



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

SPECIAL JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Approved February 3, 2021

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Scarce, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Daniel Ostreicher, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. Also in attendance: Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement & Data Specialist, LAUSD District 3; Dr. Deborah Bryant; Mr. Carlos Torres.

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. A quorum was established.

Comments from the Chair: The March Avenue street tree historic monument designation was passed by City Council and is before the Office of Historical Resources.

Announcements: None.

Public Comments: None.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. Pedestrian Flags: Mr. Torres related the 30 year history of the Oakland Student Safety Patrol program. He said there are legal and risk management issues. Steve said he feels there are logistical issues and flags will end up across the street from where they are needed. Dr. Bryant said volunteers are needed to maintain flags. Dan thinks school PTAs can adopt this program. Mr. Torres said crossing guards employed by DOT are not volunteers. Anyone doing this would need to be trained. There is currently a hiring freeze but it has been years since the last reevaluation of where crossing guards are needed. Anthony said although it is difficult to do anything when school is not in session it is the perfect time to move forward with planning and we should keep the school principals in mind.

2. Utility Box Project: From the Office of the City Clerk: This would be a community improvement project and that approval would be required, a contract with the artist is required, a release of artwork is required. Anthony said he has a letter of support from the Chumash for the Roscoe box project.

3. Utility Box Art Project Next Locations: Anthony listed the seven suggested locations.

Daniel O. moved to adopt 'recommend' all seven locations. Dan B. seconded.

Yes – 5, No – 5, Abstain – 1

The motion does not carry.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: on Mural in West Hills: Anthony described this as a "heavy lift" and tabled the item until January 2021.

5. Holiday and End of Year Message to Stakeholders: There was a discussion on what the proper message would be. Saif said he hopes the major Islamic holidays which occur at a different time of year are not forgotten. Brad said making sure all stakeholders feel the message is for them and not excluded by a majority or other group is vitally important.

Steve moved to just say "Happy Holidays at the committee meeting. Myrl seconded.

Myrl recommended an expertly shot video message be taken to wish the community happy holidays.

Yes – 5, No – 5, Abstain – 1

The motion does not carry.

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM.