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BOARD/ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.
Hidden Lake Clubhouse, West Hills

Call To Order: Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall & Alec Uzemeck, Co-Chairs. Alec Uzemeck took the lead at this meeting.

Attendance: Steve Randall, Bonnie Klea, Alec Uzemeck, Charlene Rothstein, Margery Brown, Christina Walsh and Chris Rowe. Chris Rowe declined to be a member of this committee.

New Business:

-Environment Committee Operating Rules:

- It was decided that a quorum would be four members
- It was decided that all members of the Committee would have the right to vote
- It was decided that Bonnie Klea will be responsible for taking minutes
- It was decided that Steve and Alec would be responsible for preparing agendas and posting notices
- It was decided that committee members must not miss more than 4 meetings
- Our mission and goals were discussed. Bonnie felt that the protection of the community was a priority. Chris felt that all zoning issues should have the Environment Committee look at issues. Christina felt that our main goal should be to educate the board and Charlene said there is great apathy. We discussed public awareness and education. Alec mentioned that air monitoring is important and Christina said watering at SSFL is critical.

-Presentation of SSFL Off Site Health Studies by Alec Uzemeck. Alec read all post 1990 health studies as summarized by Abe Weitzberg. We had a lively debate and Alec concluded that the results are inconclusive. He felt that the retinoblastoma cases were the result of genetics and Bonnie disagreed and felt it was a result of radiation.

-Presentation of additional SSFL Health Studies by Bonnie Klea. Bonnie brought copies of the UCLA workers studies which was released in 1999. The UCLA team found positive associations between exposures to chemicals used at the rocket test stands, particularly hydrazine, and the rates of dying from cancers of the lung, blood and lymph system, and bladder and kidney. The radiation risk was 6-8 times higher than presumed from the A-bomb survivor.

General Discussion:

Chris had suggestions for the committee and asked that the committee should not use the WHNC for favors and our Bylaws should state who can speak to the City Council.

We discussed the need for provability of information that is disseminated to the public

Alec discussed the perchlorate in Simi Valley at the far west end and promised more information.

Christina announced a meeting at her house on May 20 on global warming.

The committee will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Hidden Lake Clubhouse.

Meeting Adjourned