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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## JOINT "SPECIAL" SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, July 10, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.

This meeting of the Special Events Committee was conducted online via Zoom webinar and Telephonically.

## **DRAFT**

Committee Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Committee members in attendance were: Steve Randall (Co-Chair), Myrl Schreibman (Co-Chair), Char Rothstein, Dr. Faye Barta, Aida Abkarians, Glenn Jennings, Miriam Schimmel, Joan Trent, and Ryan Taylor. A quorum was established.

Others in attendance were Penny Newmark, Jan MacQuoid and Carolyn Poppert.

The minutes from May 2, 2023 were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

Comments from the Chair(s): Myrl welcomed the committee back to in person meetings after 2 ½ years of virtual meetings. Considering the length of time the City has taken to approve events in the past, Myrl stated that we should send all documents for all events to the City as early as possible.

During discussion of the 2023 Halloween House event, Myrl presented a schedule/timeline for the Halloween, Senior Valentine's Day, and Kids' Day events. Ryan Taylor offered his skills in making social media announcements, and Myrl said that we would visit Ryan's ideas when we plan the promotion of the Halloween event. Myrl stated that there are usually event expenditures that come up after the budget is approved, and that in the past these have been handled by anonymous donations that have resulted in elevating the event in the eyes of the public. Discussion of the 2024 Kids' Day and 2024 Senior Valentine's Dinner Dance events became part of the discussion of all three events.

Myrl suggested that we consider producing another Active Shooter Event in light of what has been going on nationwide. Aida stated that there are episodes that take place in the schools that make such an event important and appropriate at this time. Steve reminded the committee about how successful and appreciated the Active Shooter Event held at El Camino High School was, and that how Myrl managed to have an injured survivor from the Las Vegas shooting address the audience. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to produce another Active Shooter Event. Miriam volunteered to take the lead planning the event and Faye and Aida agreed to assist.

Steve stated that he had been very impressed with Ryan Taylor's contributions during the meeting, and asked Ryan if he would like to become a member of the Special Events Committee. Committee sentiment in agreement was obvious and Ryan accepted the offer. Ryan is now a member and agreed to work closely with the co-chair Myrl on the Halloween event.

There were no Public Comments.

The next regularly scheduled Special Events Committee meeting is on August 1, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Steve Randall at 8:19 P.M.