

# Public Health & Public Safety Committee

June 11, 2010

Present: Chris Rowe, Chair; Sandi Bell, Secretary; Jacquie Young; Walter Perfect; Stephen Bell, community member

**Mission statement:** Provide a forum for stakeholders to bring issues relating to public health & public safety within the community of West Hills.

Resolution passed with unanimous vote to designate this committee the **Public Health & Public Safety Committee.**

## **Discussion:**

1. Committee members to liaison with other committees with overlapping agendas.

2. Goals:

Disseminate accurate current information based on validated scientific finding as relates to West Hills in order to dispel disinformation and unfounded rumors. Provide finding within the public domain. Chris to investigate possible linkage to DOE, Dept of Health websites. Chris will contact Wendy Cozen, MD, about existence of cancer clusters. Thomas Mack, MD at USC is noted epidemiologist previously contacted.

Chris to investigate possible linkage to Santa Susana Field lab related websites-DTSC, EPA, Boeing, DOE, LARWQCB.

Chris to request linkage to Department of Health websites and hospital websites.

Jacquie will contact USC tumor registry to inquire about epidemiology clusters in West Hills.

Needs assessment from Board members and community members regarding Public Health and Public Safety issues.

Needs assessment of local schools to be done by Education Committee.

Establish contact with veterans groups and agencies: Walter Perfect: Liaison

Budget Committee, Dept of Agriculture (status fruit flies, endemic infestations): Jacquie Young, Liaison.

Environmental Committee, Zoning & Planning Committee: Walter Perfect, Liaison.

Education Committee & Emergency Preparedness Committee: Sandi Bell, Liaison.

LA County Health Department, local hospitals and doctor groups: Chris Rowe, Liaison.

Shoup & Kittridge Crosswalk status-follow up necessary

