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### **JOINT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Tuesday August 18, 2015 West Hills Hospital 1<sup>ST</sup> Fl Conference Room, West Hills**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Steve Randall, Chair

In attendance were Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Dan Brin, Aida Abkarians, Ron Sobel, Simone Best, Reeyan Raynes and Chris Rowe via telecommunications. A quorum was established and the June 16, 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

Steve Randall reported that we have acquired approximately 887 petition signatures to date.

Steve Randall reported that he had contacted Timothy Lippman, Senior Field Deputy for Sheila Kuehl, who responded that their office would investigate the possible use of the county land on Valley Circle as a Community Center. Steve Randall suggested the Center would need approximately 10,000 sq. ft. either in a one or two story building. The committee discussed this. Steve, Dan and Reeyan agreed to meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> to measure the site. The size and scope of the building needs to be provided to Timothy Lippman per his request. We also must research the number of parking spaces required by code for the size of the building.

It was reported by Char Rothstein that Dusty Russell advised that Senator Fran Pavley would sign letters of support regarding the creation of a Community/Senior Center and also support for grants. Char was also advised that we partner with Councilman Englander and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

Dan reported that he had communicated with Corporate Pointe, who reported that all areas are white-boxed and that there is nothing available at the present time. He will continue to speak with them.

Aida Abkarians agreed to research the West Hills voting ratio and Chris Rowe agreed to help if needed.

Regarding government financial assistance, Reeyan Raynes reported that the City, County, State and Federal agencies claim they have no funds currently available. The Department of Aging just completed its RFPs (Requests for Proposals) and we would need to contact labavn.org to make a request for funds. Simone Best said she would look into several possible groups regarding grant possibilities.

Steve Randall reported that per Margery Brown the Parkhill School site is being actively used. Dan brought up the possibility of using a public park such as Lazy J, though this would involve a long and complicated process. Dan also mentioned a possible dog park location just north of the soccer field on Valley Circle and obtaining a marker for the grave of Charles Bell.

Steve announced that our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM by Steve Randall.