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**FINAL**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 1, 2009**

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

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Kevin Boal, Shelly Bright, Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Stephen Lenske, Walter Perfect, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Ron Sobel, Stan Staten, Jeffrey Stordahl, Bobbi Trantafello, Ed Young, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Etan Lorant, Barry Seybert and Daniel Wiseman

**Opening Business:**

Mr. Stephen Lenske welcomed all the stakeholders. He provided an overview of the meeting agenda and guidelines for speaker comments. Mr. Lenske advised that every Friday there is a classic car show at Field's Market from 4:30 to 8:00. Also the City Council meets the first Friday of each month in Van Nuys.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Jeffrey Stordahl, Committee Chair, Emergency Preparedness advised that we are planning to have an Emergency Preparedness Fair. We will be working with five other neighborhood councils and Councilman Dennis Zine. Mr. Stordahl introduced Mr. Shawn Lenske and Ms. Valerie Jordan, who because of their expertise in this area are assisting in organizing the event. Mr. Shawn Lenske, a Los Angeles City Firefighter, provided information on his background and involvement with emergency preparedness. He advised that the proposed dates are the weekends of June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The fair will take place at Field's Market with CPR training being provided at Chaminade on these dates. They are planning on requesting that a \$5 voluntary donation be made for those participating. These funds will be donated to victims of the recent Sylmar fire. Ms. Jordan provided information on her event coordination experience in this area and her mission to raise awareness of the need to be prepared for emergencies.

Minutes – The January minutes were approved with the following corrections – Board Member Joanne Yvanek-Garb was not present and Board Member Charlene Rothstein was present.

**Announcements:**

Stephanie Romero, Field Deputy from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District, was present but had to leave to attend another meeting before providing 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District activities.

Semiee Park, Field Deputy from the 12<sup>th</sup> District, was present. Ms. Park is new to Councilman Smith's office. She can be reached at (818) 756-8501 or at [semiee.park@lacity.org](mailto:semiee.park@lacity.org). Ms. Park explained why a representative was not present at this council's meetings in prior months.

Officer Janet Zumstein, Senior Lead Officer (SLO), advised that crime is starting to increase (particularly thefts from vehicles). Officer Zumstein advised us all to think smart. Do not leave anything visible in a vehicle. Pay attention to your surroundings. Officer Sam Sabra, Senior Lead Officer (SLO) advised that keeping your cell phone with you at all times is a good idea. If an emergency arises you will have a phone with you. Also as we were talking about emergency preparedness earlier, he advised that while the cell phone circuits may be busy in an emergency, you can still text a message.

Ms. Bobbi Trantafello, Treasurer, was asked about Neighborhood Council monies not allocated. Ms. Trantafello responded that there is approximately \$50,000. She also stated that as treasurer she is unable to head the Budget Committee, wherein the president appointed Mrs. Jacquie Young to chair the Budget Committee.

Board member, Ed Young, advised that the Valley Regional Congress of Neighborhood Councils will take place May 30<sup>th</sup> at Grant High School. It involves all 31 Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley. They will be discussing two major issues. The first is land use and zoning and the second is emergency preparedness.

#### **Public Comments:**

Adria Deliberto, director of the Shadow Ranch Recreation Center, invited everyone to Shadow Ranch Park on April 11<sup>th</sup> for an Easter egg hunt and safety fair. She also advised that the Shadow Ranch Spring Program starts on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Board member Dan Brin advised when and where the next meeting for the Cinema Heritage Project will take place. Mr. Brin stated they are in need of volunteers.

Stakeholder Sameer Hannoun requested a reconsideration of the denial of a conditional use permit for the Alta Dena Dairy. Mr. Hannoun explained that there was a misunderstanding about what they actually were planning on doing. Board member Kevin Boal moved that the matter be put on the agenda for reconsideration. Board member Jeffrey Stordahl seconded the motion. Motion passed with Jacquie Young abstaining.

#### **Old Business:**

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

In the absence of Committee Chair Daniel Wiseman, Acting Chair Chris Rowe spoke about proposed committee motions, but they were deferred until our May meeting, when they will become formal motions.

##### **09-0007 – Discussion and possible action regarding re-evaluation of proposed lot split located 23641 Sandalwood Street, West Hills**

Acting Zoning & Planning Chair Walter Perfect advised that a meeting regarding this project was held at Fairwinds. There was representation from both sides. Mr. Perfect provided his

opinion on the project. Board Members Stan Staten, Chris Rowe, Charlene Rothstein and Dan Brin also gave their opinions as to problems with the proposed project.

Rob Glushon, an attorney representing neighbors, spoke against the project. He stated that approval would set a precedent if the property's owner was allowed to proceed with putting a driveway on the west side of Platt Avenue.

Stakeholders John Jones, Bill Purse and Jerry Gooze also spoke against the project.

Mr. Eric Lieberman, representing the property's owner, advised that the proposed project is supported by the city plan and is consistent with permitted zoning.

Board Co-Chair Edwin Dockus asked Mr. Perfect if the Zoning & Planning Committee had a recommendation. Mr. Perfect advised that the committee was split. Mr. Dockus then called for a vote. There were four votes in favor of approval of the lot split. There were six votes against approval and two abstentions. Therefore, the motion to approve the lot split was denied.

#### **New Business:**

#### **09-0009 – Discussion and possible action re modification of wireless telecom facility located at West Hills Hospital:**

Mr. Perfect introduced Cia Parker from T-Mobile. Ms. Parker advised that the company wants to place an additional tower on the roof of West Hills Hospital. It also proposes to screen the antennas to hide them from sight even from the air.

Mr. Perfect moved that the proposed modification of the wireless telecom facility at West Hills Hospital be approved. Motion carried.

#### **09-0010 – Discussion and possible action re street repair and room addition located at 8600 Valley Flores Drive, West Hills**

Mr. Perfect advised that the city was requiring the homeowner, Mr. Walter Stretson, to make street repairs in order to have the proposed changes to the property approved. Mr. Stretson stated that he should be exempt from making the street repairs because of the location of his property. Mr. Perfect advised that he looked into the issue and agrees with Mr. Stretson. Mr. Perfect moved that we approve the proposed construction with the homeowner being exempt from making street repairs. Motion carried.

#### **Committee & Other Reports**

Board Member Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised that since the Emergency Preparedness Fair has been rescheduled, she would proceed with scheduling the Town Hall for May 9<sup>th</sup> at Canoga High School.

Board Co-Chair Stephen Lenske proposed the addition of two new members to the board by acclamation: Sandi Bell (who was one of the founding members of the WHNC) and Alec Uzemeck. The new members were unanimously welcomed to fill vacancies on the board.

9:30 — Meeting adjourned.