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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 24, 2018  
Chaminade High School, West Hills CA  
Revised April 25, 2018

Those in attendance were: Anthony Brosamle, Brad Vanderhoof, Faye Barta, Ivan Blume, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Matthew Davine, Leah Holmes, Steve Kallen (arrived 6:35), Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Myrl Schreiber (arrived 6:34), Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Ann Marie Yantos.

Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was established.

The March meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Chair Comment: None
4. Public Comment: Leah Holmes, a West Hills resident living on Schoolcraft, introduced herself and described the homeless encampment referred to as "the tree" between Sherman Way and Bell Creek across from the area between Balmorial and Woodlake. The encampment has been an ongoing problem and is currently growing. Issues include excessive trash, noise, a violent individual, and trespassing into Bell Creek through a cut fence. She showed pictures.
8. Ivan said he thinks involving DR Horton, the builder of the housing tract under construction on an adjacent parcel, is key to a permanent solution as they will need the encampment eliminated to sell the homes. Heidi suggested trying to get a better fence installed along the wash at both the tree and Mae Boyar Park. Thomas suggested trimming the low branches of the trees and clearing the underbrush. Leah would prefer the trees not be completely removed. Reeyan suggested contacting the General Services Division and will provide contact information. Reeyan also said he thinks LA County is responsible for the fence along the wash with Kevin Johnson of County Flood Control the proper contact. Anthony reported the petition for lights at Mae Boyar Park is half complete and a stakeholder will finish it and send it to the WHNC Public Safety Committee.
5. Beautification Committee Operating Rules:  
The updated rules were approved unanimously.
9. El Escorpian Park:  
Steve K. provided a status of his discussions with the Park Ranger for the area, Captain Albert Torres. A stakeholder will send photos for Steve K. to forward to Captain Torres.
6. Review of April Cleanup:  
Anthony reviewed the Cleanup with special thanks to volunteers from the neighborhood, Hale Middle School, the ECR Key Club, and West Hills Christian Church. Ron will contact CD 12 to try and get the bags picked up by the rapid response truck.
7. Community Cleanup Events for May and June:  
By consensus the start time of events will be 8:00 AM for the summer. Brad reiterated the details for the May event. The June Cleanup event was scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.  
Suggestions for future cleanups included: Myrl - Platt from Keswick to Sherman Way; Dan – median islands along Platt; Ivan – median islands on Valley Circle; Heidi – Valley Circle by Lazy J Park; Thomas – Saticoy on both sides of Shoup, in cooperation with CPNC; Thomas – Fallbrook at Criswell.  
Platt from Keswick to Sherman Way was selected as the location for the June event.

10. Signal Cabinet Artwork:

Olivia mentioned the Vision Zero program may fund an effort in West Hills. Dr. Destiny Thomas will try to attend a future committee meeting. Steve R. spoke in opposition to artwork on cabinets stating concerns about encouraging tagging. Reeyan commented installations downtown have not attracted graffiti. Ivan said his observations support Steve R's position. Myrl said he believes the proper artwork would be respected.

Item tabled to May.

11. 2017-2018 Beautification Committee Budget:

Item tabled to May.

12. R.O.W. Letters:

Item tabled to May.

13. Strike Teams: Olivia has been working on the Platt medians.

Committee Co-Chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

The next cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. Meeting place is on the north side of Roscoe at Sale.

The next meeting of this committee will be held: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.