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## **WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

### **JOINT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**January 26, 2021**

**Online and Telephonic**

Committee members in attendance: Bob Brostoff, Carolyn Greenwood, Aida Abkarians, Dan Brin, Faye Barta, Bonnie Klea, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scarce, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Additional WHNC Board members in attendance: Tariq El-Atache, Olivia Naturman, and Daniel Osztreicher.

Co-chair Bob Brostoff called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was established.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. Comments from the Co-Chairs: None

6. Public Comment: None

#### Old Business:

7. Revised the Controller's Report Format: The current report was not distributed with the minutes. Bob said the current format is very large and committee members need time to study it. Item tabled to February.

#### New Business:

8. Budget Request in the amount of \$250 for payment to Iris Perez for painting 2 utility boxes. Streets & Transportation Committee Budget Line item 20: Olivia said the WHNC approved spending for supplies for the project and the only stipend for artists would be "in kind" consisting of left over paint and supplies. One artist, Ms. Perez, did not understand the agreement this way and submitted an invoice. Anthony said going forward all utility box art projects will be handled as Community Improvement Projects (CIP), and have a contract including a release of artwork. Brad said if the WHNC provides a stipend to one artist a stipend should be given to all artists whose work was approved at the same time. Olivia disagreed and stated the stipend is only required for the one artist who requested it. Char said there should be a consistent position on stipends for artists.

Approval of Budget Request in the amount of \$250 payable to Iris Perez

Yes – 6, No – 2, Abstain – 1, Absent – 5

The Budget Request is approved.

9. Discussion and possible action on approving Budget Request in the amount of \$100.00 for 33 certificate frames. Budget Line item 1: Dan B. said for two years the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) has urged the WHNC to apply for awards based on the certificates awarded and other neighborhood councils admire the effort as a way to encourage volunteerism and promote neighborhood councils. This action should provide sufficient frames for a couple of years.

Approval of Budget Request in the amount of \$100 for certificate frames

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5

The Budget Request is approved.

10. Revised Budget Request in the amount of \$7,175.65 for 2021 Board Elections. Budget Line items 10 and 39: Bob reviewed the WHNC election budget. The mailing will be USPS "Every Door" bulk mail with deliveries to all residences and business addresses in West Hills. The cost is about nineteen cents (\$0.19) per piece. The lawn signs can only be placed on private property. Anthony said he feels most of the election funds are being spent to inform voters and the recruiting of candidates has been neglected. Anthony also pointed out a photo contest was previously approved and this proposed budget is spending those funds and putting the project in jeopardy. Bob said the WHNC has extensively used electronic communication to recruit candidates. Daniel O. asked if lawn signs can be placed at parks. Dan B. said placing campaign signs on public property is against the law. After a discussion of the possible difference between candidate campaign signs and general election information signs it was decided the WHNC will ask the Department of recreation and Parks for permission to

place signs in parks. Signage in the form of banners at Shadow Ranch Park have been used with the Park's permission for previous elections when that was the polling location.

Approval of Budget Request in the amount of \$7,175.65 for 2021 Board Elections

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 5

The Budget Request is approved

Co-chair Bob Brostoff adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM

The next meeting of this committee will be held February 23 at 6:30 PM.