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## West Hills Neighborhood Council

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### **Joint BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **Tuesday November 24, 2015** **Hidden Lake Clubhouse, West Hills**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Tony Brosamle and Reeyan Raynes, Committee Co-Chair's.

Those in attendance were Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Dan Brin, Aida Abkarians, Steve Randall, Ron Sobel, Miguel Fernandez, Tom Booth, Brad Vanderhoff, Simone Best and Heidi Manning. A quorum was established.

The October Minutes were not approved because they were not printed out for Committee review. It was decided that the Minutes would be approved at December's Committee meeting.

Miguel commented during the Public Comment period that after the November 7<sup>th</sup> Cleanup, to further improve the beautification efforts of the community, both Heidi and he wanted to propose a sample letter that would be distributed to local residents encouraging them to help keep portions of their immediate area clean. Both Heidi and Miguel suggested that the approach should encourage preventive maintenance to keep residents involved in keeping areas near their homes clean rather than having them tackle large jobs and lose interest. Miguel said that he would send the letter to both Reeyan and Tony for review.

Aida thanked the committee during the Public Comment period for its involvement in the November 7<sup>th</sup> Cleanup.

Miguel also informed the committee during the Public Comment period that he meet with the Country Hills HOA and informed them of the existence and the involvement of the Neighborhood Council.

Ron Sobel added during the Public Comment period that the broken wall on Ingomar Street was fixed.

Heidi Manning asked during the Public Comment Period whether the recent tree trimming in West Hills was organized by the Neighborhood Council. Ron Sobel added that he would like the NC to be notified in the future by the City when tree-trimming service is conducted within our boundaries. Reeyan Raynes added that, unfortunately, the tree trimming was done on emergency basis due to the El Nino and NCs typically do not have a say. Reeyan Raynes volunteered to find out if there is any way we can be informed or help guide the City as to trees identified by the community that are in need of tree trimming.

Reeyan Raynes updated the committee during the Public Comment Period that the wrought-iron fence issue in Lazy J Ranch Park is currently being handled by the City. However, due to the scale of the project, questions have been raised as to the cost of the new fence and the availability of funds for replacement. Reeyan mentioned that he will continue to keep the committee updated as to the status of the job.

The November 7<sup>th</sup> Cleanup Event was discussed and Tony thanked everyone for their involvement.

Tony updated the committee as the status of the committee webpage and upcoming features that it will include on the new website.

Tony mentioned to the committee that he had no updates as to the status of the donations of the 100 trees from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Tom Booth offered to check on the status of the offer. Tony also added that from past conversations the intended location for the trees was believed to be at Woodland Hills Recreation Center. It was later discussed that the committee will work with him as to the distribution of trees at other parks in West Hills or if possible to stakeholders in the community if the offer still stands.

The next cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, to clean the area around Justice Street Elementary. It was discussed to meet at the school's parking lot at 8:30 AM.

The next meeting of this committee will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at Hidden Lake Clubhouse.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 PM by Tony Brosamle and Reeyan Raynes.