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MEETING MINUTES
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9-1-1 Communication Dispatch Center, 23001 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA 91304

Attendance:

Present Eric Augusztiny, Sol Bash, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Charlene Rothstein, Alex Uzemeck, Daniel Wiseman, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb. Also in attendance was Michelle Ritchie, Executive Director of the West Hills Neighborhood Council.

Absent/Excused: Ruwan Kotuwelle, Franchon Lyons, Walter Perfect, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello and Bill Rose.

New Business

12-0012 – Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of committee chairs pending Board approval of the West Hills Neighborhood Council

Co-Chairs Brin and Rothstein stated all committees must hold frequent public meetings and submit agendas before their meetings will be posted. All meetings must be posted at least 72 hours in advance, in accordance with the Ralph. M. Brown Act.

According to the WHNC Bylaws, the following Chairs of WHNC Standing Committees were nominated by the WHNC Co-Chairs and confirmed without opposition by the Board:

Budget: Co-Chairs Bob Brostoff and Bobbi Trantafello

Communications: Chair Elliot Maggin

Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety: Co-Chairs Sol Bash and Bob Brostoff

Government Relations: Co-Chairs Daniel Wiseman and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Public Health and Environment: Co-Chairs Alex Uzemeck (Environment) and Sandi Bell (Public Health)

Streets and Transportation: Co-Chairs Ron Sobel and Barry Seybert

Youth and Education: Co-Chairs Jacquie and Ed Young

Zoning and Planning: Co-Chairs Walter Perfect and Bill Rose

In addition, the WHNC Co-Chairs designated the following individuals as Chairs of WHNC Ad Hoc Committees:

Beautification: Michael Castro

Board Vacancies: Walter Perfect (other committee members are Sol Bash and Bill Rose)

Bylaws: Co-Chairs Alex Uzemeck and Bob Brostoff

Citrus Sunday: Eric Augustziny

Special Events: Ed Young

The following Board members were appointed by Mr. Brin to perform roles in the functioning of WHNC meetings:

Sergeant of Arms: Ron Sobel

Parliamentarian: Bob Brostoff

It was agreed that Ms. Yvanek-Garb will continue attending meetings of LANC, BONC, VANC and the DWP. Barry Seybert will continue attending VANC meetings as well. Ms. Yvanek-Garb will continue attending City Council meetings along with Dr. Wiseman.

12-0013-General discussion on procedures and priorities of the West Hills Neighborhood Council

Discussions were held on several topics relating to the Zoning & Planning Committee. Ms. Rothstein agreed to serve as a community “ombudsman” representing the interests of neighbors directly affected by development projects. She also agreed to continue as Chair of the Subcommittee on Cell Towers.

Mr. Young proposed that the WHNC be assisted in Zoning and Planning issues by an expert from the Los Angeles City Planning Department. Mr. Uzemeck requested assistance in his work on developing a new Community Plan in cooperation with other Neighborhood Councils in the area. The WHNC Co-Chairs expressed their approval of Mr. Young’s and Mr. Uzemeck’s requests.

Mr. Brin said it is important that the Ad Hoc Board Vacancies Committee complete its review of applicants and make its recommendations at the next meeting of the WHNC Board on Dec. 5. He also agreed with Dr. Wiseman and other Board members who expressed the urgency of quickly amending the Bylaws to address attendance rules in light of the increased number of official Board meetings.

It was agreed that the agenda should include Board vacancy appointments, amending the Bylaws and hearing a report from the Government Relations Committee.

Executive Director Ritchie noted that approval of minutes and the treasurer's report should be on the agenda. She also stated that she would distribute a new roster of Board members.

Mr. Young suggested that the agenda include a presentation to the principal of Capistrano Avenue Elementary School. She had been named as one of the top 10 principals by LAUSD. Ms. Yvanek-Garb suggested a presentation to Kadima Hebrew Academy's girls' soccer team and Ms. Young suggested that Chaminade's football team be recognized if it wins the CIF playoffs.

It was also agreed that the WHNC's January meeting should take place on January 9, 2013, instead of January 2, 2013 which is too close to the New Year's Day holiday, and that the WHNC's previous president and vice president, Stephen Lenske and Edwin Dockus, would be invited for special recognition at that time.

After Mr. Brin noted that California Assembly Member Mike Feuer has asked to speak at the WHNC's January meeting. Ms. Yvanek-Garb volunteered to invite incumbent Carmen Trutanich, Mr. Feuer's likely opponent in the race for City Attorney, to speak before the WHNC as well.

Mr. Young suggested that the WHNC begin its meetings at 6:30 p.m. and conduct its business before guest speakers are scheduled to address the council at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Young also noted that meetings of the WHNC Executive Committee must be noticed according to the Brown Act.

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Brin at 8:50 p.m.