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**WOODLAND HILLS-
WARNER CENTER
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

**Special Environmental Sustainability and Beautification Committee Meeting
MINUTES**

**Woodland Hills Branch Library
Second Floor**

22200 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

May 31, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

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1. Call to Order: *Karen DiBiase, 6:35pm*
2. Committee Members: Chair – Karen DiBiase, Sean McCarthy, Rachel Waddy, Gretchen Gesell, Christine Robinson, Mihran Kalaydjian

Quorum at time of meeting called to order: 4

Present: Karen DiBiase, Sean McCarthy, Rachel, Gretchen Gesell

Absent: Christine Robinson, Mihran Kalaydjian

3. Public Announcements by city officials and representatives: *None*
4. Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): *None*
5. Approval of Committee Minutes: April 18, 2023.

Motion: *Karen DiBiase, Second: Gretchen Gesell*

Roll Call Vote

PASS *Yes: 4* *No: 0* *Abstain: 0* *Total: 15*

- *YES: Karen DiBiase, Sean McCarthy, Rachael Waddy, Gretchen Gesell*
- *NO:*
- *ABSTAIN:*

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Stakeholder Public Comment will be taken on each agenda item: (2) minutes per speaker

Item One:

Continued discussion of ways to promote Woodland Hills to be greener, cleaner and improve our shared community. Possible tree planting and maintenance. Contact LA City Forestry Dept for tree trimming, maintenance, and replacement. Will need to work up a grid of areas that need attention.

Idea discussed:

Pick up trash when you see it

Contact SLO Dense to see what we can do and/or call 311

Reach out to older neighbors to help with weed clean-up

Donate used clothes/furniture (SF Rescue Mission will pick up items at your house)

Item Two:

Discussion on support for WHWCNC's FIRST SATURDAY CLEAN-UP TEAM. Can we get a schedule of proposed clean up sites so they can be advertised on our NC website?

Idea discussed:

Will work with Sean McCarthy to schedule locations for First Saturday Clean-ups, and will post on the NC Website.

Item Three:

Discussion on partnering with Volunteers Cleaning Communities and/or The Tree People for a future event. Are there other organizations? Dates?

Idea discussed:

Met with Jill Mather from VCC. Will work on organizing a quarterly big clean-up with their help.

VCC does "litter pick-up" and not beautification (weed pick-up)

VCC typically assigns 2 people per ½ mile for litter pick-up

Work on rallying the community to come help out (MEET UP APP-use as a sign-up list for events)

Possible 2 locations: Burbank/Victory/Canoga, LA River/Erwin/Variel

Item Four:

Discussion on pre-planning of next year's "big event" for Arbor Day in 2024 (April 26th).

Idea discussed:

Will discuss at a future committee meeting when the date is closer

Item Five:

Gretchen to talk about issues regarding possible hazards with artificial lawns and safer alternatives.

Idea discussed:

Gretchen to write up her comments and distribute them to the committee to discuss.

Artificial lawns contain chemicals within the micro-plastic fibers that can cause harm humans/pets and fill up our land fill as it should be replaced every 10 years.

Will work on submitting a CIS to CD3-Bob Blumenfield

Item Six:

Karen attended the 5th Annual Virtual Beautification Conference, hosted by the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Will give update to the committee of the zoom meeting.

Idea discussed:

Ran out of time during meeting to complete item#6. Will discuss at a future committee meeting

Item Seven:

New Business to be placed on the next committee meeting agenda

Adjournment of Meeting: 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by Karen DiBiase, Chair

The next meeting will be on **June 9, 2023** (second Tuesday) at the Woodland Hills Branch Library.

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