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

**Tuesday September 20, 2016**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by Steve Randall, Chair

In attendance were Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Dan Brin, Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Mary Crescenzo, Reeyan Raynes, Ron Sobel, Michael Teitelbaum, Myrl Schreiber, Len Shaffer, Jacqueline Brooks and Brad Vanderhoof. A quorum was established. There were no July minutes to approve.

Steve introduced Commissioner Len Shaffer. Steve announced that we would be taking a different direction by working through a 501c3 non-profit. Steve also mentioned that he received no response to a letter sent to Corporate Pointe's New York office regarding the site for a Community/Senior Center.

Len Shaffer told the committee that the Tarzana Community Center had an "angel" who donated one million dollars towards the purchase of the property. There were several other large donations toward the project leaving a \$250,000 mortgage. Mr. Shaffer suggested that we could approach Rec & Parks to obtain a "Right of Entry". He also mentioned that there is an advantage to the 501c3 as this allows for control of rent, use, etc., and that it takes 9 – 12 months to establish the 501c3 and that getting donations is the hardest part. Also, a 501c4 would allow charging rentals to help support the center. Mr. Shaffer stated that using Rec & Parks for a "free" meeting place worked well for the Tarzana NC. Tarzana donated T-shirts to the children at the park camp with the NC logo and website on the shirts.

Mary stated that there are 45 centers in LA County but none in the west valley. Myrl would like the center to double as a fine arts forum. Reeyan clarified that our website states the center would be multi-generational and include fine arts. Tom Booth asked if we should maybe change the name of the committee to reflect the center's use. Mary suggested that everyone bring suggested committee names to the next meeting. Reeyan liked the idea of a more general committee name.

Len stated that we would need to look carefully at the zoning of a potential site to determine what entitlements would be needed. Mary commented on the work group and that it would not be able to accept donations until the 501c3 is established. However, the group could promote the mission of the community center. Myrl stated that he believes that people need to "see" the dream in way of a rendering and that the "where" could come later. Len suggested that we 1. Publicize the center in the community, 2. Identify the property as to zoning, size and building, and 3. Consider a C2 or RA residential property facing a high traffic street. The consensus was that a 501c3 should be established with some NC members on that board.

Steve announced our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM by Steve Randall.