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**Final
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2008**

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

Attendance:

Present: Shelly Bright, Dan Brin, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Stephen Lenske, Etan Lorant, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Stan Staten, Jeffrey Stordahl, Bobbi Trantafello, Daniel Wiseman, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Absent: Kevin Boal and Tommy Thomason

Excused: Ed Young and Jackie Young

Opening Business:

Mr. Stephen Lenske welcomed all the stakeholders. He provided an overview of the meeting agenda and guidelines for speaker comments.

Mr. Lenske gave background on the neighborhood council and stated that we take pride in being the first council certified. Mr. Lenske went over the raising of the speed limits on portions of Fallbrook, Sherman Way, Saticoy and Roscoe.

Announcements:

Ms. Stephanie Romero, Deputy Field Representative for Councilman Dennis Zine, 3rd Council District was present. She spoke on a couple of upcoming events including the first annual San Fernando Children's Day, November 22 at Woodley Park. There is also a Motor 4 Toys event on Sunday, December 7, 2008 in Warner Center. Toys from the show are to benefit the LAPD toy program. Additional information may be obtained at www.motor4toys.com. Dan Brin invited Ms. Romero to attend the next Cinema Heritage meeting, as Dennis Hathaway of the group Ban Billboard Blight will be a speaker.

Ms. Barri Worth, West Valley Area Director for the Mayor's office was present. Ms. Worth asked that everyone complete the 2009-2010 Budget Survey. She brought some copies and it is also available on line. Ms. Worth stressed that this was important in providing the mayor with information concerning the needs of our neighborhoods. Ms. Worth can be reached at (818) 778-4990 or at barri.worth@lacity.org

Tom Soong, DONE Representative, was present and provided an overview of what transpired at the Congress of Neighborhoods Congress/Mayor's Budget Day. Mr. Soong also stressed the importance of completing the Budget Survey. Mr. Soong advised that on December 6th from

8:30 to 12:30 in Porter Ranch (exact location to be announced later) there would be a workshop providing training for board members. Several topics will be covered. Stakeholders are also welcome to attend workshops.

LAPD Officer Janet Zumstein, West Valley Senior Lead Officer (SLO), advised that the new "Topanga Area" station would be operational effective January 4, 2009. The dedication of the new station will take place January 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The dedication is open to the public and the open house will be from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Officer Zumstein stated that the highest crime in the West Hills area is thefts from cars. She reminded everyone not to leave anything visible in our cars, as criminals are opportunists.

Minutes – the October minutes were approved as published.

Budget – Bobbi Trantafello provided an overview of the budget to date.

Presentation:

Mr. William (Bill) Robertson Director of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services presented an overview of the department's handling of our city streets entitled "Professor Pothole." Mr. Robertson also provided the council with a CD containing an assessment of all the streets within the council boundaries and indicating those areas scheduled for repair/resurfacing for the upcoming year. Mr. Robertson explained that all streets are reviewed once every three years and graded A – F. He explained how his department is doing its part for recycling and maintaining the city streets. Mr. Robertson stated that because of the Budget Survey completed by the neighborhood councils his budget has not been cut, which is good although his department is not fully funded.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Phyllis Polkvece advised that there will be a meeting on Senior Centers at 7 p.m. on November 19th at the Fairwinds Leisure Care in a continuing effort to have a senior center in the West Valley. There will be a presentation by Andrea Kovel about the highly successful Senior Center in Thousand Oaks.

Old Business:

02-0003 West Hills Street Signage Update

Board member Walter Perfect advised that he has just received a new cost quote from John Bwarie for the sign in the 12th district. He will have to review it before he brings it to the board.

08-0016 Discussion and possible action regarding the retention of private traffic consultant to survey traffic in vicinity of Valley Circle/Highlander

Shelly Bright advised that the request for an independent traffic consultant is currently under review by the Burbank Department of Transportation.

07-1141 Corporate Pointe Development Update

Before turning the floor over to Mr. Rose, Stephen Lenske advised those in attendance, how the process of voting on this matter was to be handled. Voting would be by written ballot, the results of which will be posted on the web site. Bill Rose provided an overview and background on Corporate Pointe. Mr. Rose advised that the West Hills Neighborhood Council would be voting on the request for zoning change and the Q conditions. Voting would include the Q conditions and if there should be a retail center. Dr. Wiseman asked the board to hear and vote on the

recommendations from the SSMAC on Corporate Pointe. After discussion Charlene Rothstein moved that we combine the two recommendations. Chris Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Wiseman gave an overview of the results of the SSMAC meeting and its recommendations.

There were 26 Speaker Cards completed by stakeholders stating they were against the Corporate Point project rezoning. Sixteen stakeholders requested to speak. Those that spoke cited the need for an impact study before any zoning change, the increase in traffic and noise, the size and height of the buildings and that Trammell Crow has not kept promises made in 1995 concerning this property. It was also stated that Q conditions are selectively enforced.

There were five Speaker Cards completed by stakeholders in favor of the project. Four stakeholders requested to speak. Those who spoke stated that Trammell Crow has been cooperating with the stakeholders, they have reduced the size of the project and this project will mean jobs for the area.

Four board members expressed their concerns regarding this project. The primary concerns that were raised were that of traffic and lack of information regarding possible toxic contamination in the site.

Charlene Rothstein made a motion to amend Q condition #6 in reference to the zoning change on the ballot to read- parking structure is to be moved adjacent to the east side of building 8403. Motion seconded by Shelly Bright. Motion carried.

Charlene Rothstein made a second motion to amend the wording on the ballot in reference to allowing the zoning change to read – change from current A1 zone to MR1-1-VL. Shelly Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Wiseman made a motion to strike everything after the words “possible levels” on the first action item ballot from SSMAC. Motion carried.

The board then completed their ballots and turned them into Michelle Ritchie, Executive Director, for tabulation. The results will be published on the council’s website.

New Business:

08-0024 Discussion and possible action regarding hazardous material testing at Corporate Pointe Business Park site

This item was combined with Agenda Item 07-1141 above.

Committee & Other Reports

Earthquake Preparedness – Jeffrey Stordahl requested that anyone interested in participating in the Earthquake Preparedness Committee to sign up. The first meeting will be on November 11th at 6:30. Also the Great Southern California Shake Out is planned for November 13th. There is still time to sign up if interested. Flyers are on the table. The council will be sponsoring CERT classes. Classes will be held here at Chaminade. Tony Willis from the LAFD was here earlier to speak about CERT but had to leave.

Congress of Neighborhood Councils – Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised those in attendance that it was a very interesting event. There were close to 800 in attendance. She was able to attend a couple of different workshops and had an opportunity to meet other neighborhood council member as well as City Council members. She encouraged everyone to attend any such workshops in the future, as they are open to stakeholders as well as council members.

Town Hall Event – Joanne Yvanek-Garb advised that she and her co-chair Chris Rowe are arranging a town hall meeting on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. It is planned for the middle of March 2009 and it will held in the Canoga Park High School Auditorium. Several elected officials have agreed to be on the panel. Additional information will be available on the council's web site.

Cinema Heritage – Dan Brin advised there is nothing right now.

10:00 Meeting adjourned