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Final
MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2014

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

Attendance:

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Ed Crowe, Nicole Flessati, Bonnie Klea, Ruan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Todd Marks, Steve Randall, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzameck, Ed Young, Jacquie Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb

LATE ENTRANTS: Franchon Lyons (7:33 p.m.)

ABSENT: Eric Agusztiny, Carolyn Greenwood, Bill Rose

Opening Business:

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Secretary Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an initial attendance of 21 Board members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. The July 1, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

Comments from the Chair:

Skipped to save time

Public Comments:

Charlene Rothstein called for speaker cards and turned the floor over to Environment Co-Chair Alec Uzameck, who announced a DTSC meeting will take place at El Camino Real Charter High School on Aug. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Attendees will discuss various traffic routes considered for removing toxic substances at the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory site. Ideas from the community are requested.

West Hills resident Lisa Carey spoke in opposition to installation of a Verizon cell tower behind Fields Market. She has concerns about the effects it would have on property values and the

health of her family. Other home owners are concerned about the potential for late-night repairs and the noise involved. Charlene Rothstein encouraged them to attend this month's meeting of the Zoning & Planning Committee on Aug. 12 at Fairwinds West Hills.

Phillip Kraus, president of the Shadow Ranch H.O.A. on the corner of Shoup and Sherman Way, spoke about the fatal accident that took place on July 17, 2014. He has lived there since 1985 and has seen many car accidents involving vehicles turning left. He wants to know what it is going to take to have a left-turn signal installed at this intersection. He said traffic will only increase with the completion of The Village in Warner Center as well as new housing in the vicinity. He referred to a 2011 traffic study that said an additional 1,600 cars per day will be added to traffic in the area. He demanded action from Bob Bloomenfield's CD3 and Mitch Englander's CD12 offices.

Resident Nicole Thibadeaux had questions regarding a study on a possible stormwater project on the site of a proposed development on the south side of Sherman Way at Woodlake Avenue: How does this initiative get through city government? Is there someone on the council that can take on the responsibility of updating the public about the development of this project? Dan Brin suggested she speak with Alec Uzemeck, co-chair of the WHNC's Environment Committee.

Jon Berry, artistic director of the West Valley Playhouse, announced a one-man show, "Just Imagine," featuring Tim Piper performing as John Lennon, at the Playhouse. Tickets range from \$28 to \$75, but if anyone at the meeting would like to attend, he's offering tickets at \$25 apiece. They just need to call him and mention that they were at the meeting. The show's run ends on Aug. 24.

Announcements:

Ron Rubine of Council District 12 noted that tonight was the LAPD's National Night Out event. He also mentioned that CD12's movie under the stars, "Frozen," at Shadow Ranch Park was a big success. He thanked the WHNC Board and the Foundation for Arts & Community Events (FACE) for their contributions to the event. He also touched on the fatal accident on Shoup and Sherman Way and said that this corner has long been a discussion at the Department of Transportation and he will look into it further. Mitch Englander's office has published a booklet that outlines all the accomplishments by the office over the past year. In addition, Mr. Rubine addressed Councilmember Englander's willingness to move forward on a dog park in West Hills, providing that an acceptable site is found. Also, the councilman will support installation of additional West Hills medallion signs. Mr. Rubine noted that water was added to the Ecology Pond at the Chatsworth Nature Pond on the councilman's request. Finally, he said he would look further into the no-overnight-parking zones that were requested by the WHNC on Platt Avenue and Roscoe and Valley Circle Boulevards.

Certificates of Appreciation:

- 1) Paul Shively, involved in CERT and service to the community, was on site at the fatal accident at Shoup and Sherman Way on July 17. He covered the victim's body.
- 2) Frank Cassias found a bicyclist down near Vanowen Street and Fallbrook Avenue and stopped to aid the victim until emergency services arrived.
- 3) Daniel Wiseman, MD. – Government Relations Chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb praised Dr.

Wiseman as a mentor when she started on the council. This certificate is to thank him for his years of tirelessly serving the community.

4) Sol Bash – Public Safety & Health Chair Bob Brostoff said Sol, a former co-chair of the committee, helped create the disaster recovery plan which is 95% completed and about to be implemented.

5) Eric Choi – Eric, a repeat winner of the El Camino Real Complex spelling bee, received an award presented by Education Co-Chairs Aida Abkarians and Jacquie Young.

6) James Bash – James, also a repeat winner of the ECR Complex spelling bee, received an award presented by Education Co-Chairs Aida Abkarians and Jacquie Young.

Old Business:

Item – 14-0045: Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments in the detailed WHNC budget: \$525 advertising in the Canoga Park-West Hills Chamber of Commerce newsletter and \$200 to the Budget Advocates Budget Day event. Money to be taken from excess funds previously allocated to the Fall Arts and Crafts Fair. Bob Brostoff made the motion for approval. Barry Seybert seconded the motion. None were opposed, Bobbi Trantafello abstained, 20 members approved the motion. The motion passed.

Item 14-0047: Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Bylaws amendments announced last month (see attached). Amendments were submitted by the Bylaws Committee, no second needed. A call for a vote was made. Vote was unanimous in favor.

New Business:

Item 14-0048: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's July 2014 spending reports. No action taken because no new expenditures were made.

Item 14-0049: Discussion and possible action on forms and documents required by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Board voted to approve with modifications (see attached). NEEDS VOTE

Item 14-0050: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of WHNC Board Member Aida Abkarians as Co-Chair of the Education Committee. A call to a vote was made. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Item 14-0051: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of two WHNC board members as representatives at Budget Day on Aug. 16, 2014. The two board members appointed are Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Eric Augustziny. Dan Brin called a vote. Opposed = 0, In Favor = unanimous, Abstentions = 0.

Item 14-0052: Discussion and possible action regarding the WHNC position paper on SSFL clean-up traffic. Environment Co-Chair Alec Uzemeck explained the paper's contents. In discussion, Dan Brin said financial responsibility for damaged roads should be assigned to the cleanup's Responsible Parties. He also stated that there are better routes than right through West Hills. Ed Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb stated their concerns about assigning responsibility for damage to roads and vehicles and for cleaning up spills. Joanne Yvanek-Garb recommended

an in-situ clean up. In public comment, Heath Kline and Karen DiBiase of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council said they want to come up with comprehensive solutions together with other Neighborhood Councils in the region. Mr. Uzemeck agreed to put language to that effect into the resolution. Dan Brin called this item to a vote. Alec Uzemeck made a motion and Sandi Bell seconded it. A vote was taken. The resolution (see attached) was unanimously approved, with zero members opposed and no abstentions.

Item 14-0053: Announcement of proposed amendments to the Bylaws (see attached). Discussion and voting will take place next month.

Community Announcements:

Next community clean-up day is Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014. Teams will be working along Roscoe Boulevard and around the intersection of Woodlake and Saticoy.

Treasurer's report:

No money spent, no vote to approve spending report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.