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Final
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2010

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

Attendance:

Present: Solomon Bash, Sandi Bell, Shelly Bright, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Stephen Lenske, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Yoav Shalev, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzameck, Daniel Wiseman, Jacquie Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb.

Absent/Excused: Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Barry Seybert and Jeffrey Shapiro

Opening Business:

Co-chair, Mr. Stephen Lenske called the meeting to order. Mr. Lenske went over the general housekeeping rules. Mr. Lenske encouraged those present to show respect to each speaker. Mr. Lenske spoke about the new website and how there is a lot of information available and encouraged all to review it frequently. Mr. Lenske advised those in attendance that there are a lot of opportunities to work with the board and that there are opportunities to participate on several levels.

Mr. Lenske advised West Hill's 25th Anniversary was coming up in 2012 and that West Hills became a city within a city in 1987.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was established.

Announcements:

Ms. Jacquie Young advised that the Budget Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on October 25th at the 911 Call Center and that there is more information on the web site.

Ms. Sandy Bell advised that an anti-bullying program was being developed and that more information is on the web site.

Dr. Daniel Wiseman advised that there would be a meeting on October 16th to determine next years budget advocates.

Mr. Wally Perfect advised that the next Zoning & Planning meeting is October 12th at 6:30.

Mr. Sol Bash advised that they are working on the West Hills Emergency Plan and that Tony Willis is the coordinator for the CERT team.

Mr. Alec Uzemeck advised that there would be a nuclear expert at the next Environmental Committee meeting.

Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that due to the volume of requests that a new sub-committee has been formed to deal with the installation of cell towers.

Minutes – Meeting Minutes from September 1, 2010 were accepted as presented.

Ms. Megan Murray, the new Field Deputy for Canoga Park, Reseda and West Hills from Council District 3 advised that the legislation prohibiting unhitched trailers had passed. Ms. Murray stated that Councilman Zine is looking to having a task force to be in place by December 1st when the law takes effect.

Mr. Jose Martinez, newly appointed Special Projects/Clergy Liaison from District 3, advised that he is working with the POSSE. Councilman Zine wants the POSSE to be pro-active and requested that anyone interested see him. Also he has been partnering faith-based organizations with Home Depot to beautify areas in District 3. They are looking for projects.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Bobbi Trantafello presented a Profit & Loss Sheet for July, August and September 2010. Ms. Trantafello advised that DONE has not entered anything since August 31st. Ms. Trantafello has been told that items already submitted to DONE will be covered by rollover.

Presentation:

Mr. Dan Brin advised that this was our third and final political forum for the upcoming election. Mr. Brin introduced Rosalvo Gonzalez, representing Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield, and Ferial Masry, Candidate for the 37th District.

Ms. Rosalvo Gonzalez advised that the reason Assemblyman Blumenfield was not present was that he was in Sacramento as hopefully there would be a vote on the budget tonight. Ms. Gonzalez provided an oversight on the assemblyman's position on several issues.

Ms. Ferial Masry advised that she is a 30 year resident of the 37th District. Ms. Masry was born in Saudi Arabia and her family moved first to Egypt and then to the United States so that she, as a woman, could have a better life. Ms. Masry advised that she is the first person born in Saudi Arabia to run for office.

Public Comment:

Co-chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus explained what public comment is and the procedure of completing a Speaker Card to request a chance to speak before the board.

Board member Ms. Chris Rowe advised those in attendance of the potential health risk of the current plan to truck materials removed from the Santa Susana Project down Woolsey Canyon.

Stakeholder Christina Walsh advised that she is a 32 year resident of West Hills and has been pushing for cleanup of the Santa Suzanna Field Lab for over 10 years. Ms. Walsh advised that Boeing is not on the current cleanup agreement and they own most of the land.

Mr. Jason Levin, Field Representative for Senator Fran Pavley, advised that he just came by to introduce himself.

Government Relations Report:

10-0018 – Discussion and possible action on proposed resolutions relating to the following:

- 1) Neighborhood Council Funding (Processing & reporting)
- 2) Parking Fees At City Hall Parking Structures
- 3) Modification of Definition Of A Neighborhood Council Stakeholder

Dr. Wiseman stated that we would take each item separately.

