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**FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 2014**

Hidden Lake Clubhouse  
8360 Sedan Ave., West Hills, CA 91304

**ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Ed Crowe, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Elliot Maggin, Todd Marks, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello. Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young, Jacquie Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb

**ABSENT:** Franchon Lyons, Barry Seybert, Ruwan Kotuwelle

**OPENING BUSINESS:** President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an initial attendance of 22 members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. The October 7, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Comments from the Chair:**

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin made the opening comments. On Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, the Church at Rocky Peak will send 1,000 volunteers out in the Valley and other parts of the city to perform clean up projects. 140 of those volunteers will be working in West Hills in cooperation with the West Hills Neighborhood Council’s Beautification Committee. The work areas will be Orcutt Ranch, a private house in West Hills whose owner has fallen on some rough times, and the following elementary schools: Pomelo, Justice and Nevada Avenue. The clean-up day will last three hours.

Also, on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, there will be an outdoor screening of “Friendly Persuasion” featuring Gary Cooper. This film was shot on the Rowland V. Lee Film Ranch, the remnants of which are located at the soon-to-be-razed Boeing Fitness Center on the north end of Fallbrook Avenue. This event is to celebrate the film heritage of the area and actor Peter Mark Richman will be the guest speaker. He played one of the major roles in the movie. The event will begin at 4 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Public comments were led by Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein. Speakers were asked to keep their comments limited to two minutes.

Board Member Steve Randall, chair of the ad-hoc Senior/Community Center Committee, urges everyone to sign the petition advocating for the creation a Senior/Community Center in West Hills.

Board Member Sandi Bell asked the attendants to bring any calendars for the upcoming year that they might have for use at the VA Hospital.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe had two things to mention: She is asking the West Hills Neighborhood Council board to take a position to support keeping the Pierce Farm Farm Center as it is right now for another five years. The second thing was that she wants to thank the people who attended the town hall that was held in relation to the SSFL site earlier this month. The SSFL GAG group went to a Calabasas environmental meeting and presented. The commission chose not to take a position because it would like to see the Woodland Hills, West Hills, Chatsworth and Canoga Park NCs take a position first on whether they support the cleanup standards of the Administrative Orders of Consent (AOCs) or a risk-based cleanup.

Byron Reyes, part owner of West Hills CrossFit, announced that they have started a kids' program that is fully certified and with the necessary insurance. This program will focus on strength and conditioning.

Michael Stevens of the Museum of San Fernando Valley, which has been in operation for nine years, announced that the museum has found a permanent space on the corner of Wilbur Avenue and Nordhoff Street. They will host a grand opening on November 8, 4-8 p.m. He also spoke about the Horses across the Valley program. It includes a one-time fee to have an artist decorate the horse and have it placed wherever the council decides.

#### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS:**

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Chair Bob Brostoff presented a certificate of appreciation to Reeyan Raynes, at age 15 the youngest member of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. Reeyan thanked the committee and the board and mentioned that he is trying to start a teen CERT program across the Valley. Bob Brostoff also mentioned that the committee is looking for block captains for the Map My Neighborhood program.

Joanne Yvanek-Garb introduced and presented a certificate of appreciation to Robert Estrada, who is a water conservation specialist with the LADWP.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

The LADWP's Robert Estrada made a presentation on water conservation and the LADWP.

Environment Co-Chair Steve Randall read a report on the Boeing Quarterly Update.

Chris Rowe had comments regarding a risk-based clean-up. She'd like NASA and the DOE to clean up the area of the SSFL to the suburban residential standard.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 14-0010** — Discussion and possible action concerning a proposed small-lot subdivision at 22720 Vanowen St.

### **Discussion:**

Zoning & Planning Co-Chair Bill Rose reviewed the recommendations put forth by the committee.

Don Cramer, local resident, said he is concerned about traffic density and expressed his wish that homes should conform to existing neighborhood.

Eddie De Bose, local resident, approves of the project and does not think that traffic will be a problem.

Lori Yalem, local resident, put together a petition of the local neighbors to request that the number of homes be reduced from 20 to 10. A copy of the petition was given to the board and copies were requested by the property owners and the developers.

Salley Neely, local resident, expressed her opinion that the project is too dense and suggested that the developers remove a park area in the development.

Rick Yalem, local resident, proposed to put the traffic turn-around in the south end instead of at the north end at Vanowen Street.

Voting on the Zoning & Planning Committee's recommendations were divided into three parts (a,b and c):

a) President Dan Brin made a motion to reconsider the previous board vote to support a vote of 10 units to 20 units. This motion (part a) was seconded by Steve Randall. Motion to reconsider previous Board Resolution (14-0010a) was passed with 17 yes, 2 noes, 1 abstention.

b) Bill Rose made the motion to recommend 20 homes (+1 lot for the park area) on this property. Motion was seconded by Alec Uzemeck (though not required). Motion (part b) passes with 15 yes votes, 3 no votes and 2 abstentions.

c) A third motion was made by Bill Rose to adopt the 12 conditions recommended by the Zoning and Planning Committee to support the development on this site with these recommended conditions. Vote was taken and passed with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes and 5 abstentions.

**Item 14-0069** — First reading of resolution recommending bylaws amendment re: Rosenberg's Rules of Order. Bob Brostoff read the resolution recommended by the Bylaws committee that Rosenberg's Rules of Order be adopted into the WHNC's Bylaws, replacing Robert's Rules of Order.

**Items 14-0068** — Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's October 2014 spending reports. Vote was taken to approve the spending reports. Vote passed unanimously. (Treasurer Bobbi Trantafello had left the meeting at 8 p.m.)

**Item 14-0070** — Discussion and possible action on appropriation of \$440.00 to Mad Science of Los Angeles for Fall Fest. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Item 14-0071** — Discussion and possible action on appropriation of \$350.00 to Parties by Stacey for Fall Fest. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Item 14-0072** — Discussion and possible action on appropriation of \$125.00 to performer Janis Vaile for Fall Fest. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Item 14-0073** — Discussion and possible action on appropriation of \$2099.70 as a Community Purpose Grant to Welby Way Charter Elementary School. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

**Item 14-0074** — Discussion and possible action on appropriation of \$1800.00 as a Community Purpose Grant to Pomelo Community Charter School. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### **Council Reports & Announcements**

Budget Committee report – tabled

Announcements – President Dan Brin officially announced that board member Franchon Lyons, has exceeded her allowable absences and has been notified of her pending removal from the board. She will be given an opportunity to challenge her attendance record at the next WHNC board meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned**