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## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA SEPT. 18, 2008, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM STONEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:

Royan Herman, Bart Paul, Fritz Bronner, Terry Kaiser, Nancy Woodruff, Billy Hayes, Chris Hughes, Kristin Sabo, Ken Keeble, Cheryl Greslie, Dale Gibson, Kevin Davis, John Blue (arrived late).

### B. Remarks from public representatives:

**GRAYCE LIU:** From DONE on committee structure - Oct 11, 2008 is Congress and Budget Day. Work shops to public. Free all day event. Interact with City Council to communicate about rules that govern committees, such as: Board members not on committees may observe only and four board members on any committee, max. What is disposition if one or more of board committee members is absent? May other board members, up to 4, then participate? Grayce will ask City attorney. Presently 7 board members for Land Use. Board must decide which 4 members will remain on Land Use Committee.

**Re Land Use Committee:** Billy Hayes, Cile Borman, Bart Paul and Terry Kaiser have resigned from the committee, leaving 3 board members on the committee. Terry Kaiser opts to re-join, providing Land Use with 4 board members. Any conflict of interest to be discussed with City Attorney.

**ANGELA MOTTA:** CD 2 Deputy announced ribbon cutting for Stonehurst Trail 9:00 A.M. at Stonehurst Elementary. This Friday, 9/19/2008. Equine Chip-a-Thon, Stonehurst Park, 10/14/08, 2 to 4 pm. \$15.00 to micro-chip and \$14.00 to license. October 11, 2008, Child Health and Safety Fair, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M, Valley Plaza Recreation Center.

### C. Public Comment on non-agenda items

**Electra Kruger:** 1) John Parks case back in court. Judge says fix La Tuna illegal grading or go to jail. LADBS will review soils report. If approved will permit repairs. 2) ISS (Prop House on Wentworth) had too many parked trucks, 25 permitted. Trees are 24 inch box trees. CUP calls for 36 inch trees. ISS will comply.

**Carol Lutner:** 38 Assembly district candidate – Presented to introduce herself. Made an election speech. Not permitted at NC meetings.

**David Levin:** Office employee. Former minute's taker. Read statement of his work for FTDNC. Requests full transcript of comments in the minutes. Note: In the interest of brevity comments are available in the office for anyone wishing to read their entirety.

**Mary Ann Geyer:** Submitted bylaw draft changes for addition to October agenda, discussion and vote.

**Mary Benson:** 1) Founder and Chair of LA Trails Project – Expands on Stonehurst Trail dedication. Santa Monica Conservancy to attend because trail will become part of Rim of the Valley. Please come on horse back.  
2) Note: January 2008 minutes were approved per February 2008 minutes. 3) Olympic style torch relay over Rim of the Valley trail. Dates to be announced. Rim of the Valley project AB1416 was approved during Deukmejian term and makes the trail an official public resource.

**Dale Gibson:** Reminder re October 4<sup>th</sup> Ride for a Cure event at Gibson Ranch. Thanks for support. Pre-Registration is Friday September 18, 2008. Sponsored by ETI Corral 210, supported by FTDNC.

**Cile Borman:** Thanked envelope stuffers. Wants outreach using Foothill Bridge lights, to be named “Let the Lights Shine”. Has 4 bridge lights from 1930’s reserved from Public Works. Proposes placement of lamps in various parts of FTDNC area. . Otis Wallace will temporarily store lights.

**Royan Herman:** In 2008, the equestrian community is welcome to ride the Griffith Park Christmas Light Festival thanks to Councilman Tom LaBonge. Between Dec. 8th and Dec. 28th on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 PM to 7 PM. Riders may park rigs at Travel Town staging area and enter the Light Festival from the Ranger Station side, only.

#### **D. Approval and possible corrections of Aug. 21, General Meeting minutes:**

No discussion. August 25 meeting minutes approved. August 21 minutes tabled for lack of reference copies.

**E. Approval and possible correction of minutes by previous board: Sept. Oct. and Dec. 2007, Feb. and March, 2008, general meetings, plus March 4 Special Joint Meeting.** Ken Keeble moves to approve old minutes in a bundle. Fritz Bronner second. Motion carried. Unanimous. David Levin wishes to comment on March and June minutes. Not on agenda. Rejected.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Kevin Davis:** Finance Committee – Treasurer’s report - Verizon, Visa and cable bills paid. Cannot pay more bills until October. Board must plan ahead with fiscal caution. Credit card is last resort. \$60.00 remains for petty cash through September.

2. **Billy Hays:** Rules and Elections - Making progress on bylaw changes for October.

3. **Fritz Bronner:** Land Use – Meeting is first Tuesday of every month. Longford parcel in LVT calls for 3, 11,000 lots. Committee wants 2 horse keeping lots. City will support Land Use recommendation for 2, horse legal lots. With appropriate committee member structure, a Land Use chair can now be elected at next meeting. City quashed a one acre project in La Tuna Canyon, but the project but has been presented again. Will be discussed in next meeting.

