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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center

23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co-Chair, Alec Uzemeck Co-Chair, Char Rothstein and Myrl Schreibman.

Other Attendees: Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Patrick Aguirre.

Opening Business

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes from March 13, 2019 were corrected and approved.

There were no public comments.

Steve postponed reading of the Committee meeting rules.

New Business

There were no comments from the co-chairs.

Alec said that were major developments in the past two weeks and the first item was the passage of a motion in the Finance Committee of the LA City Council that called for \$600,000 to be given to the plaintiffs in the SSFL suit. The plaintiff, DOE. PSR, LA and Committee to Bridge the Gap will use these funds to retain a law firm to enforce the AOC agreements with DOE. Next, the NASA Inspector General issued its report on the NASA SSFL cleanup to background saying that it would cost \$500,000,000, take 25 years to complete and was probably unattainable. NASA issued a statement that they would be preparing a supplemental EIS to examine a number of alternatives given the growth in the amount of soil estimated to be removed. Alec mentioned that analysis of alternatives was a NEPA requirement and that the DOE examined a number of alternative cleanup proposals in its EIS. Bonnie said that there are no alternatives in the AOC contracts that DOE and NASA signed with DTSC.

Steve said that everyone wants a cleanup but the methods are in contention and he agreed with Alec that the parties should negotiate the AOC's to come to agreement. Myrl said that the past was prolog and that the Committee should attempt to influence the new Councilman to be elected in CD 12 to gain political support for mutual agreement and the start of the cleanup.

Bonnie questioned Alec's ethics, accused him of taking money from a polluter and forming proposals for the WHNC, which he did not say there was TCE found in Bell Creek and he asked DTSC to close down the Workgroup. Alec denied the accusations and Steve and Char asked for the personal attacks to stop and they asked for supporting documents for any statements in the future.

Old Business

Alec reported on community cancers and that in reviewing reports and videos that have this information along with experts would identify cancers but would require an extraordinary activity by the committee that was not feasible. To bring in Boeing to explain storm water analysis or the Water Quality Control Board to explain past results may not be valuable since the public is skeptical of experts and science.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The video of the full meeting is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4hyF6K71gg>