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FINAL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2009

Chaminade College Preparatory, 23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills, CA 91304

Attendance:

Present: Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Donn Howell, Stephen Lenske, Etan Lorant, Walter Perfect, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Stan Staten, Jeffrey Stordahl, Bobbi Trantafello, Daniel Wisemen, Ed Young, Jacque Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Absent: Kevin Boal and Tommy Thomason

Excused: Shelly Bright, Carolyn Greenwood, Bill Rose

Opening Business:

Mr. Stephen Lenske welcomed stakeholders and invited them to apply for open positions on the Council Board. He informed those in attendance that there is a form on the WHNC website for anyone who may have an interest in applying for appointment to the Council Board.

Announcements:

Mr. Edwin Dockus discussed Citrus Sunday, which will be in May and how this project benefits the food pantries. Charlene Rothstein will chair the Neighborhood Council's participation in this year's event.

Stephanie Romero, representative from City Council Member Zines' office, 3rd Council District, made stakeholders aware of several items of community interest, including the opening of the Topanga Area Station, a Waste Drop-Off Event scheduled for Saturday, January 18th and a Posse training event, Wednesday, February 18th. There was no representative from the 12th Council District.

Tom Soong from DONE thanked Board members who attended the Earthquake Emergency Awareness. H said that DONE is trying to put together a regional meeting on Emergency Awareness. He also advised a meeting at the Marvin Braude Center on January 24th to discuss Neighborhood Councils and what will happen concerning NC monies.

Senior Lead Officers Janet Zumstein and Sam Sabra gave out listings with the new contact number for the newly opened Topanga Area station. Officer Zumstein advised the citizens to call 311 if they have any trouble locating a number for the new station. She also advised that Neighborhood Watch meetings are now on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Topanga Area Station.

Minutes - After discussion, the minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bobbi Trantafello asked for an outstanding receipt from a transaction at Office Depot. She also announced a Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the 911 Center. The treasurer's report will be filed.

Presentation:

Dan Brin introduced Andrea Koval from Conejo Recreation & Park District, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on senior programs at the Goebel Senior Adult Center. Although the Goebel Center is in Thousand Oaks, it serves the surrounding communities, including West Hills. Last year it purchased eight computers, put in a putting green and made various upgrades, including a shade area. The center offers special events, daily activities, travel, sports, classes, dances, seminars, support services and “something for everyone.” The Goebel Senior Adult Center can be reached at (805) 381-2744.

Public Comment:

Bob Brostoff spoke concerning several grievances he has filed regarding the council's voting procedures, posting of notices of meeting agendas and procedures for discussion of agenda items.

Chris Rowe questioned why there had not been timely notification to the Neighborhood Councils regarding Prop B. Many stakeholders spoke in support of SB990 and in opposition to the upcoming West Hills Neighborhood Town Hall. Board members Chris Rowe and Joanne Yvanek-Garb explained that the Town Hall's purpose is to provide information only and it is not intended to make a political statement.

Old Business

02-0003 West Hills Street Signage – Board member Walter Perfect reported that Councilman Zine requires a letter in order for the project to move forward. There is no funding commitment at present from Councilman Smith.

06-0092/08-0029 Discussion and possible action regarding a motion on the Santa Susana Position Paper - Dr. Wiseman addressed the content of the paper as an attempt to bring everyone together and does not take sides. The paper also examines issues regarding SB990 and the Superfund. After discussion, Dr. Wiseman withdrew his motion and Chris Rowe asked that the matter be tabled. There were five stakeholders who spoke in opposition to the Position Paper.

Committee & Other Reports

Emergency Preparedness Committee - Jeffrey Stordahl announced an Emergency Preparedness meeting on January 20, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at West Hills Hospital. This meeting will be held in the training room and will be attended by the American Red Cross.

Cinema Heritage - Dan Brin announced a meeting on January 26, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. at Chaminade High School.

10:00 Meeting adjourned