4. **Cris Hughes:** Outreach – Area 1 event postponed to October 31, permit problems. Area 4 event begins this Sat, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers to man booths. Closing day, October is biggest day. Hopes to use Channel 20 to inform people about FTDNC. Want to create FTDNC community Calendar, presently investigating for 2009. Board retreat in planning stage. Time Warner wireless network now in office and wireless internet connection is functioning.

5. **Marlene Rader:** Lopez Canyon Ad Hoc Committee - Letter from Khalil Gharios, states that CEQA does not approve truck driving school. More research needed. The letter is a partial approval of amendment to final closure plan for Lopez Canyon, (file no. 69-068 order No. R4-2004-0176, CI-5636) Have received no reply to Public Information Demand letter. Hopes FTDNC will approve another letter.

**6. Royan Herman: Equestrian committee** – 1) asks for motion to support Equestrian Bill of Rights, submitted for approval. 2) During “Ride for Cure” event will solicit Bill of Rights support signatures on a petition for presentation to City Council. 3) Will solicit horse licenses during Ride for a Cure. 4) Chair requested calls to CD 2 office every third day to encourage Council member to get “Horse Task Force” out of committee. 5) Letter re Griffith Park historical status will go back to committee.

**F. Action issue:** Royan Herman submits letter of thanks and support for complete and future Department of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification grants. New grant app for additional trail construction to be submitted on October 24 for \$10,000. Friends of Stonehurst hopes to finish trail through to Sunland with the second grant. Motion to approve by Cheryl Greslie. Second by Cris Hughes. Ken Keeble opposed. Kris Sabo abstained. Friendly amendment to motion requires sentence to be changed in final paragraph to offer support for Friends of Stonehurst in their efforts to receive second grant.

**G. President’s Announcements:** 1) NC Congress and Budget Day, October 11, needs volunteers to attend. Kris Sabo and Nancy Woodruff will go. 2) Erwing Davis is excused from meetings and we must call on him as he is struggling with serious illness.

#### **H. ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Area four Outreach:** Vote \$200 for Outreach. Cile mailed flyer to area 4. Cile needs additional \$400. Kevin (treasurer) has enough money to cover cost. Chris Hughes requested that this issue be temporarily tabled. Item returned to Budget Committee.

**2. Computer Training:** Cris Hughes requests use of the \$500 from Outreach, originally allocated to Royan Herman for computer training to Cris Hughes. Royan Herman has no objections. Motion by Ken Keeble. Seconded by Ceil Borman seconded – motion carried unanimous.

**3. Camera and Recording Equipment:** Terry Kaiser states that he can purchase requirements for \$600. Discussion became a debate. Matter referred to Finance Committee by motion. Motion by Kevin Davis. Seconded by Fritz Bonner Second. Passed unanimous.

**4. LAMC, Community Plan and Specific Plan purchase:** To spend up to \$100 from the Operation budget. Book form of LAMC with updates actually costs \$185.00, however board members can obtain Community Plans and Specific Plans in Van Nuys at no cost. Motion by Cile Borman. Seconded by John Blue – Unanimous.

**5. Purchase of Dry Erase board + office supplies, to \$500:** Kevin Davis wants authorization. Office supplies referred back to the Budget Committee for recommendations.

**6. Refreshments, up to \$100, Outreach budget, 9/19/08 Dedication of Stonehurst trail built with previous City beautification grant.** Motion by. Second by Kevin Davis - Passed, unanimous.

**7. Appointment of Minutes Taker + cost + guidelines:**

MaryAnn Geyer, Ken Keeble, Billy Hays and Royan Herman make same point: Bylaws state that Recording Secretary is responsible for selecting a minute's taker or may opt to take minutes. Not a board decision. Board cannot vote wage rate for minutes because City has contracts with 4 temp agencies and rates are fixed.

Motion by Kevin Davis to make current minute's taker official until otherwise informed for purposes of payment. Seconded by Fritz Bonner – Passed, Unanimous.

**8. Apology letter to Mali Bakhtar:** Billy Hays states that letter was not posted 72 hours prior to meeting, that letter is not in keeping with results of meeting with DONE and objects to content. (Tabled until October general meeting)

9. There was no item number 9 on the agenda. Skipped from 8 to 14.

**14. Proposed move of Oct. general meeting to Fenton School:** (taken out of order by request of Kevin Davis) FTDNC general meeting is normally scheduled in LVT for this November, per rotation. General meeting should Kevin Davis, Motion to meet in November at Fenton School made by Kevin Davis, Second Cris Hughes Motion approved unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM. FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED:**

10. Purchase of software for office computer.

11. Correspondence Secretary to approve incoming e-mails for forwarding.

12. By-Law change vote:

Article VII, Board of Directors, E. Committees,

d. (from) "All committee formation periods shall be 30 days, but shall be extended until minimum membership is reached. After the formation period additional members may be added by a majority vote of the committee members."

(to) "All committee formation periods shall be 45 days, but shall be extended until minimum membership is reached. After the formation period additional members may be added by a majority vote of the committee members." (Billy Hays – 5 min).

13. Overtime payments not to exceed \$70 for Stonehurst School maintenance personnel and LVT Rec Center staff on meeting nights. (Cile Borman – 5 min)

I. Comments from the FTDNC Board (two minutes only)

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