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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2017
Chaminade Condon Center
23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304

Those present: Aida Abkarians, Simone Best, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Tom Booth, Anthony Brosamle Carolyn Greenwood, Steve Randall, Charlene Rothstein, Myrl Schreiber, Bobbi Trantafello, Joan Trent and Brad Vanderhoof.

Co-chair, Bob Brostoff called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and established a quorum.

There was no public comment.

October 17, 2017 minutes were approved as amended.

Comments from the Chair – Bob Brostoff began with correcting several items on the agenda for those who didn't get the corrected agenda.

- Capistrano Avenue amount was changed to \$1,729
- Pomelo was changed to \$2,075
- Welby Way changed to \$1,815
- The total changed to \$9,600

Mr. Brostoff went over the attachment to the agenda. It was a funding update from EmpowerLA with filing deadlines for the upcoming year. All board action and payment authorizations must be on a Board Action Certification (BAC). Additional information is available at clerk.lacity.org.

Discussion and possible action on approving approximately \$43.76 to Joan Trent for Vision Zero Awards.

After some discussion, it was determined that as the expense was part of Vision Zero it should be part of the Streets and Transportation Committee budget. Item referred to the committee.

There was discussion that in the future we should be mindful that items should be directed to appropriate Committee before coming to the budget committee for payment.

Discussion and possible action on accepting NPG requests from at least 6 schools that exceed the budget allocation:

There was discussion on how these items would be approved. Mr. Brostoff stated that since the Education Committee approved the NPGs and with the adjusted amounts were within the committee's budget, we need only to approve the total amount. There was additional discussion, as while the committee approved the amounts, some members may have questions on individual items. If not in the

Budget Committee, when would be the appropriate place to ask for clarification? It was unanimously decided that this was the place for discussion, so we would take each item separately.

Co-chair, Bob Brostoff again referred to attachment to agenda regarding funding which stated that NPGs may be made to public schools. This information is in the Plan for Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, Article IX Funding and Article XI Neighborhood Purposes Grant Program.

Motion to approve NPG for Haynes St. in the amount of \$1,200 to update school library. Motion passed with 11 yes, 1 abstain and 1 recusal.

Motion to approve NPG for Capistrano Ave. in the amount of \$1,729 for outdoor furniture. Motion passed with 11 yes, 1 no and 1 recusal.

Motion to approve NPG for Enadia Way in the amount of \$1,292 for CPR/First Aid Training. There was discussion on why LAUSD would not be responsible for providing this training as part of taking care of the children. Motion failed with 5 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions and 1 recusal.

Motion to approve NPG for Hamlin Street in the amount of \$1,489.44 for stage lighting. After clarification that NPG was for stage lighting and not sound equipment requested last year, motion passed with 10 yes, 2 no and 1 recusal.

Motion to approve NPG for Pomelo in the amount of \$2,075 for Pomelo Magazine. Myrl Schreiber stated that he specifically remembers asking last year when Pomelo requested a NPG for the same purpose would they be coming back to the council for the same purpose next year and their reply was no. Mr. Schreiber stated he doesn't want the council to become a line item in the school's yearly budget. Motion passed with 7 yes, 4 no and 1 recusal. (not sure who did not vote.)

Motion to approve NPG for Welby Way in the amount of \$1,815 for a literacy garden. Motion passed with 13 yes and 0 noes.

Discussion on funding for 1018-2019 for NPG's to schools and elections.

Co-chair, Bob Brostoff provided printout-showing breakout of 2017-2018 budgets for both CD 12 and the WHNC. The illustration indicated that WHNC budgeted 22.6% of their budget for NPGs. Steve Randall stated that at the Congress he was in a training during which the presenters stated that the City is not in favor of the NCs spending so much on NPGs. There was general discussion that while a much of the WHNC budget goes to NPGs, committees need to come up with other ways to outreach to our community. Myrl Schreiber stated we really need to find ways to reach the seniors of the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.