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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 20, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – 9:12 p.m.

Sylmar High School / Spartan Hall, 13050 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

The Agenda is posted for public review at the Los Angeles Public Library (Sylmar Branch), 14561 Polk Street, Sylmar, CA 91342. As a courtesy, and as time permits, agendas may be emailed to Stakeholders if requested. Agendas may also be found on the SNC website at www.SylmarNC.org. You may also subscribe to receive them via email through the City's Early Notification System (ENS) at the following link: <http://www.lacity.org/government/Subscriptions/NeighborhoodCouncils/index.htm>

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The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Comments from the public on agenda items will only be heard when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items period.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed by visiting our website at www.SylmarNC.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact President Ann Job at Ann.Job@SylmarNC.org.

The below times are only estimates. Items may be addressed in a different order and/or at different times. Below times are inclusive of board discussion and possible vote.

- 6:30 – 6:32 p.m. **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2)**
- 6:32 – 6:34 p.m. **2. Roll Call – Ann Job, President (2)**
- 6:34 – 6:35 p.m. **3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper – Diane Valencia (1)**
- 6:35 – 6:36 p.m. **4. Secretary's report – David Levin (1)**
- 6:36 – 6:38 p.m. **5. Welcome and Announcements by Board Meeting facility Host – Derek Martin (2)**
- 6:38 – 6:41 p.m. **6. Approval of Minutes of the October 23, 2014 General Board Meeting (3)**
- 6:41 – 7:01 p.m. **7. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations (10)**
7a. Questions / Comments from the Public (10)
- 7:01 – 7:11 p.m. **8. Board Member Community Announcements. (10)**
- 7:11 – 7:33 p.m. **9. Committee Reports (22)**
Executive Committee (4)
Budget Committee – Patricia Rau (1-2)

Outreach Committee – Maria Silva (1-2)
Equestrian Committee – Cheri Blose (1-2)
Bylaws Committee – Roy Smith (1-2)
Planning & Land Use Committee – (1-2)
Government Affairs & City Services – Christian Rubalcava (1-2)
Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety Committee – Chardell Powell (1-2)
Ad Hoc Sediment Removal Committee – Kathy Grubert (1-2)
Underserved Stakeholders Committee – Peggy Courtney (1-2)

7:33 – 7:36 p.m. **10. Reports by Liaisons to the City (3)**
Budget – Maria Silva and Patricia Rau
Department of Public Works – Ann Job
Legal / City Attorney – Diane Valencia and Ann Job

7:36 – 7:56 p.m. **11. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction (20)**
Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Public speaker cards (forms) are located on the welcome table. Please fill out and submit to the Secretary or President.

Unfinished Business

7:56 – 8:01 p.m. **12. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve and/or amend the letter as drafted by Carlos Gonzalez to Mayor Eric Garcetti, copying Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, supporting Garcetti’s call for assistance for newly-arrived unaccompanied minors from Central America. (5)

8:01 – 8:05 p.m. **13. Appointment** by the President of Chair for the Education Committee. (4)

8:05 – 8:15 p.m. **14. Recess (10)**

New Business

8:15 – 8:20 p.m. **15. Discussion and possible Board action** to appoint a new Board member to the vacant At Large Representative seat. (5)

8:20 – 8:25 p.m. **16. Discussion and possible Board action** (pursuant to our June 26, 2014 board vote) to approve as written our SNC Community Impact Statement regarding Solar Farm. (5)

8:25 – 8:30 p.m. **17. Discussion and possible Board action** to send a letter from the SNC to Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Fuentes in support of the appeal made by the community of Foothills Trails to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission upheld their appeal, and as a consequence the solar company has filed a suit against the City of Los Angeles. Said letter further asserts opposition to the Ground Mounted Solar Farms slated for our community. (5)

8:30 – 8:33 p.m. **18. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve Sylmar Neighborhood Council monthly expenditure report (MER) for November, 2014 (3)

8:33 – 8:37 p.m. **19. Treasurer’s Report (4)**

8:37 – 8:40 p.m. **20. Discussion and possible Board action** to create a new line item in Outreach, as a subsection to Events Expense, for the Equestrian Committee. (3)

8:40– 8:43 p.m. **21. Discussion and possible Board action** to reallocate \$2,750.00 from Operations – Temporary Staff in the 2014-2015 Budget in the follow manner; \$1,000.00 to be reallocated to Audio/Visual Services, \$495.00 to Outreach – Events Expense, \$595.00 to Newsletter Expense, and \$660.00 to the new catagory in Outreach – Equestrian (3)

8:43 – 8:53 p.m. **22. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the SNC hosting a Community Holiday party, rather than a General Board Meeting in December, 2014. (10)

8:53 – 9:03 p.m. **23. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve an expenditure of funds, not to exceed \$350.00 to host a Community Holiday Party in December, 2014. (10)

9:03 – 9:08 p.m. **24. Board Member Comments** - Comments from Board members on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (5)

9:08 – 9:10 p.m. **25. Future Agenda item suggestions from public and Board members.** (2)

Write to Executive Board by email at ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-1023.

Due to the December holidays, the next General Board meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of the month, December 18, 2014 at Sylmar High School – Spartan Hall

9:10 - 9:12 p.m. **26. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** (2)

Grievance Procedure

Any Grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting. At that meeting, the Board shall refer the matter to an Ad Hoc Grievance Panel comprised of three (3) Stakeholders randomly selected by the Board from a list of Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a Panel. Within two (2) weeks of the Panel's selection, the Board shall coordinate a time and place for the Panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a Grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. Within two (2) weeks following such meeting, a Member of the Panel shall prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the Panel's collective recommendations for resolving the Grievance. The Board may receive a copy of the Panel's report and recommendations prior to a Board meeting, but, in accordance with the Brown Act, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board Members until it is heard publicly at the next regular Council meeting.

This Grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, such as the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws. It is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who merely disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings, which Grievances may be aired publicly at Council meetings.

Board Members are not permitted to file a Grievance against another Board Member or against the Council.

Reconsideration of Agenda Items - Bylaws (Article IV)

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 be in compliance with the Brown Act.

(Remove after November 20, 2014)

Approved by: AJ/DV/PR/KG