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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 25, 2016

West Hills Hospital, West Hills

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Those in attendance were: Tony Brosamle, Reeyan Raynes, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Russ Kornack – community stakeholder, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. A quorum was established.

Committee Chair Reeyan Raynes called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

- 2) The September 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
- 3) Chair Comments: Blue Star Memorial – The West Hills Garden Club has informed Reeyan that another group has made a donation to the project. The dedication of the memorial is planned for January.
- 4) Public Comments: Heidi recommended a certificate of appreciation be presented to the Justice Street Elementary School PTA for their work to clean up along the wash near the school. She also suggested the committee consider recognition of Lowe's for the area near Nevada Elementary School. Heidi mentioned that the vacant house on the corner of March Avenue and Justice Street has a legal notice with the name of the owner's attorney posted on the twelve foot high perimeter fence, and she asked if the WHNC could contact the owner or the owner's attorney to inquire as to the status of and future plans for the property. Heidi suggested the committee compile a list of bus stops without trash cans. Reeyan advised that there is data available on the Clean Streets LA website, which has a link on the Beautification Committee page. Tony said he will make this an item on the agenda for the November meeting.
- 5) 10/15 Cleanup: Tony stated there was a distressing lack of participation by WHNC board members at recent Beautification Committee events and emphasized the need to build support in addition that provided by the Key Club. He stated the cleanup was a success despite the low turnout.
- 6) December Community Cleanup Projects: The December Cleanup Project was scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Potential target locations: Medical Center Drive between Woodlake and the Hospital (Tony); Sherman Way along the Platt Curve (Dan); Valley Circle and Stagg (Reeyan); and the alley off Roscoe and Burton behind Abby's Diner (Dan). The Committee voted Sherman Way along the Platt Curve as the location for the December Cleanup Event.
- 7) 11/5/16 Community Cleanup Project: To be held in cooperation with The Church at Rocky Peak. Olivia provided a status on the West Hills Post Office project; trees are on order and will be delivered to the post office, soil and wood chips will also be available. Home Depot has agreed to be a partner and will

provide plants (WHNC can publicize this online but there will not be signage at the event). Tony stated that Rocky Peak is running this show and WHNC is acting in a supporting role. He stressed that WHNC and the Beautification Committee need to have a presence at all work sites in West Hills. Captains were selected for the work sites: Pomello Elementary School – Aida, West Hills Post Office – Olivia, Nevada Elementary School – Reeyan, Saticoy and Woodlake – Tony, Valley Circle from Strathern to Roscoe – Thomas, Roscoe at Orcutt Ranch – Brad.

- 8) Committee Letters to the Community: Thomas outlined a strategy to increase stakeholder participation through community letters. He proposed the amending the committee mission statement ‘to include promoting stakeholder responsibility for their property upkeep and maintenance.’ Thomas also introduced a spreadsheet to ‘create tracking system of chronic, repeat locations and committee actions taken on specific locations.’ Brad suggested adding columns, which can be hidden for distribution, to track letters and other contacts with property owners. Thomas distributed a plan titled “Modified generic letter(s) for chronic overgrowth areas, esp. w/common side or back wall facing street” to the group. Joan asked for the addition of the term ‘role model’ to the plan and community letters. Tony tabled this item until the November meeting, and asked the group to prepare their comments prior to the meeting. Reeyan asked the group to send suggestions to Thomas prior to the meeting.
- 9) Lazy J Park Fence Replacement: Reeyan reported this project is still in the planning phase. Tony stated the Committee needs to determine a position. Ron will check if the homeowner’s associations on the east and south sides of the park care to comment. Thomas said he thinks the public will be unhappy with a chain link fence and expressed a desire to see a dog park created. Tony stated the Committee needs to obtain quotes for a wrought iron replacement fence, and repair of the existing fence. Dan stated the Committee needs to solicit public input. Reeyan will ask Jessie Strobel from CD12 for a status report.
- 10) MYLA311 Walks: No Discussion. Item is tabled.
- 11) Vacant Public Parcels: Item is tabled until November.
- 12) No Additional Business

Reeyan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday November 5, 2016. This is a joint effort with The Church at Rocky Peak at multiple locations specified in Item 7. Additional areas may be included as workload and workforce dictate.

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Tuesday November 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM at West Hills Hospital, First Floor Conference Room.