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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 21, 2019, Chaminade High School, West Hills CA

Approved February 26, 2019

Those in attendance were: Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Tony Brosamle, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel, and Joan Trent.

Those absent were: Ivan Blume, Thomas Booth, Matthew Davine, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Visitors and/or Stakeholders present: none

Committee Co-Chair Faye Barta called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was established.

Approval of the November meeting minutes was tabled.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs: Faye reported that the January 19, 2019, clean-up was quite successful, mainly because both Victory Blvd. in front of Burlington and Fallbrook Ave. south of Criswell St. were cleaned up, mainly because of a large contingent of high school students from Reseda ROTC and El Camino Real. Brief discussion was held regarding awarding a certificate to each group and the fact that if anyone were injured at a clean-up, LA City does have accident insurance.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on a Beautification Committee Effort in El Escorpion Park: Dan advised that the park was very badly damaged in the recent fire. He advised it is necessary for Robert Baker at Rec and Parks to plan or initiate some kind of remedial action. Dan said he would check with Mr. Baker again. In addition, Dan mentioned that we might want to join the Sky Valley Volunteers, who are cleaning graffiti and replanting trees. Dan said he would try to get some information on its progress. This item was tabled to February.
6. Discussion and Possible Action for a February 2019 Beautification Cleanup Event: Three areas were suggested for the February cleanup: Heidi suggested Platt near Ingomar and Keswick and Cohasset; Olivia suggested from the corner of Victory and Valley Circle up to the Victory Trailhead; and Tony suggested Medical Center Drive from Sherman Place to Woodlake Avenue. A vote was taken, with Medical Center Drive getting 4 votes, Victory 3 and Platt 2. So, the next beautification cleanup will be held on February 9, 2019, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Medical Center Drive from Sherman Place to Woodlake Avenue.
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Right of Way Letters and Pursuing Action Against Property Owners: The five R.O.W. letters on the agenda were: 6947 Larchwood Circle, 6950 Larchwood Circle, and 6951 Larchwood Circle, all in West Hills, CA 91307, 23819 Highlander Rd., West Hills, CA 91307, and 23162 Lauren Lane, West Hills, CA 91304. Faye showed pictures of the first four properties. No pictures of the fifth property were presented, so discussion of the Lauren Lane property was tabled to February. Steve moved to send the first four properties ROW letters, Dan seconded. The vote was unanimous (9) in favor of sending those four letters, with Faye agreeing to review the letters before they are sent.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Replacing Stolen Batteries and Chargers or Acquiring New Equipment:
This matter has already been considered and approved by the committee and the Board. However, Anthony, as controller, is trying to determine from LA City how to use the Clean Streets grant money to make the purchases. This item is tabled to February.
9. Strike Teams: Dan stated he has still been removing signs posted but not removed after the alleged event. Heidi has been clearing up trash along the streets and filling up her green trash can waiting for pickup by the trash trucks on trash days. Ron has been cleaning up trash on Ingomar between March Ave. and Valley Circle Blvd.
10. Adjournment at 7:40 PM by Co-Chair Faye Barta.

The next cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, at Sherman Place and Medical Center Drive.

The next meeting of this committee will be held: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM, at Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.