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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC “SPECIAL” MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:30 AM

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Environment Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1. Call to order and establish a Quorum
2. Comments from the Co-Chairs
3. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2020 meeting
4. Report on DOE Status-Alec Uzemeck
5. General Public Comment
6. Adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2020

Webinar and Telephonic Meeting

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein, Brad Vanderhoof and Saif Mogri

Attendees: Christina & Michael Walsh, Marge Brown, Chris Rowe, Myrl Schreibman and Bonnie Klea.

Co-Chair Steve Randall opened the meeting at 7:08 and a quorum was established.

The minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

Comments from the Chairs: Alec said that some meeting debates were contentious, and all agreed that in the future respect should be shown to all.

Christina Walsh gave a presentation about cultural diversity and preservation and why does culture matter? Culture provides the heritage, understanding for future generations and mutual tolerance. Past historical studies uncovered ancient languages, practices, and rites with archaeological sites and artifacts scanning back over 500 years. The history of the Burro Flats property uses and ownership brought the past uses up to the present uses of the SSFL, as described in records at the Smithsonian in Washington.

Christina also spoke about the future cleanup of the SSFL and the common desire for the cleanup. The AOC clean up to background is not used anywhere else in the USA and the clean up to suburban residential without any residents would satisfy the communities desire for a safe environment and would protect the historic culture at the SSFL.

Public comments were in support of the protection of the SSFL site and Burro Flats and the cleanup to make it safe for future use as open land.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.