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JOINT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 16, 2016

**West Hills Hospital, 1st Floor Conference Room
7300 Medical Center Drive, West Hills, CA 91307**

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM by Steve Randall, Chair

In attendance were Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Dan Brin, Aida Abkarians, Marge Brown, Thomas Booth, Mary Crescenzo, Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Bonnie Klea, Simone Best and Brad Vanderhoof. A quorum was established. The June 21, 2016 minutes were approved as amended.

Steve stated that he had been researching the internet for different methods to establish a Community/Senior Center. Steve also mentioned that he wrote a letter to Corporate Pointe regarding the site for a Community/Senior Center and sent it to its parent corporation's New York office.

Char spoke with Len Shaffer about attending our September meeting. Char will follow up to confirm. Mary told the committee that the cities of Calabasas and Agoura co-sponsored a beautiful new community center in Calabasas. Tom Booth said that he would contact One Generation to find out how it was established and what programs and services it provides. Dan stated that several boards could work together to oversee the operations of our future Community/Senior Center. Reeyan asked if a non-profit had already been established. Steve stated that there were already two non-profits that could be a possibility. Steve and Char are going to follow up with Sheila Kuehl's office for any updates and the status of the hydrology study. Aida said she will follow up with Jill Banks Barad, who would be willing to help us negotiate with DWP for a possible site. Aida also suggested the Highlander Avenue School as a possible location. Brad stated that this could be a good time to approach Highlander since it is in the plan development process.

Tony emphasized the importance of social media and encouraged that tweets be used to relay information and request assistance. Tony also suggested that we work with various groups in our area such as the Chamber of Commerce, Wings Over Wendys and churches for support. Dan advised that we should qualify for city funding as a Community & Senior Center. Steve asked that all members actively pursue outside help to locate a site, fund and establish a center. Aida suggested that we form a 501c3 and begin collecting funding through fund raising events. Marge would like to have a senior event as an introduction to the concept. Mary wants to start an arts/events committee that would benefit, support and publicize the future center.

Committee members asked for a report on the meeting at Sheila Kuehl's office. Steve will submit a copy for posting. A senior events planning group was formed. The members are Mary, Dan, Aida, Simone and Marge.

Steve announced our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM by Steve Randall.