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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:00 PM

APPROVED

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Charlene Rothstein, Faye Barta, Saif Mogri, Brad Vanderhoof, Jack Feldman and Rosi Mariconda.

Other Attendees: Joan Trent, Christina Walsh, Chris Rowe, Bonnie Klea and Sriya Datla.

The minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting and from the May 11, 2022 meeting were approved.

Comments from the Co- Chairs: Alec and Steve did not have any comments.

Discussion began with a review by Alec of the DTSC/Boeing agreement describing the cleanup to residential standards with removal of radioactive areas to be cleaned to background, and storm water to be part of the cleanup. The use of a residence with backyard garden standard was questioned since the end use of the property would be open space and not for development, and it was said that the agreement is flexible. Christina suggested that similar language contained in this agreement be applied to the AOC's to get them out of this continued stalemate. Bonnie stated that someone she did not know told her on the phone that the area 1 burn pit was a time bomb ready to go off, with a buried reactor, and that contamination has moved 3 miles off of SSFL. Bonnie stated that there is contamination at Corporate Pointe and Hidden Lake and she was requested to bring in what evidence she may have. Char said that results of past testing of the groundwater in Hidden Lake had been negative.

It was mentioned that various announcements and positions are being issued by various government offices about the cleanup, without any consultation from the neighborhood councils, and it was suggested that this Committee and the Council should issue statements to agencies and elected officials regarding the cleanup to remind them of the WHNC position and participation in the cleanup. This is an example that warrants a WHNC opinion, and it should become a regular practice on community issues. Discussion centered on the SSFL and the community knowledge of the facts and risks and the need for the WHNC to communicate accurate information. It was agreed that we would create a letter reflecting this committee's position.

Christina said that we need to get this cleanup right for the future generations.

The Committee welcomed the new member of Youth Advisory Committee to our meeting and wished her well in representing the future generations of West Hills.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.