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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday December 27, 2016

West Hills Hospital, West Hills

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Those in attendance were: Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes (left 9:13 PM), Tom Booth, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Glenn Bailey, President of the Northridge East NC & VANC representative; Miguel Fernandez, community stakeholder, and Janis MacQuoic, community stakeholder. A quorum was established

Committee Co-Chair Reeyan Raynes called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

2. The November 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.
3. Chair Comments: Reeyan informed the committee members that the City of Los Angeles has contracted with a vendor to maintain the center median of Valley Circle Boulevard. between Highlander Road. and Roscoe Boulevard. Reeyan announced that Clean Streets LA has awarded a \$1500 grant to the West Hills NC.
4. Public Comments: Miguel reported he has approached his HOA concerning landscape maintenance along Valley Circle between Roscoe and Strathern. The HOA maintains the hillside in this area and agreed to take care of the sidewalk and gutter as well. Miguel stated he supports the idea of neighborhood letters and has provided a draft rewrite to the co-chairs. Glenn Bailey introduced himself and stated he was interested in sharing information and best practices with the WHNC. He is especially interested in maintenance of street medians and neighborhood beautification letters. Northridge East NC does not have a beautification committee and has used a neighborhood purpose grant to the California Conservation Corps to address some issues. Tony asked for and Glenn said he would provide a copy of an old CD12 letter used to inform property owners of their maintenance obligations during the tenure of a former city council member. Joan read a letter from a stakeholder concerning the vacant house on Justice Street.
5. December 3 Cleanup: Tony declared the project a fantastic success and commented that there was a good turn-out with participation from Notre Dame and El Camino Real students as well as local residents.
14. Additional Business: Heidi passed out copies of a Los Angeles Times article from Dec 16, 2016, "L.A. Sidewalk Repair Plan Launched" to the group. Tony said he would make sidewalk repair an agenda item for the January committee meeting and proposed the creation of a working group.
6. Next Two Months' Cleanup Projects: The January cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at Fallbrook Avenue and Lull Street Meeting place is the southeast corner

of Fallbrook and Lull. Reeyan asked for suggestions for the February cleanup event: Heidi – Sherman Way and Woodlake NW, Platt from Taxico Trails Park to Cohasset, Olivia – alleys, no specific location, Tony – Shoup, as a joint effort with Canoga Park NC, Reeyan repeated three previously identified areas – north side of Roscoe from Hillary to Woodlake, east side Valley Circle from Stagg to Dorie, Medical Center Drive. By consensus the group selected the Shoup as the location and February 18, 2017 at 8:30 AM as the date and time for the February cleanup event. The meeting location is TBD. Tony will contact Corrine Ho to coordinate cooperation with the Canoga Park NC.

7. Committee Mission Statement: Tom read a proposed Beautification Committee mission statement. Reeyan made a motion to approve the new mission statement; Joan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
9. A-Frame Artwork:
The group was shown a copy of proposed artwork.
The artwork was approved by unanimous consent.
8. Community Letters: Tom gave some background information on the effort to generate letters to the community and reviewed the results of the letters sent on Nov 28th to residents along Saticoy. Only one of the homeowners is failing to address the problem of overgrown vegetation. Tony reminded the group that committee members are not authorized to send out community letters. Committee members who identify properties with issues should send the addresses to Tom. The committee is not asking for input from the general public at this time. Tom reviewed the intent of the before and after letters and emphasized that the letters do not have to be associated with a cleanup event.
Item tabled until January.
10. Lazy J Ranch Park Fence: Reeyan and Tony reviewed the results of the social media poll. Glenn mentioned there might be Prop K money that was earmarked for restrooms available for improvements to Lazy J Park.
Tony made a motion to request that the WHNC forward the survey results to CD12 and the Dept. of Recreation and Parks with the following comments: 1. Rec and Parks should be directed to investigate repair of the existing fence. 2. Under no circumstances should the existing fence be removed without a replacement fence ready for immediate installation. 3. The replacement fence must not be higher than the existing fence. 4. Rec and Parks must not install chain-link fencing at Lazy J Park.
Reeyan proposed a friendly amendment to add a summary of the comments received through social media – Tony opposed this amendment. The amendment was defeated.
Tom proposed a friendly amendment to add the comment, 5. CD12 and Rec and Parks should explore funding sources that could be used to offset the additional cost of alternative fencing options, including the possibility of funds held in arrears for restrooms. – The amendment was accepted.
Tom seconded the motion.
Steve called for a point of order opposing a vote on the motion because it had not been properly and clearly defined. Reeyan asked Tony to elucidate his motion to make it clear a yes vote would approve asking the Board to publish and present the survey results with the additional statements, and authorize him to write the proposal text.
Ayes – 7, Noes – 1, Abstain – 0, the motion passed.
12. Mulch Location in West Hills: Glenn reported there is currently only a single city-operated mulch pickup location in CD12. Reeyan left the meeting at 9:13 PM and Tony assumed the role of chair. Brad reviewed the background for this item.
11. Tabled until January
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Tony adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.

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The next meeting of this Committee will be held: TBD