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Final
MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2009

7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance:

Present: Sandi Bell, Shelly Bright, Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Stephen Lenske, Walter Perfect, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Stan Staten, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Excused: Kevin Boal, Etan Lorant, Jeffrey Stordahl, and Daniel Wiseman

Quorum established by secretary after roll call.

Opening Business:

Mr. Stephen Lenske called the meeting to order.

Announcements:

Mr. Edwin Dockus advised that the City Clerk will be meeting the 13th of this month and will have a lottery for the dates on which the neighborhood councils will conduct elections. They are not deferring the election until 2011 as was proposed as a possibility.

Mr. Dockus advised that he attended the Regional Congress along with five other members of the WHNC. Mr. Dockus stated "we made DONE look good." Mr. Dockus gave a brief summary of the workshops he attended. He advised that we have an advocate in DONE to assist us in writing grant applications. A grant can be given to any 501c3 organization.

Mrs. Jacquie Young advised that a new budget procedure and application form has been developed. Anyone requesting funds from the council will need to complete this new form. The form will be on the website in the future.

Mrs. Sandi Bell advised that our former Senior Lead Officer, Pete Vandenburg, was awarded the Medal of Valor by the City of Los Angeles. Mrs. Bell made a motion that a resolution of congratulations be sent. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Dan Brin of the Cinema Heritage Project advised that there is a meeting next week for the upcoming event that is taking place August 15, 2009. More information will be on the website.

Mr. Ed Young reminded everyone that the Dads' Day Dash is June 13th and that the council will have a booth again this year.

Mr. Stephen Lenske reviewed the summaries that had been presented by members of the board outlining activities in which they had participated. Mr. Lenske advised that the summaries should be kept relatively short so that they can be posted on the website.

Ms. Bobbi Trantafello advised that CERT Training will begin July 2, 2009. It will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and continue through to August. It is being held at the West Valley Christian School on Sherman Way.

Mr. Ron Sobel advised that the next Senior Center meeting would be next Wednesday at Fairwinds. He advised that they are almost ready to go forward with obtaining 501c3 status.

The minutes from the May 6, 2009 and continuation minutes from May 14, 2009 were accepted.

Mrs. Bobbi Trantafello, Treasurer, presented the budget 2009–2010. She advised that the current allocation is \$45,000 and it does not include the roll over which is approximately \$8,000. Board member Charlene Rothstein moved that the budget be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

Ms. Stephanie Romero, Field Deputy from 3rd Council District, was not present. Board member Bobbi Trantafello advised that Ms. Romero had called advising that she would not be in attendance as she was ill.

Ms. Seme Park, Field Deputy from the 12th Council District, was present and gave an update on events in that district. The program has been expanded at the Senior Center on Vanalden to include lunch to those over 60. Movie night will resume on June 13th. Ms. Park was questioned regarding the councilman's current stand on paying half the cost of the WHNC's signs to be posted in the 12th Council District. Ms. Park was unaware of his position but would look into it and bring back the information to the council.

Public Comment:

Board member Sandi Bell advised that a meeting was held with Kadima Academy because of problems arising of their non-compliance with the CUPs. The current administration was not too receptive. However, the new headmaster has requested until Thanksgiving to deal with the issues. It was decided that we would wait until then to take any further action.

Stakeholder Vikki Zale advised that the City of Los Angeles is in the process of developing a Flood Plain Management Plan. This is a pre-disaster planning approach that is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the City to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. There are approximately 321 properties affected in West Hills. She advised that she has brought a questionnaire to aid in this process. More information can be obtained at <http://eng.lacity.org/projects/fmp> and the questionnaire can be completed on line at <http://eng.lacity.org/projects/fmp/2009fmp.htm>.

Stakeholder Adria Deliberto of Shadow Ranch Park advised that the park's summer program would run from June 8, 2009 through July 6, 2009. The summer program is on web at <http://laparks.org/> under Recreation Centers.

