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Joint BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday August 23, 2016 West Hills Hospital, West Hills

Those in attendance were Reeyan Raynes, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Miguel Fernandez, Heidi Manning, Blake Nance, Olivia Naturman, Dennis Sherman, Ron Sobel, Steve Randall, and Brad Vanderhoof. A quorum was established.

Committee Chair Reeyan Raynes called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

- 2) The July 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.
- 3) Chair Comments: Reeyan stated he is in contact with Lowes Property Group concerning responsibility to clean the property adjacent to Nevada Elementary School. He has verified Lowes' ownership of the property through the LA County Assessor's Office. Reeyan attended the mandatory meeting for groups planning to apply for the Clean Streets LA \$25K grant.

YTD 311 statistics from Reeyan:

West Hills 311 service requests - approx. 6,000

Reseda has made over 10,000

Warner Center / Woodland Hills has made about 8,000

- 4) Public Comments: Tom recommended suspending the idea of dusk cleanups for the rest of this year and revisiting the idea next year possibly including a picnic or pizza celebration. Dan suggested a project at Orcutt Ranch or Shadow Ranch Park would allow a celebration at the work site. Miguel would like to arrange small maintenance projects especially in areas where cleanups have been done.
- 5) 8/20 Cleanup: Reeyan reported another excellent cleanup with great support from Key Club members. California Assemblyman Matt Dababneh stopped by with frozen treats to express his appreciation.
- 6) September 10th Clean-Up will meet at Candlewood and Platt at 8:30 a.m. October Clean-up possible sites: Steve mentioned a huge tree on the north side of Roscoe near Sale needs trimming. Heidi asked if Valley Circle north of Roscoe is an appropriate location for the Committee to work. Dan cited safety concerns and stated that this location is not a good candidate. Reeyan will contact CD12. Reeyan suggested Medical Center Drive. Ron commented that street sweepers cannot handle pine needles. Reeyan added that the city has no money for additional street sweeping. The area near Roscoe and Sale and the north side of Roscoe from Sale west to Fallbrook were mentioned by several members. Dan remarked that the north side of Saticoy east of Fallbrook needs work even though it was the site of a recent effort. The Committee agreed the site for the October Clean-Up will be the north side of Roscoe near Sale.

- 7) Reeyan welcomed Blake from The Church at Rocky Peak. Reeyan stated that due to liability concerns the Beautification Committee cannot be involved in any projects on private property. Blake explained that The Church at Rocky Peak will organize approximately 1500 volunteers to work on about 60 projects from Simi Valley to the West San Fernando Valley. The timeframe for this activity is 8AM until about Noon on November 5th. A typical project team will be about 20 volunteers and a project leader. Blake inquired regarding the possible need for traffic control. Reeyan stated the WHNC has reflective vests and with notice can get LAPD assistance through the SLOs. Dan asked if any schools have submitted requests for projects. Dan suggested graffiti removal along the Pressman trail but that project was deemed unsuitable due to poison oak concerns. Olivia suggested plantings and what she called 'gorilla gardening' at small parcels around West Hills. Reeyan explained that this type of activity involves complicated legal issues. Brad introduced Barry Seybert's suggestion of replanting the West Hills Post Office. Reeyan created a working group for this idea consisting of: Olivia to contact West Valley Garden Club, Ron to contact the Post Office, Reeyan to coordinate. Ron reported two trees near Pomello Elementary School which need trimming. He reported that one of them is blocking a stop sign. Reeyan informed the group that Pomello will deal directly with The Church at Rocky Peak regarding service projects. Dan identified several areas with considerable need for attention: all along Roscoe, Ingomar from Woodlake to March, the north side of Saticoy east of Fallbrook, and Fallbrook north of Saticoy. Blake likes the idea of a meeting place at the Fields market parking lot with groups working in several directions from there. Dan suggested Orcutt ranch would be a good meeting place from which to work along Roscoe. Heidi mentioned a corner lot near Saticoy and Woodlake with what she called 'an angled wall' where she would like to see some type of landscaping and a sign promoting West Hills. Reeyan will place this item on the agenda for next month. Blake said projects with the LAPD and LAFD like carwashes and help with chores have been popular in the past. Reeyan will contact Fire Station 106. Tom suggested the east side of Fallbrook between Vanowen and Victory. Tom also suggested the west side of Valley Circle south of Vanowen but Reeyan stated CD12 had already taken care of this area. Steve suggested trimming the palm trees on March between Ingomar and Justice. Blake expressed his appreciation for all of the suggestions and said the next step is to narrow down the list and identify partners to determine the logistics for selected projects. Brad added a final suggestion that West Hills has numerous missing parkway trees and asked if tree planting would be appropriate for projects. Reeyan stated the logistics of this are complicated but it could be considered in the future.
- 8) Reeyan has contacted the city to have the parkway trees along Hartland inspected. Item Tabled
- 9) The Committee Operating Rules were amended and approved.
- 10) Committee Letters to the Community: Item Tabled
- 11) CIS re CF 15-0467-S6: Simone Best asked Reeyan to prepare an updated status of CF 15-0467-S6 for the Board meeting. Reeyan called for a vote on a motion to approve sending a CIS in support of CF 15-0467-S6 to the Board. Steve seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday September 10, 2016, to clean the area of Platt Ave. near Candlewood at 8:30 AM. Please note the return to normal meeting time. Additional areas may be included as workload and workforce dictate. Meeting place is on Candlewood west of Platt.

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on September 27, at 6:30 PM at West Hills Hospital, first floor Conference Room.

Reeyan adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

