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Joint BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday July 26 , 2016** **West Hills Hospital, West Hills**

Those in attendance were Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Brad Vanderhoof, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Simone Best, Joan Trent, Mary Fischback and Yvonne Jones from West Valley Garden Club, A quorum was established.

- 1) Committee Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM: Reeyan Raynes and Tony Brosamle.
- 2) The June 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended (with minor grammatical changes).
- 3) Reeyan announced a Clean Streets LA Meeting at the Reseda Council District Office at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4th. The city is giving out \$25,000 to organizations who work together to plan and execute a cleanup in an in-need neighborhood. An announcement will go out to the Board.
- 4) Public Comments: None
- 5) 7/16 Cleanup: Reeyan reported an excellent cleanup on Sherman Way as Galpin Ford significantly helped out (Tony wants to recognize Galpin again).
- 6) August 20th Clean-Up will meet at Highlander and Valley Circle on the west side at 8:00 a.m. Reeyan said WestHills Baseball might be able to help out, as well as Galpin. Dan said there is parking at Highlander Road where volunteers will meet. Joan questioned if this was in the paper, and Simone and Reeyan are posting on social media, and Joan will help publicize it further. Proposed September Clean-up possible sites: Stagg & Valley Circle as there are deep pine needles, but a landscape truck (according to Brad) does clean it up, Platt Ave from Candlewood, Medical Center Drive, Fallbrook (N. of Vanowen leading towards Criswell Street) has overgrown trees and trash, Fallbrook (N. of Saticoy). *Candlewood & Platt Avenue was selected with four votes with parking on Candlewood on September 10th at 8:00 a.m.* Tom suggested adding public requests as an agenda item. Tom did remind the committee that they had proposed a dusk event. Tony proposed (as Heidi is also in favor of this) picking a date for a late afternoon event to coordinate a separate event and Tom said he would help out.
- 7) Update from West Valley Garden Club on Blue Star Memorial at Orcutt Ranch: Preliminary approval was given by the Department of Recreation and Parks. On August 4th, Dan will be giving a letter in support for the community. The Club will present again to the Parks Department (at Lakeview Terrace in August or September). The plaque is ordered and received.
- 8) Reeyan proposed amending and updating the Committee Operating Rules, but per Tom's request it was tabled. Olivia will bring copies of the Operating rules next month. If any Committee Member wants changes, please send to Co-Chairs to be added to agenda.

- 9) Uses and Implementation 5/24/16 Approved Committee Letter – A small committee is working to finalize a letter to stakeholders in the hopes of maintaining their property and the committee is coming to consensus on the tone and objective of letters. Tony believes there should be a clear process, criteria, and templates with no individual members acting on their own. The proposed draft is cordial in tone, but has language some felt was condescending. Barry wanted aggressive language and Miguel and Heidi wanted tougher language to be used in some instances. All will be considered and will be made into policy at next month's meeting.
- 10) Tony went on a 3-1-1 Walk to document issues in his neighborhood and wants to publicize 3-1-1 walks to stakeholders. Dan would like to schedule a bike-ride or walk to pull down old signs.
- 11) Reeyan and Tony adjourned meeting at 8:08 PM