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FINAL
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2014

Chaminade College Preparatory High School
23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Eric Augusztiny, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Michael Castro, Ed Crowe, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Franchon Lyons, Todd Marks, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Ed Young, Jacquie Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb

LATE ENTRANTS: Elliot Maggin (7:18 p.m.)

ABSENT: Bob Brostoff, Alec Uzemeck

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Barry Seybert

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 21 board members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. The May 6, 2014 meeting minutes were approved without changes.

Comments from the chair:

Mr. Brin announced that the WHNC has just finished a busy, exciting time having just finished the 5k/10k race, the Memorial Day parade and the Eggstravaganza Health and Safety Fair. He thanked the board members for their participation.

Events coming up include a West Hills Optimist Club dinner on June 14, 2014. On June 21, 2014, at Orcutt Ranch, the Salvation Army will dedicate its new garden plot and monarch butterfly sanctuary.

The Fallbrook Center has been sold. Mr. Brin talked to Congressman Brad Sherman at Warner Center Park regarding having him help West Hills to get its own Zip code. He will not.

Public Comments:

Board member Bonnie Klea announced that the SSFL Work Group will be meeting on June 18, 2014 at 6:30 at the Simi Valley Arts Center. There will be a presentation by Dr. Cohen.

Board member Eric Augusztiny mentioned that the reason the June meeting is on Wednesday is due to the elections being held on the normal meeting day — the first Tuesday of every month. He suggests that the the November 4, 2014 meeting also be moved to Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

Board member Charlene Rothstein mentioned that Citrus Sunday produced over 300 boxes/1,200 lbs. of fruit for local food pantries.

Board member Ron Sobel thanked board member Todd Marks for providing the air cannon for the WHNC float in the Memorial Day Parade.

Announcements:

Ron Rubine from Mitch Englander's office (CD 12) mentioned the incredible effort put forth by Ed Young for the race on Memorial Day weekend. Mitch Englander enjoyed himself. He also mentioned that Mitch Englander, as chair of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, fought for the West Valley. He got \$1 million for graffiti abatement by the West Valley Alliance, \$2.14 million for ground remediation at Chatsworth Park South and funds to go to the Devonshire PALS youth center so it can keep its doors open longer and more often.

Mr. Rubine also mentioned the Medina Alert system was approved by the California Legislature. These alerts are in regards to "hit and run" drivers to help law enforcement bring them to justice.

Mr. Rubine said Councilmember Englander will present a town hall in West Hills on June 14, 2014, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chaminade's Bob Hope Center. Heads of several city departments will be there to answer questions.

Also, on July 12, 2014, a CD 12 tradition will be coming to Shadow Ranch Park, where the councilmember's office will screen "Frozen" under the stars. CD12 would like to partner at some level with the WHNC, even if it is only that the WHNC sponsors someone to play kids' music or a bounce house. Mr. Rubine asked the WHNC to allocate funds, if possible.

Mr. Rubine then presented WHNC Events Chair Ed Young with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Memorial Day Run from CD12.

Mr. Brin asked that Mr. Rubine to convey to Councilmember his thanks for getting involved to help make the Memorial Day Run happen.

Presentations:

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to good neighbor Gerald Kemp for his work in keeping his neighborhood clean and to Ed Young for his achievements in organizing the West Hills 5K/10K Run.

Old Business:

14-0028 - Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the Standing Rules of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. Tabled to the next board meeting on July 1, 2014.

14-0037 - Discussion and possible actions regarding:

- allocation of \$2,500 for sponsoring the 5k/10k race on May 24, 2014 in West Hills
- allocation of funds for Enterprise Truck Rental for Memorial Day Parade 2014 (\$476)

A motion was made to override a vote taken on May 12, 2014 to reflect that the \$2,500 would be paid to the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce. A motion also was made to override another vote taken on May 12, 2014 to reflect that \$476 would go to the Enterprise Truck Rental for use of a truck in the Memorial Day Parade in Canoga Park. Bobbi Trantafello left the room and recused herself because she is a board member of the Chamber of Commerce. Dan Brin made the motions and Charlene Rothstein seconded them. The motions passed unanimously and Bobbi Trantafello returned to the meeting.

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New Business:

14-0042 - Discussion and possible action on partnership with the Los Angeles City Attorney's office in presenting a town hall meeting.

Board Member Ed Young made a motion that the WHNC be a sponsor of Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feur's town hall meeting on June 18 in the auditorium of Canoga Park High School. There are no funds involved. Motion was seconded by Ed Crowe. The motion passed unanimously.

14-0038 Discussion and possible action regarding an application for a CUP to allow more than three dogs on property located at 24000 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, for the purpose of training and for cancer detection.

Dog trainer Dina Zaphiris, founder of the In Situ Foundation, spoke about plans to train dogs at her home for research in cancer detection. Zoning & Planning Committee Chair Bill Rose said the committee voted unanimously to support the CUP application and moved that the board support the CUP application. Motion was passed unanimously except for Eric Augusztiny, who voted "NO."

14-0039 - Discussion and possible action regarding the WHNC supporting an event to be held at Shadow Ranch Park in October 2014.

Board Member Ed Young proposed that the WHNC sponsor the West Hills Arts and Crafts Fall Festival at Shadow Ranch Park in October. He proposed that the concept be endorsed with a date to be determined at a later time. Jacquie Young seconded Ed Young's motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14-0040 - Discussion and possible action regarding a board member's absences.

Dan Brin called for a vote: “Does the Board, as a finding of fact, find that Joanne Yvanek-Garb has exceeded her allowable absences?” 21 members of the board voted “NO.”

Members of the board who voted “YES” are as follows: Eric Augusztiny, Franchon Lyons. One member of the board, Nicole Flessati, abstained.

14-0041 Discussion and possible action regarding a bylaws amendment to make the Beautification Committee a standing committee.

Dan Brin called for votes of the board and of stakeholders in attendance. All votes were in favor of the motion to make the Beautification Committee a standing committee.

14-0043 Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC’s May 2014 spending reports. Motion was made by Bobbi Trantafello and approved unanimously with one abstention by board member Ed Crowe.

Reports:

Committee reports and announcements

Treasurer’s report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.