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JOINT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday September 15, 2015 West Hills Hospital, West Hills

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by Steve Randall, Chair

In attendance were Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Dan Brin, Aida Abkarians, Ron Sobel, Simone Best (left early), Reeyan Raynes, Marge Brown, Tony Brosamle (left early), Esperanza Butler, Bob Brostoff (left at 8:30 PM) and Chris Rowe via telecommunications. A quorum was established and the August 18, 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

Simone gave a report on establishing 501c3's through the California Community Foundation and the California Wellness Foundation. They have teams that can help with the set-up of non-profits.

Steve provided drafts of the site plan and possible floor plan for the Valley Circle location, and stated that he had sent those drafts to Timothy Lippman, Shiela Kuehl's Senior Field Deputy.

Dan suggested that we could possibly rent out space in the Community Center to help cover ongoing expenses. Ron stated that he was very pleased with the layout and that One Generation has a staff of 5 who maintain their Center.

Steve mentioned our current goal is to secure a location, and it is believed that because the Valley Circle location is owned by the County it holds promise. Marge asked for a step by step plan, and Steve said that 1. Get the County to donate or rent us the land and 2. Work with developers, the City and the County for funding. Tony suggested getting building costs to use for projections and during planning.

Aida and Chris looked into the WH voting ratio. Chris said there are approximately 25,000 registered voters, a good proportion of whom do vote. Chris stated that the number of seniors living in West Hills is approximately 12,000+ (7,000 between 50-64, and 5,000 65 and older).

Char agreed to contact Fran Pavley's Office and Matt Dababneh's office to obtain letters of support. Aida suggested that Dan write a brief history of West Hills and its important people and sites to provide potential supporters insight into our community and need for a Community Center. It was also suggested that we obtain letters of support from the WHWCNC, CPNC, Chatsworth NC, Churches, HOA's, real estate brokers, Boy Scouts, developers, etc. Steve agreed to prepare a letter with a list of those in support of the Center.

Aida turned in 18 more petition signatures, bringing our total to approximately 905 signatures.

Steve announced that our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 PM by Steve Randall.