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Final
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2011

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

Attendance:

Present: Solomon Bash, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Bonnie Klea, Stephen Lenske, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Chris Rowe, Barry Seybert, Jeffrey Shapiro, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Daniel Wiseman, Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Jacquie Young

Absent/Excused: Sandi Bell, Shelly Bright, Elliot Maggin and Yoav Shalev

Opening Business:

Co-Chair, Mr. Stephen Lenske established a quorum, called the meeting to order and asked that all in attendance follow Chaminade's housekeeping rules. He also asked, that any stakeholder who would like to speak, please fill out a speaker card so that the appropriate amount of time can be allotted. Mr. Lenske advised that each speaker would have two (2) minutes to speak and requested that each person respect the time limit.

Representatives from Council District 3 and Council District 12, Mr. Ron Rubine and Ms. Seme Park were present and commented on matters of general interest in each of their respective Council Districts.

Presentation:

Mr. John Alderson, Development Director for The Village at Westfield Topanga, provided an overview and information with conceptual illustrations of the project.

Public Comment:

Ms. Chris Rowe, Dr. Daniel Wiseman, Mr. David Karchem and Ms. Lori Yalem.

Announcements:

The board members present were introduced.

Minutes – the minutes of August 3, 2011 were approved as corrected.

July through August 2011 budget presented. Ms. Bobbie Trantafello advised that only \$477.39 has been spent in the last two months.

Governmental Relations Report

Ms. Joann Yvanek-garb provided Community meeting updates on the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), the Department of Water and Power (DWP) Oversight (memorandum of understanding – MOU) and Ratepayer Advocate Committee (RPA), the DWP community meetings, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANC) and the City Council Education & Neighborhood Committee Meeting.

Dr. Daniel Wiseman presented five resolutions as approved by the WHNC Government Affairs Committee.

1. Be it resolved that the West Hills Neighborhood Council supports CF #11-0452-54, the motion by Councilman Englander, which states that the DWP Commissioners “...be requested to consider the Office of Public Accountability’s independent analysis/report, along with the Council’s independent third party report...” and that these documents be included in the (DWP Commission-approved) water and power rate proposals presented to the Council and Mayor.
Motion passed unanimously.
2. Be it resolved that WHNC agrees with the concept of “...a training program for Neighborhood Council Board members...” as stated in CF #11-1017 but is recommending that Mr. Krekorian’s language be replaced with “... a Neighborhood Council- specific educational program for Neighborhood Council board members developed by qualified NC stakeholders (teachers, educators, academicians, etc.)...”
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Be it resolved that the WHNC agrees with the concept of a program to “...address stakeholder and board member grievances ...” as stated in CF #11-1018 but oppose delegating that responsibility. We recommend methods be developed and guided by each neighborhood council.
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Be it resolved that the WHNC agrees with the concept of “a structure of governance and administration that provides greater autonomy and self-governance for NCs...” as stated in CF#11-1019 but opposes “transferring responsibility...to...regional authorities”. We

recommend that regional alliances be involved in multi-NC collaborations for specific, time-limited activities.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Be it resolved that WHNC agrees with the concept of major reform of the NC funds Control System (aka the "NC Funding Program") as stated in CF #11-1020 but believes that these reforms should be developed by and implemented with the guidance of qualified NC stakeholders (e.g. accountants, businesspersons, administrators, etc.) supported by appropriate City Officials.

Motion passed unanimously.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council elected Joanne Yvanek-Garb & Jacquie Young to be Budget Representatives. They will attend the Mayor's Community Budget Day on October 29, 2011 where they will vote to elect the FY2012-2013 Budget Advocates and Budget Advocates alternates.

Old Business:

02-0003 – Discussion and possible action re West Hills Street Signage

Mr. Wally Perfect advised there is nothing new.

New Business:

11-0020 – Discussion and possible action regarding Conditional Use Permit (CUP) ZA-2011-1736 regarding the sale of alcohol at Wal-Mart located in the Fallbrook Shopping Center at 6433 Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills

Mr. Walter Perfect moved that the Board approve the Zoning & Planning Committee's recommended resolution that: Request for Conditional Use Permit-Alcohol (CUB) to upgrade exiting license to allow the sale of spirits in addition to beer and wine for off-site consumption at the existing Wal-Mart Store be approved with the condition to the Resolution: That Wal-Mart is to install "No Loitering" signs outside the store.

Motion passed with 12 ayes, 5 nays and 2 abstentions.

10-0019 – Ad Hoc Committee Report on Administrative Staffing.

Mr. Edwin Dockus moved that the position of Executive Director remain at 20 hours per week. Motion failed.

Mr. Bob Brostoff moved that the position be for 15 hours per week. A Secondary motion was made that the vote be by secret ballot. Motion for secret ballot failed. Main motion failed.

A motion was made that \$18,510 or 14.8 hours per week be allocated for the position. Motion failed.

Mr. Edwin Dockus moved that the current level be maintained for one more month to allow for review by the budget committee. Motion carried.

11-0015 – Discussion and possible action regarding the amending the West Hills Neighborhood Council 2011-2012 annual budget to properly allocate funds for administrative expense. Matter turned back to the Budget committee.

11-0016 First reading of proposed amended Bylaws for West Hills Neighborhood Council and its operating rules.

Mr. Edwin Dockus requested that the Council members and stakeholders all review the proposed bylaws and moved that the board approve the instruction for making changes and/or additions to the WHNC Bylaws. Motion passed.

11-0021 - Discussion and possible action regarding the following proposed purchases or allocation of funds for future expenditures subject to available funding.

Matter sent back to the budget committee with the exception of the motion to approve the purchase of bags for advertising at Fall Fest and Emergency Preparedness costing \$1,050.00 (motion passed) and motion to reduce allocation for Fall Fest to \$5,000. The Chamber has accepted this reduction (motion passed).

11-0022 – Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Edwin Dockus was appointed head of the Ad Hoc Grievance Committee, which will include Ms. Sandi Bell, Ms. Carolyn Greenwood, Mr. Donn Howell and Mr. Bill Rose to discuss written grievance filed by Council Member, Mr. Robert Brostoff.

10:55 meeting adjourned