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West Hills Neighborhood Council





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JOINT ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2015 @ 6: 30 p.m.

Fairwinds - West Hills

8138 Woodlake Avenue, West Hills, California 91304 Minutes

- Call To Order Mr Bill Rose, Co-Chair
- Approval of minutes

Approval of Minutes for the regular meeting held on Oct. 12, 2015 tabled to December meeting. Committee members in attendance were Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Anthony Brosamle, Margery Brown, Steve Randall, Ron Sobel, Bonnie Klea, Anthony Brosamle, Charlene Rothstein, Reeyan Raynes, and Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, and Alec Uzemeck.

Old Business

- Update on property at 8420 Melba Ave., West Hills. It was reported that there has been no progress on pursuing apparent illegal operation of a business out of a private residence. The city has responded that this is not a high priority. New attempts to get action will be pursued through Councilman Englander's office, as well as continued requests to LA Building and Safety. Tony Brosamle stated that, in his research, he has found that there have been 6 citations issued by LA Building and Safety, and that only 2 of them are still open.
- Update on property at 7404 Wiscasset Dr., West Hills. According to Charlene Rothstein, she was informed by the owner that the property has been sold and is in escrow. However, Bill Rose reported that there is no record of that
- Update on the proposed project involving the 58 acre piece of property in Westhills (LA County), at the top of Kittridge St. is still active. Please see the attached detailed update.
- Update on the issue of marijuana cultivation in West Hills. It was reported by stakeholder Michael Tahi that the grower at issue, who had been growing marijuana in a garage next to a house has been stopped. There is a regulation that prohibits the growing of marijuana in a garage. This appears to have resolved the issues of the neighbors.

New Business

Discussion regarding filming in West Hills and film permits.

A presentation was made by Mr. Guy Langman, Community Outreach Laison from Film LA, Inc., a non-profit that works with the City of Los Angeles to increase, and control, filming in the city.

Some of the points that he covered were:

• Filming in Los Angeles has increased considerably due to the State Legislature's new policy on tax credits

- There are no limits on frequency of filming in the same location in Los Angeles
- However, there are ways to work with the filming industry to not film in specific locations that create problems for residents
- The City cannot demand restitution for trash left behind, or damage caused. However, legitimate companies will usually be cooperative in compensating folks for the problem, to avoid legal action.
- Normal filming permits are issued for filming from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Filming companies must do a community survey before filming in residential neighborhoods.
- Mr. Langman stated that if there is filming going on in your area and it is causing any kind of problem, you may contact him and he will immediately do something about it.
- Marge Brown spoke briefly about the gas leak in the Southern California Gas Company's facility in Porter Ranch. She mentioned the problem of a lack of housing space for residents who want to temporarily re-locate until the gas leak problem is finally resolved.

Submitted by Bob Brostoff Secretary