Board member Chris Rowe spoke about the new school on the southwest corner of Vanowen and Sale. She said there were several issues with having a school there. This matter will be turned over to the zoning and planning committee for handling.

Presentation:

Bell Canyon Creek Extension of LA River Project

Board member Barry Seybert introduced Mr. Jim Donovan of the National Park Service and Ms. Tori Kjer of Parks for the People. Mr. Donovan and Ms. Kjer gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the origin of Bell Canyon Creek and where it meets the LA River. Ms. Kjer explained the process and responsibilities of the various parties in turning this into an area to be enjoyed by all stakeholders in West Hills.

Old Business:

02-0003 – Discussion and possible action re West Hills Street Signage

Mr. Barry Seybert advised that progress on the signs has been momentarily delayed due to the death of the designer. We need to get the sign colors for the manufacturer. Mr. Seybert advised that we are waiting on Councilman Smith's decision as to whether he is going honor the original agreement that he would pay one half the cost of the three signs in his district.

06-0092 – Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee (SSMAC)

Ms. Chris Rowe advised that Councilman Smith is concerned about the safety of the fruit and vegetables collected at Orcutt Ranch for Citrus Sunday. As a result of that issue, DTSC has agreed to do sampling at Orcutt Ranch. In addition, Thomas Johnson of the Department of Energy stated there are plans for a panel discussion on the Sodium Reactor Experiment incident, which occurred in July 1959. The panel discussion will be on a Saturday later this summer.

Board member Mr. Alec Uzemec advised that approval of the Corporate Pointe rezoning project is down to the last few issues.

Stakeholder, Christina Walsh advised that there were a couple of events to take place at the Aerospace Cancer Museum of Education (ACME). Information can be obtained at their websites ACMELA.org and cleanuprocketdyne.org

Stakeholder Bonnie Klea expressed her disappointment with the SSMAC appearing to embrace the two agencies that were the greatest polluters.

09-0012 – Discussion and possible action to amend proposed West Hills Neighborhood Council's Resolution urging City of Los Angeles Council to impose restrictions on the parking and placement of unhitched trailers used for advertising on public streets, sidewalks or other city controlled right-of-ways

Mr. Barry Seybert requested that this be tabled until he can present an updated version of the resolution that he and Dan Brin collaborated on.

New Business:

Mr. Stephen Lenske advised that agenda items 09-0021 and 09-0023 have been moved to the July Agenda

09-0017 – Discussion and possible action regarding hillside determination variance located at 8452 Hillcroft Drive, West Hills

Mr. Walter Perfect, Zoning & Planning Chair, informed the board of the particulars of the request for the variance and recommended approval of the variance. Motion carried.

09-0018 – Discussion and possible action regarding Conditional Use Permit (CUP) by Walmart located at 6433 Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills

Mr. Walter Perfect, Zoning & Planning Chair, advised that Walmart was requesting a change to be allowed to add an additional 72' of cooler box. Mr. Perfect moved that we approve the change. Motion passed with four in opposition.

09-0019 – Discussion and possible action regarding Conditional Use Permit (CUP) by Ralphs Market located at 22333 Sherman Way, West Hills

Mr. Walter Perfect, Zoning & Planning Chair, advised Ralphs is requesting a change to permit them to increase the area of liquor sale. They do not intend to increase the amount of liquor sold but just where it can be located within the store. Mr. Perfect moved that the request be approved. Motion passed with one objection.

09-0020 – Discussion and possible action regarding T-Mobile proposed cell phone tower located at 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills

Mr. Walter Perfect, Zoning & Planning Chair, advised that T-Mobile is requesting to install a 45' cell tower on First Methodist Church property that will look like a fir tree. Mr. Perfect moved that we approve the request. Motion passed.

09-0022 – Discussion and possible action regarding West Hills Neighborhood Council's Resolution advocating support for pending legislation regulating adjustment in speed limits on city streets

Mr. Barry Seybert requested that the board pass a resolution in support of AB766. The bill is currently in the Transportation Committee. Motion passed with five opposed.

9:22 Meeting adjourned