael Castro, Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Beautification Committee, advised that on June 29 the committee will be clearing vegetation and picking up litter on the north side of Victory Boulevard, west of Fallbrook Avenue. He is also looking into landscaping the West Hills Post Office with drought-resistant native plants.

Board Announcements:

Mr. Walter Perfect, Co-Chair of the Zoning & Planning Committee, advised that the committee would be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the 9-1-1 Center.

9:18 Meeting adjourned