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**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, September 27, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.
Church of the Foothills, 13425 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. The Agenda is posted for public review at: 1) Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342; 2) Sylmar City Library, 14561 Polk St., Sylmar, CA 91342; 3) Mission College, Office of the President posting location, 13356 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342; 4) Ross Liquor, 12643 San Fernando Rd., Sylmar, CA 91342, Sylmar, CA 91342; 5) Roxford Veterinarian Clinic, 13571 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, Ca 91342; and 6) Sylmar Neighborhood Council Office, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, Ca. 91342. As a courtesy and as time permits Agendas may be emailed to Stakeholders if requested and may be found on the SNC website at www.SylmarNC.org.

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- 6:30-6:32 p.m. **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** (2)
- 6:32-6:35 p.m. **2. Roll Call.** (3)
- 6:35-6:40 p.m. **3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper.** (5)
- 6:40-6:45 p.m. **4. Welcome and Introduction by Board Meeting Host.** (5)
- 6:45-6:50 p.m. **5. Approval of Minutes** of the August 23, 2012 General Board Meeting and July 26, 2012 Special Board Meeting. (5)

Reports

- 6:50-7:10 p.m. **6. Reports.** Two minutes each by Committee Chair(s) (20) {Please submit all reports in writing to the Secretary or V.P. of Administration within 10 days after the BOD meeting}:
Secretary – David Levin
Treasurer – Richard Perry
Land Use – George Ortega and Roy Smith, Co-Chairs
Outreach – Kristin Mills, Deidre Campbell-Jones and Diana Valencia, Co-Chairs
Government Affairs, Public Safety & Services – Chris Shows, Chair
Green – Rosemary Jenkins, Chair
Equestrian – Cheri Blose and Laurie Fadness, Co-Chairs
Bylaws – Derek Martin, Chair.
Additional Reports - Requested by the President.

- 7:10-7:20 p.m. **7. Board Member Announcements and Comments.** (10)
- 7:20-7:30 p.m. **8. Public Comments.** Comments from the public on non-Agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (10)

Unfinished Business

- 7:30-7:40 p.m. **9. Discussion and possible action** to submit a letter to L.A. City Councilmember Alarcon to support the Beyond Coal LA Coalition and endorse the campaign to get L.A. off coal by 2020. Presentation by Ann Job for Green Committee Chair Rosemary Jenkins. (10)

Recess: 7:40-7:55 p.m. (15)

New Business

- 7:55-8:05 p.m. **10. Discussion and possible vote** to financially support five major community events this year: Sylmar Olive Festival, Race for Youth, Veteran’s Day Parade, and Sylmar Park Easter/Halloween events. (10)
- 8:05-8:15 p.m. **11. Discussion and possible vote** to financially support the SFV Veteran’s Parade, scheduled for 11/10/12, amount not to exceed \$2,000. Presentation by Dan Rosales. (10)
- 8:15-8:25 p.m. **12. Discussion and possible vote** to write a letter of support for the development of a Memorial and establishment of a park at the site of the 1971 Sylmar Tunnel Disaster (Maclay & Fenton). Presentation by Steve Inagaki. (10)
- 8:25-8:35 p.m. **13. Discussion and possible vote** on the approval/disapproval of a zoning variance for 13389 Hubbard Ave. Recommended for non-approval by Land Use Committee. Presentation by George Ortega and Roy Smith. (10)
- 8:35-8:45 p.m. **14. Discussion and possible vote** on the approval/disapproval of a zoning variance for 13064 Borden Ave. Recommended for approval by Land Use Committee. Presentation by George Ortega & Roy Smith. (10)
- 8:45-8:55 p.m. **15. Discussion and possible vote** on the appointment of a second Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Representative to the vacant Board Seat. (10)
- 8:55-9:05 p.m. **16. Board Member Comments** - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. (10)
- 9:05-9:08 p.m. **17. Future Agenda Items, next Meeting date** - Please submit in writing to Executive Board. The next General Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Concordia Jr./Sr. High School, corner of Astoria & Eldridge, Sylmar, CA 91342. (3)
- 9:08-9:10 p.m. **18. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** (2)
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Grievance Procedure

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted to the Secretary who will forward the grievance to the Board. The Board of Directors shall then refer the matter within fifteen calendar days to an ad hoc grievance panel. The ad hoc grievance panel will be comprised of five Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved within fifteen calendar days of forwarding the grievance to the panel.

Thereafter, a panel Member shall prepare a written report within three days to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors will receive a copy of the panel’s report and recommendations within ten (10) days prior to any meeting of the Board. But, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board Members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Boards failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City’s Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and /or State and federal law. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.

Bylaws Article VIII: Meetings

Reconsidering of Agenda items: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the Agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall (1) make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the Agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. For a Board Member to submit a motion for reconsideration the Board Member must have previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then the Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

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