

## Minutes

### Community Services Committee Meeting

July 23, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Fire Station 84, 21050 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364

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**Committee Chair, Bill Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.**

**Roll Call** was conducted by the Chair; a quorum was reached with 7 committee members present: Bill Anderson, Kathy Davis, Zack King, Heath Kline, Sean McCarthy, Pat Patton, and Albert Saur. Absent: Melanie King. Also attending the meeting were Dennis DiBiase (*WHWCNC vice Chair*) and Scott Silverstein (*WHWCNC Chair*), and Vahid Khorsand.

**Approval of Minutes:** The draft of the May 29, 2013 meeting minutes was approved with amendment. As there was no draft minutes available for the March 26, 2013 meeting, approval was postponed.

**Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.

#### Committee Agenda Items

##### 1. DWP Smart Meters

Zack King reported that he had forwarded Cindy Sage's (Sage Associates) comments regarding the DWP's smart meter presentation at the 8 May 2013 WHWCNC Board meeting to Marcelo Di Paolo. Mr. Di Paolo has yet to respond.

Zack King and Bill Anderson reported that they had attended the 1 June DWP/Neighborhood Council meeting. The discussion at the meeting concerned the situation in the Sacramento delta and its effect on the water supply of Los Angeles. Bill Anderson reported that he had spoken to Rate Payer Advocate, Fred Pickel after the meeting about the smart meter issue. Mr. Pickel expressed no interest in the subject.

**Action Item:** Follow up with Marcelo Di Paolo of LADWP regarding his response to Cindy Sage's comments about his 8 May 2013 presentation. (*Zack King*)

##### 2. Neighborhood Clean Up Program

###### *Committee Member Reports on Area Clean-Up Issues*

Sean McCarthy, Zack King, and Bill Anderson provided clean up issues for discussion. These issues will be taken by Bill Anderson to Bob Blumenfield's office for discussion. Sean McCarthy observed that the City should have a way for stakeholders to post pictures of street problems. Vahid Khorsand reported that the City has a "311" App for smart phones that will allow pictures to be posted. This App can be obtained from iTunes and Android stores. Discussion ensued about the value of such Apps both as a community involvement mechanism (example: in some eastern cities there is an App that enables the public to identify fire hydrants that have been

covered by snow for city workers to dig out) and the public relations value of photographing repair problems, posting them on the NC website along with photos of the repairs.

Sean McCarthy reported that there were a great number of empty tree wells on Ventura Boulevard. These present a “trip” hazard to pedestrians and should be closed off. Discussion of the reasons for the empty wells included a reported reluctance of some landlords to water the trees because they obstruct store signs. It was offered that there should be a “community standard” for such types of maintenance.

It was observed that one way to pay for such things as the watering of trees on Ventura Boulevard and other street improvements is for some of the money from parking meter fees to be put back into the community that the fees came from. This idea should be discussed with Blumenfield’s office.

**Action Item:** Inform the appropriate staff member at Councilman Blumenfield’s office about the clean up issues identified by the Committee. (*Bill Anderson*)

### ***Discussion of Program Procedures***

The Committee discussed how to handle the money that outgoing 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Dennis Zine had made available to District 3 Neighborhood Councils for street repairs. It was felt that the money should be used for curb and sidewalk grinding & filing (hardscape problems) and not for potholes. As a general timeline, the Committee thought that three months should be spent gathering information on what is in need of repair and an additional three months be devoted getting the projects picked and set up for repair. The best solution for selecting projects would be to get project nominations from stakeholders. To this end, flyers should be done to solicit nominations and handed out at Concerts-in-the-Park. PR will be done by Bill Anderson, Vahid Khorsand, and Zack King.

### **3. Senior Citizen Program**

Kathy Davis reported that she is researching activities for seniors.

### **4. New Business**

There was no New Business for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bill Anderson,  
Committee Chairman

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