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Final
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2011

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

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Sandi Bell, Shelly Bright, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Edwin Dockus, Donn Howell, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kutuwelle, Stephen Lenske, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Yoav Shalev, Ron Sobel, Daniel Wiseman, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Jacquie Young

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Sol Bash, Jacob Garb, Carolyn Greenwood, Barry Seybert, Jeffrey Shapiro, Bobbi Trantafello

OPENING BUSINESS:

Co-Chair, Mr. Stephen Lenske established a quorum, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He also asked that any stakeholders who would like to speak on any of the Agenda Items, to please fill out a speaker card. Mr. Lenske asked that all those in attendance, to please show their appreciation to Chaminade for the use of the auditorium by following the housekeeping rules. Mr. Edwin Dockus Co-Chair, thanked all those who attended the 20 meetings on the By-Laws Committee for bringing the By-Laws to completion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council District 3, Deputy Ron Rubine spoke on the meeting with Councilman Dennis Zine and WHNC board members regarding the installation of the West Hills street signage. He thanked Walter Perfect, Barry Seybert, Dan Brin and Steve Lenske for moving this endeavor forward. He stated that while there are restrictions that apply, the signs should be installed in the next 3-4 weeks. Mr. Rubine also advised that District 3 is looking for a member to serve on their Redistricting Committee and "Democracy by DeZine" from CD3 will help staff NC events with student volunteers from El Camino High School and other surrounding high schools. Council District 12.

Deputy Seme Parks spoke on legislature introduced by Councilman Mitch Englander related to "how the City provides and serves its citizens". Ms. Parks stated that the WHNC Newsletter is working well and that they had acquired a volunteer from the WHNC website. She also offered ways that DWP is working to reduce sewer charges such as new sewer service meters. Ms. Parks

also stated, CD 12 wants the liability regarding Sidewalk repair to stay with the City however they are looking at options.

Co-Chair Mr. Steve Lenske, advised that there are no representatives from the Fire or Police Departments at tonight's meeting, due to being on high alert because of the high winds and possible fires. Mr. Lenske also advised that there has been a high incidence of third row seats being stolen from SUV's in the area and to be very aware of your surroundings. Mr. Rubine added that there has been a bike thief in the area and to keep garage doors closed.

SPEAKER COMMENTS:

Stakeholder, Mr. Glen Bailey spoke regarding the increase in Plot fees that Orcutt Ranch has imposed on the Community. The Plot fees have increased by 400% and he asks that this be made an Agenda Item for the WHNC. Mr. Bailey also requests the help of the WHNC in trying to get the Plot fees lowered.

Ms. Chris Rowe, asked for an Agenda Item to address her request to split the Environment Committee from the Safety Committee, into (2) separate Committees. She also asked that there be (2) separate Web pages, one for each Committee. Mr. Dockus stated that this issue will be addressed at the next By-Laws meeting.

Mr. Bob Brostoff advised that he has withdrawn his grievance against Mr. Lenske.

Mr. Jim Summers, a local realtor spoke regarding a 17 acre parcel in the Bell Canyon area that is For Sale. The property is located in Los Angeles County, AI-10 with a 45' height restriction. Stakeholder

Laurie Yalem, stated that she is a resident of Vicky Ave by the JCC and is very disappointed that the New Community Jewish High School is already advertising in the newspaper as though the CUP application is a done deal.

The Meeting minutes from October 5, 2011 were read and accepted as amended.

In the absence of Treasurer Bobbi Trantafello, Mr. Lenske read and discussed the proposed Budget with amendments. The storage fees will be eliminated as some items are moved to Chaminade. The Treasurers Report will be filed.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:

Government Relations Co-Chair, Joanne Yvanek-Garb submitted a Government Relations Report (attached) containing Community meeting updates. She also spoke on the selection process. Ms. Yvanek-Garb stated that the City is still opting for 2014 re-elections. The 2012 elections will be decided by the NC's. She also advised that interested parties can view the election report at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election> Co-Chair Mr. Lenske stated that the WHNC will appoint an Elections Committee to work in conjunction with Mr. Dockus. Ms. Yvanek-Garb also spoke on the Rate Payer Advocate and said that the size and scope of the staff has yet to be determined.

Government Relations Co-Chair, Dr. Daniel Wiseman presented a document entitled The NCBAli's Accomplishments/The White Book, prepared for Mayor's Community Budget Day. Dr. Wiseman discussed the meeting at the Mayors' office and the Mayor's Community Budget Day, October 29, 2011. (document attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

02-0003

Discussion & possible action regarding the West Hills street signage design, locations and approval of Los Angeles Department Sign installation conditions After discussion regarding the Amended Signage Resolution(attached) and exploration of the revised signage drawing, Board member Dan Brin made the motion to move. Motion passed with 2 nays.

11-0007

Discussion and possible action regarding amending Board resolution supporting change of street parking restriction fronting Carlson Circle Shopping Center located at the Southeast Corner of Sherman Way and Shoup Following a discussion regarding the Amended Carlson Circle Restricted Parking Resolution/attached)the Motion passed with (2) abstentions.

11-0015 & 11-0021

1) Discussion and possible action to terminate storage at Storage Etc. located at 6030 Canoga Ave, Woodland Hills Ca, pending securing a suitable alternate location Following a discussion on the proposed action, Budget Chair Jacquie Young made a motion to move the storage location to Chaminade High School. Passed unanimously

2) Discussion and possible action regarding proposed purchases or allocation of funds for future expenditures subject to continuing and needed available funding After Board review of the revised/proposed Budget regarding purchases and allocations,(attached)the motion to accept from Budget Chair Jacquie Young, as revised/proposed was Passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

11-0025

Discussion and possible action regarding the West Hills Neighborhood Council 2012 Elections and appointment of Elections Committee

Mr. Edwin Dockus former Elections Chair will act as an advisor for the Elections Committee.

The 2012 Elections Committee is appointed as follows:

Committee Co-Chair - Dan Brin
Committee Member - Bonnie Klea
Committee Member - Charlene Rothstein
Committee Co-Chair - Bob Brostoff
Committee Member - Jacquie Young
Committee Member - Shelly Bright

The Elections Committee will consider whether the WHNC will work in conjunction with other

NC's and discuss other issues related to the 2012 elections.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Zoning & Planning Chair Mr. Walter Perfect, announced a Zoning meeting to be held at the JCC22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills Ca on Tuesday November 8th at 6:30 pm. He also stated that there would be a meeting on Thursday November 3rd at 6:30 pm, hosted by the New Community Jewish High School, to be held at the JCC as well. He asked that as many Board members as possible to attend, as these meetings will be discussing the NCJHS proposed application/move to the JCC site. Budget Chair Jacquie Young, advised that there would be no Budget meetings for the months of November and December. Government Relations Chair Dr. Daniel Wiseman, stated that there is a Government relations meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday November 17th at the 911 Center.

Co-Chair Mr. Stephen Lenske congratulated the Communications Committee on their excellent work and adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.