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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1. Call To Order & Establish a Quorum
2. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2022
3. Comments from the Co-chairs
4. Presentation & Discussion on Rethinking the Electric Grid
5. General Public Comments
6. Adjourn Meeting

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Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022 7:00 PM

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Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Saif Mogri, Faye Barta, Brad Vanderhoof, Rosi Mariconda and Joan Trent. Other Attendees: Bonnie Klea and Christina Walsh

Christina Walsh stated that her comments were not included in the minutes regarding her EV experience. Steve explained that only attendees and vote results were required and that he did not include Saif's experience on his trip either in order to keep the minutes to one page. Christina did not accept that explanation and left the meeting. The minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting was approved as written.

Comments from the Chair(s): There were no comments.

During the Discussion & Possible Action on Taking a Position Against the Release of Genetically Engineered (GE) Mosquitoes in California, Steve Randall mentioned that the committee had not taken a position on this item at the last meeting. Saif mentioned that we lack the expertise to take a position on this agenda item. Joan questioned why we were hesitant on taking a position on this item. Chris Rowe suggested getting an expert from CSUN or UCLA to speak to the Board. The committee decided not to move forward on this subject.

Agenda item 5 on the Boeing MOU has been added to the agenda at the request of Christina Walsh during the October meeting. Because she had previously left the meeting, she was not present to comment. Chris Rowe mentioned that the Water Board was meeting tomorrow and she provided some background on this subject. She stated that there is a second litigation after Boeing and DTSC agreed on a MOU, and that the same folks keep filing lawsuits and therefore, this issue never gets resolved. Also, that all Board members need to become knowledgeable so that educated actions can be taken.

There was much of discussion on coordinating a tree give away. Chris Rowe mentioned that she had a lemon and a blood orange tree that she would like to be transplanted. There was also discussion on how large trees in residential neighborhoods, especially pine trees, can be a danger to the neighborhood. Some of the trees have been damaging the sidewalks that can be a danger to pedestrians. There was some discussion on which committee should take the lead on the tree giveaway program. Chris Rowe mentioned that drought tolerant trees should be considered because of drought in Southern California. Steve and Brad will contact CD12 to see what they can offer and investigate the list of trees available.

Chris Rowe talked about the SSFL site and mentioned that Board members should be aware of all the SSFL issues. Steve and Char are discussing how best to educate the Board without bias,

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is December 14, 2022.