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General Meeting
Feb. 26, 2009 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Lake View Terrace
DRAFT MINUTES

A. Call to Order, 7:05 pm

Roll Call: Bart Paul, Royan Herman, Cris Hughes, Fritz Bronner, Kevin Davis, Nancy Woodruff, Terry Kaiser, Cheryl Greslie, Billy Hays, John Blue, Erwing Davis

Absent: Dale Gibson, Kris Sabo, Cile Borman, Ken Keeble

B Public Comment on non-agenda items :

- **Debbie Stevens:** Thinks FTDNC board should file a “grievance” against Royan Herman. States that Royan asked the board to allow LADBS violator to move U Haul trucks to the rear of his nursery. Royan stated that violator is her friend.
- **John Blue:** Has West Nile Virus. Offered insight into disease and flyers to help people learn symptoms and determine if they have WNV.
- **Mary Benson:** Elected to North Valley Mayor’s Budget Oversight Committee. She is charged with making budget recommendations to the Mayor. Suggests that we support her recommendation to not reduce LADBS enforcement.

C. Remarks from public representatives:

- **Angela Motta:** (a) Recap of dedication of 200 plus acres purchased by the City through the efforts of Wendy Greuel. Land located in Verdugo Mountains at La Tuna, adjacent to the #210 freeway. (b) Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee needs a volunteer from FTDNC. Asks for a horse person. Terry Kaiser volunteers. Meeting on March 12.

D. Presentation & possible FTDNC response to the MND issued for Lopez Canyon Truck Driving Academy. (Nancy - 20 minutes)

- **Nancy Woodruff:** Distributes copies of letter previously sent via email to the board.. Letter created by Loyola law students as part of an assignment. Presents explanation of manner in which projects move through City Planning. States that because driving academy is a City project, it is not subject to many procedures required of citizen projects. Land Use letter addresses FTDNC objections and requests a full EIR.

MOTION: By Fritz – Royan second - recommendation to forward letter to Karen Coca, City of LA, objecting to the truck driving academy. Unanimous passage.

E. Presentation with possible CIS re LADBS citation, File # 244412 in re U Haul Rental activity on Foothill Blvd at Neighborhood Nursery.

MOTION: By Fritz, - Nancy second – to send letter to LADBS in re U Haul enforcement. Eleven yea. Zero nay. Royan abstains based on friendship with subject of motion.

F. Update All Nations Church traffic study (Michael Carpenter):

Traffic Study done and horse friendly traffic signal under consideration. Church has budgeted a new traffic study. They hope to install the signal light at the entrance to the church.

G. Approval and possible corrections to 1/22 and 2/19 Gen. Meetings minutes

- **January 22, 2009 minutes approved by motion, as written.**
- **February 19, 2009 minutes referred for approval by motion to the Rules and Elections Committee for any changes.**

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee:

- **Kevin:** presented poster showing phases of City budgeting for our education.
- Delineation of expenses and bills approved for payment.
- **MARY BENSON** – Cost of attending March 23 Park Advocacy Day in Sacramento will be in the vicinity of \$600 if FTDNC wants to send a legislative advocate.
- From within office equipment budget, Kevin will buy a new cooler and paper.

MOTION: By Kevin, Second by Terry- to authorize submission of request for \$5,000 in matching funds for Stonehurst. Confirmation of previously approved commitment. Passed unanimous.

2. Land use (Nancy Woodruff)

- **VA** - Hearing has taken place. ZA, Linn Wyatt, has extended public comment through Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.
- **Vulcan** – Possible new problem. More later.
- **Vinedale School** - Is receiving their computer equipment.

3. Outreach (Cris Hughes)

- As weather breaks it is time to again think of outreach events.
- Outreach meeting – March 12, 6 PM

4. Lopez Canyon subcommittee (Marlene Rader)

- Form letters available to submit an objection to the Truck Driving Academy.

5. Equestrian committee (Royan Herman)

- (a) Terry Kaiser, Dale Gibson, Mary Benson, Elaine Brown and Royan Herman attended the City Council meeting held in Van Nuys on Friday to speak in favor of LA City Equestrian Advisory Committee. (b) Now that there is work to be done, meetings will resume.

6. Watershed committee (Mary Benson)

- Received box of docs in re ANGC. Plans for the preserve management were missing.

- Wants to know if offer to donate land for preserve is legit. There are numerous parcels and ANGC has never identified parcels to be donated.
- ANGC has acknowledged that CUP trails condition is not complete. Required to create a trail between Foothill and Oro Vista. There is none. Three trails are required. One has been built. On Feb. 13, 8 page letter submitted to Mr. Weintraub. Requests NC to support letter. Bart agrees that we will agendaize for March meeting.

I. Discussion and possible action to draft a letter to appropriate agencies supporting minimum fees for use of LA Rec & Parks pools. (Kevin Davis)

- In 1980's there was a minimum charge. Later began allowing kids and senior in for free.
- Discourages organized activity. No more low cost lessons and teams. Original process was to get them trained so that they were ready to work when appropriate.
- The costs of lessons and teams has risen 400 to 600%.
- Kevin will prepare a letter representing FTDNC to Council asking for restoration of minimum fees for pool entry.

MOTION: By Fritz, Cheryl Second – letter to reestablish minimum fees for pool use.

J. Comments from the FTDNC Board

John Blue – Introduces Shadow Hills attorney, Gary Brown.

K. Adjourned at – 8:30 PM