Item 1: Ms. Jacquie Young stated that this matter should first go to the budget committee and moved that this matter be tabled. Motion passed.

Item 2: Dr. Wiseman advised that Mr. Rosenthal had introduced a Council File that is proposing a \$7 parking fee to park at City Hall. After discussion, a motion was made that a letter be sent in opposition to the Council File. Motion passed.

Item 3: Dr. Wiseman discussed what the current definition of a stakeholder is and the need to have clarification. After discussion, Ms. Shelly Bright moved that the matter be deferred to the Bylaws Committee. Motion passed.

Old Business:

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

Mr. Wally Perfect advised he is waiting on the purchase order. It has been over three months. Mr. Lenske will contact Mr. Tom Soong tomorrow.

09-0028 - Discussion and possible action regarding appeal by HOA of T-Mobile's proposed cell phone tower located near Lazy J Ranch Park in the vicinity of Valley Circle Boulevard and Ingomar Street

Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that the residents have filed an appeal and that the Commissioner sent it back to our committee. Ms. Rothstein advised that it has been recommended that it be moved to March just north of Ingomar as that would be less conspicuous.

10-0015 – Discussion and possible action on a proposed cell tower located at 8138 Woodlake Avenue West Hills

Ms. Charlene Rothstein advised that the 73' to 76' mono-pine was denied from being placed in front of Fairwinds. Ms. Rothstein advised that the Zoning Administrator sent it back to

committee. They continue to work with T-Mobil. It has been suggested that perhaps the tower could be on the roof.

Mr. Lenske stated that perhaps another option would be to place it underground as are most utilities.

Stakeholder Mr. Robert Aitchison advised that he is a 10 year resident and was upset when he read the article regarding the denial of instillation of a cell tower. Mr. Aitchison stated that he feels as a consumer and resident, that the cell towers provide improved coverage that serves the residents and consumers. He is against blanket opposition to the instillation of cell towers.

Stakeholder Ms. Linda Thorne advised that she has a petition signed by 250 people in opposition to the instillation. Ms. Thorne advised that she complained to the Adult Protective Agency as these cell towers are a fire hazard. Ms. Thorne advised that she has proof that these towers don't just burn but blow up.

Stakeholder Mr. Bruce Pally advised that his parents live at Fairwinds. Mr. Pally stated that he felt the residents should have been involved at the beginning. Mr. Pally felt that we need to work together better.

Mr. Walter Perfect advised that the committee is planning on having meetings to educate the public on cell towers. Mr. Perfect advised that he has identified 476 towers within 4 miles of his house.

New Business:

10-0019 – Appointment of Sergeant of Arms and ad hoc committee to report on potential changes in Administrative Staffing

Mr. Steven Lenske moved that Donn Howell be appointed Sergeant of Arms. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lenske advised that there will be an ad hoc committee to report on potential changes in Administrative Staffing led by Mr. Edwin Dockus

10-0020 – Discussion and possible action regarding proposed committee funding request of the following subject to funding availability:

\$200 for Zoning & Planning

\$150 for Public Health & Safety

Ms. Jacquie Young advised that the request for \$150 by Public Health & Safety has been withdrawn. Ms. Young recommended that we approve the request for \$200 by Zoning & Planning. These funds will be used for flyers and booklets to be given to stakeholders. Recommendation passed.

10-0017 – Discussion and possible action on standard of conduct at scheduled meetings and communications sent via hard copy or electronically

Ms. Sandi Bell discussed the Resolution presented to the Board. After some discussion, Ms. Bell moved to eliminate the last paragraph. Motion passed with 3 nays.

Ms. Bell then moved that we approve the Resolution for handling of committee meetings and responsibility of committee chairs. After much discussion the motion failed.

Ms. Bell addressed the proposed Code of Civility. Ms. Bell advised that each board member would be required to sign the proposed form. After much discussion, Mr. Bob Brostoff moved that the third paragraph be amended to read; "By affixing my signature to this document, I agree to abide by our Code of Civility to the best of my ability." Motion passed.

Mr. Dan Brin stated that these really are just positive principles we can all live by.

Ms. Bell moved that we accept the West Hills Neighborhood Council Code of Civility as amended. Motion passed.

10:05 meeting adjourned