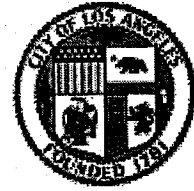




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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2011

Chaminade College Preparatory High School, 23260 Saticoy St., 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, Charlene Rothstein, Jeffrey Shapiro, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Daniel Wiseman and Jacquie Young

Absent/Excused: Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Bill Rose, Chris Rowe, Barry Seybert, Yoav Shalev, Alec Uzemeck and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Opening Business:

Mr. Stephen Lenske went over the general rules and purpose of the meeting. He invited anyone interested in speaking to fill out a Speaker Card so appropriate time could be allotted. Mr. Lenske advised that there are sign-up sheets for anyone interested in being on the Council's e-mail list.

Mr. Lenske informed those present that if any of them were interested in touring the Santa Susana Field Lab, which he encouraged all to do, they could contact the tour office at 818-466-8163. Also, Mr. Lenske stated that the Museum of San Fernando Valley is in the process of doing an oral history of the San Fernando Valley. For anyone interested, their website is www.themuseumsv.org

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was established.

Announcements:

Mr. Sol Bash advised that in conjunction with the 3rd Council District and the 12th Council District the Public Health and Public Safety Committee is devising a plan for assisting those who are shut in during a disaster. Also, on April 23, 2011, in conjunction with Shadow Ranch Park, the West Hills Neighborhood Council is sponsoring a health and Public Safety and Health Fair.

Mr. Dan Brin advised that the first meeting in preparation for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of West Hills in 2012 would be soon. The information will be posted on our website.

Dr. Dan Wiseman advised that the Budget Survey is out and encouraged all to complete it.

Davidson. Chief Foley stated he will be leaving Air Operations and taking over Battalion 17. Chief Foley stated that we are very fortunate in L.A. City as the fire department does what is known as an interior fire attack as well as search and rescue. This means that the firefighters enter the residence to fight the fire and search the residence, often resulting in lives and homes being more effectively saved. Other fire departments only do an exterior attack, concentrating on the fire not spreading to other structures. Chief Foley went on to explain how valuable the so-called 10th man is when fighting a structure fire and how happy firefighters are that this position, which at one point was taken away, has been reinstated.

Capt. Smith presented a slide show showing the installation of the new heliport at the north end of Fallbrook Avenue. Chief Foley thanked the Board for its support in establishing this heliport. He went on to explain how important this heliport is. It provides an area for the landing and refueling, with fuel and water, of helicopters while fighting fires. Firefighter Scott Davidson gave an overview of the department's helicopters, how they fight fires and the importance of heliports to their operations.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder, Louis Pugliese advised those present that he is running for the LAUSD school board and wanted to introduce himself. Mr. Pugliese stated that he has been a teacher for 14 years and is currently training teachers at CSUN. Mr. Pugliese presented his strategy for improving the school system.

Board member Ms. Sandi Bell stated that she is very concerned about what happened at the recent lockdown incident at El Camino High School. She pointed out that nine schools were locked down, residents were kept from their homes, and children in the schools were not allowed food, water or lavatory access. Ms. Bell stated it showed just how unprepared we are for this type of situation and this issue needs to be addressed.

Governmental Relations Report:

Dr. Dan Wiseman encouraged everyone to complete the LA Budget Survey by going to www.LABudgetChallenge.lacity.org. The only identification required is your ZIP code. This is to make sure that all areas receive equal representation. There is also an area on each page for comments. These comments will be gathered and presented to the Mayor. In addition, the survey allows you to show what you want to fund and where you want the funds to come from. The last page of the survey is a survey asking you to indicate which 10 city services you feel are the highest priority and must be maintained at a reasonable level. Dr. Wiseman also presented an illustration of Pentagonagram in a Pentagon. It demonstrated the five key groups involved in the delivery of L.A. City services to the public and the development of a budget proposal to carry out these services.

Committee Report:

Board member Jackie Young advised that she was contacted by Stephanie Jennings from NASA. Ms. Young stated that Ms. Jennings wanted our input for a study on noise abatement at various intersections in West Valley. Ms. Jennings had explained the study is being done in preparation for the transport of contaminated material from the Santa Susana Field Lab. Mr. Lenske advised that this should go to the Environmental Committee.

Old Business: