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FINAL MEETING MINUTES December 2, 2014

Hidden Lake Clubhouse
8360 Sedan Ave., West Hills, CA 91304

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Aida Abkarians, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Bob Brostoff, Michael Castro, Ed Crowe, Nicole Flessati, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Todd Marks, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello. Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young, Jacquie Young, Joanne Yvanek-Garb

ABSENT: Eric Agusztiny, Franchon Lyons, Barry Seybert

OPENING BUSINESS: President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Nicole Flessati called roll and announced an initial attendance of 22 members, meeting the requirements of a quorum. Vice President and Co-Chair Charlene Rothstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. The November 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Comments from the Chair:

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin made the opening comments. He noted that proposed petitions calling for censure or removal of Board members have been withdrawn and therefore their related agenda items have been tabled indefinitely.

Public Comment:

Public comments were led by Charlene Rothstein. Speakers were asked to keep the comments limited to two minutes.

Stakeholder Chris Rowe made a comment regarding the bylaws and how changes are made.

Board member Bob Brostoff reminded everyone they should avoid using emails for serial communications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council District 12 Deputy Field Representative Ron Rubine said the remaining six "West Hills" medallions will be installed at their approved locations soon. He also noted that the 30th anniversary of the filming of *The Karate Kid* – which was filmed mostly in locations around the

SFV— will be celebrated with a ceremony honoring the director, John Avildsen, and other cast and crew members. An LAPD unit in the northwest SFV has been cracking down on illegal street racing with arrests and citations. The YMCA will have its annual turkey giveaway. The Museum of the San Fernando Valley has honored the West Hills-based Wings over Wendy's group of veteran aviators with an exhibit at the museum's new exhibition space.

Rosalba Gonzalez from California State Sen. Fran Pavley's office – which serves more than 900,000 people – said Sen. Pavley is working hard on environmental policies, including groundwater legislation. The goal is to protect what is remaining as well as bring green-tech jobs to the area.

Max Reyes from Mayor Garcetti's office also had a couple of updates. The mayor recently visited Asia to promote the city's tourism, find new trade opportunities and promote small businesses. The mayor is calling for residents to reduce their usage and take advantage of increased LADWP rebates for water conservation measures.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh made a statement regarding the changing of the area's SLOs. Officer Rygh has been transferred back to western Woodland Hills. A replacement SLO for northern West Hills has not yet been chosen. SLO Sam Sabra has been transferred from southern West Hills to Canoga Park and SLO Janet Zumstein will return to the community to replace him. SLO Rygh suggested that residents put locks on their mailboxes.

WHNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Chair Bob Brostoff presented Officer Rygh with a West Hills Neighborhood Council Certificate of Appreciation. Officer Sabra was also honored with a certificate, which Officer Rygh accepted on his behalf.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 14-0069 – Discussion and possible action to amend the WHNC Bylaws, Article XII, Parliamentary Authority, as follows: The words "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be changed to read "Rosenberg's Rules of Order." President Dan Brin called for a discussion. A vote of the Board was taken with all but one voting in favor of the amendment. Jacqueline Young voted "no." The audience was also polled, with 4 votes in favor and 0 nays. The vote to amend the Bylaws passed. (21 Yes and 1 No)

NEW BUSINESS

Item 14-0075 – Discussion and possible action regarding a CUP at Cost Plus located at 6621 Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills for the sale of alcohol. Two representatives of Cost Plus World Market requested a letter of support from the WHNC. The Zoning and Planning committee recommended the Council support the CUP. Zoning and Planning Co-Chair Bill Rose made a motion to approve the letter of support. WHNC Vice President and Co-Chair (and Zoning and Planning Co-Chair) Charlene Rothstein called for a vote. The Item passed unanimously. (22 Yes)

Item 14-0076 — Discussion and possible action regarding the Pierce College Farm Center. A letter was distributed calling for an inquiry into the college's eviction of the Farm Center and requesting legal protection of the grounds' use for agricultural purposes. Board member Todd

Marks made a motion to support adoption of the letter. A vote was taken and the letter was unanimously approved. (22 Yes)

Item 14-0077 – Discussion and possible action regarding the WHNC’s November 2014 spending reports. Board member Ed Young made a motion to accept the spending reports. Motion was seconded by Joanne Yvanek-Garb. A vote was taken and the November spending reports were approved. (22 Yes)

Item 14-0078 — Discussion and possible action regarding board member Franchon Lyons exceeding her allowable number of four absences in the past 12 months. As of this meeting she had six absences in the past 12 months. President Dan Brin said he has reached out to her to allow her to make a defense and received no response. He then declared her seat vacated. An ad hoc committee was set up to review incoming applications for appointment to complete the term. The 30-day application period begins now. The job of the ad hoc committee is to make a non-binding recommendation to the council at its next monthly meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elliot Maggin, chair of the Communications Committee, announced the launch of a new West Hills online newsletter, *Horizons*. He is accepting article submissions.

Events Chair Ed Young said the West Hills 5k/10k Race will take place on May 16, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.