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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

January 18, 2022
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Attendance: Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Anthony Scarce, Myrl Schreibman, and Brad Vanderhoof
Absent: Brian Begun, Thomas Booth, Tariq El-Atrache, and Joan Trent
Other WHNC Board members in attendance: Glenn Jennings, Saif Mogri, and Rosi Mariconda
Guests: Aaron Schwartzbart

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

Comments from the Co-Chair(s): Anthony said it seems to him like there are daily accidents in or around West Hills and we need new solutions.

Announcements: None

Public Comments on matters of committee jurisdiction not on the agenda: Aaron Schwartzbart from Motor City Ministries said they just celebrated their 20th anniversary working with the LAPD on an anti-street-racing program for teens. Unfortunately they can only reach about one in one-thousand who need the program.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. General Speeding Solutions: Anthony said the problem is not just teenagers. Heidi asked if the extra patrols on Valley Circle are still in effect and Anthony replied they expired. Bob suggested a survey of West Hills to determine where left turn lanes and left turn arrows are needed. Dan asked if there has been feedback on technological solutions previously suggested by the committee. Anthony said he was told the infrared sensors will not be considered but he will ask again. Dan also said the committee could recommend “road diets” but that is a controversial subject. Steve said this issue was discussed at a recent CPAB meeting and LAPD is aware of the problems. He also West Hills is on the list for extra traffic attention but LAPD is short handed. Steve said he likes speed feedback signs. Saif asked about the request for stop signs on Vanowen between Platt and Valley Circle. Faye said people do not stop at the stop signs in her neighborhood. Dan said we should ask again for a traffic circle at Platt and Vanowen. Myrl said images make an impression and asked if we could find traffic safety videos and show them in schools. Anthony said drivers’ education is no longer taught in schools and is not required for anyone over the age of eighteen. Anthony described a new DOT program to paint highly visible crosswalks that create a three dimensional effect. He asked if the committee would support requesting an intersection in West Hills be included in the evaluation. Rosi asked if we could try and have a guest speaker at a school assembly. Faye asked if we could have a traffic safety forum with accident victims telling their stories similar to the active shooter forum. Anthony will investigate 3d crosswalks, a roundabout, and infrared sensors.

3. Speed Tables for speeding mitigation and suggested locations: Anthony presented the concept of speed tables. This will be on next month’s agenda.

2. Creation of a NC Alliance on Speeding: Anthony wants to create an NC alliance of Valley NCs because speaking together has more impact.

Myrl moved to have the Committee investigate establishing an alliance of NCs on traffic safety in the Valley.
Bob seconded.

Roll call vote on the amendment;

Faye Barta – Yes, Brian Begun – Absent, Thomas Booth – Absent, Dan Brin – Yes,
Bob Brostoff – Yes, Tariq El-Atrache – Absent, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Heidi Manning – Yes,
Steve Randall – Yes, Anthony Scearce – Yes, Myrl Schreibman – Yes, Joan Trent – Absent,
Brad Vanderhoof – Yes

Yes – 9, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 4, Recusal – 0

The motion passes.

4. Pedestrian Flags: Item tabled to February.

5. LAX Noise Roundtable: Item tabled to February.

Committee Co-chair Anthony Scearce adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30 PM.