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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING – MINUTES Thursday, April 27, 2017

***NOTE OF SPECIAL ATTENTION: ITEM #25 in these Minutes recorded incorrectly, Item is being re-presented to the full Board on May 22, 2017**

Sylmar Charter High School
13050 Borden Ave, Sylmar, CA 91342

Minutes are a summary of business conducted at a meeting. Only the Motions and Votes are precise. These Minutes are in meeting order, not in item number order.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Kurt Cabrera-Miller called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Someone from the community led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call –**

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council's quorum is 11.

15 of the 20 Board Members were present during roll call: Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia.

3 of the Board Members arrived after roll call: Ann Job (6:50pm), Lucille Floresta (7pm), and Marti Marshall was sworn in mid meeting.

2 Board Members were absent: Wilson Bell and Emily Rubalcava

1 Board Member left Early: Hector Cabrera left at recess

3. **Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper –** David Rodriguez explained meeting protocol.

4. **Welcome and Announcements –** Derek Martin welcomed us to our host facility, Sylmar Charter High School

5. **Notification of resignations of Vice President and Treasurer**

The Vice President of Administration & Treasurer resigned from Executive positions, but remaining on the Board in both of their elected Seats. Further discussion and possible actions are below under New Business.

6. **Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations**

1) **Steve List**, CD7 representative for the Community Forestry Advisory Committee. His job is to review trees, which might be pulled down or removed.

2) **Vanessa Serrano**, from EmpowerLA, came to introduce herself as the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate. She is replacing Melvin. Her role to provide support and guidance to the board as needed. She plans to attend all the Sylmar Neighborhood Council meetings. She is based out of the Van Nuys city office.

- 3) **Ruby Chavez**, School Board Member District 6, gave updates about the newsletter. She also shared her email address ruby.chavez@lausd.net and invited those who do not receive the newsletter to email her so they can get on the email list.
 - 4) **Rosemary Jenkins**, representing Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, shared three announcements. First, a series of workshops on June 1st from 5 to 7 on spotting and stopping scams. Secondly, North Valley Occupation job fair is on April 28th and is set to be the biggest so far. Approximately 100 employers with jobs to offer will be there. Lastly, their office has been good about responding to phone calls from constituents about litter and debris from homelessness.
 - i Eugene Hernandez asked why the Assemblyman is not present. He is concerned about Proposition 54 not being followed and would like Ms. Jenkins to pass along his concern. Marti Marshall asked about whom to call in the situation of a homeless person on a freeway and asked whom to call when graffiti is being done. Ms. Jenkins replied that anything on the freeway should be directed to Caltrans.
 - 5) **Anna Huizar** from the Office of Community Beautification came to introduce herself to the council and the stakeholders. Office of Community Beautification's goal to educate the public on their services in hopes of keeping the City of Los Angeles a beautiful & clean place. Services include various services to Los Angeles residents, including graffiti removal, weed abatement, bulky item pick-up. She hopes that everyone would use the 311 system. Usually the graffiti is removed within 72 hours of it being reported. Her office contains tools for community clean up, up to enough equipment for 5,000 people. They also work with sanitation to remove large amounts of litter.
 - 6) **Abigail Moreno** from City Council District 7, invited everyone to a Town hall workshop on Saturday May 6th from 10am to 12pm at Pacoima City Hall.
7. **Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items** within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
- 1) **Eugene Hernandez** expressed his appreciation that the Candidate Forum and hard work Ann Job did. However he did not approve of the way the CSUN professor moderated the forum. Mr. Hernandez also requested the addition of a dog park be given support by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.
 - 2) **Marti Marshall** shared sections of the California Constitution.
 - 3) **Mac A. Hunter** shared that Saturday and Sunday of this week is the Relay for Life. It will be taking place at the Sylmar Middle School. This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. He also shared about the program Roads to Recovery, which drives people to their appointments.
 - 4) **A stakeholder** expressed her concern over the homeless in the community leaving their trash around and using alleyways as restrooms.
 - 5) **A stakeholder** made a requests there be more involvement from the board member in various community outreach beyond those who a part of the outreach committee.
 - 6) **Patty Rau** expressed her thanks for the SNC banner signs that are finally up after a long process.

Unfinished Business

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve expenditure** not to exceed \$500 as a contribution toward the operating costs of the 2017 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods. The Congress of Neighborhoods is a training session for those on neighborhood councils and their stakeholders. They teach what neighborhood councils can do.

Presented by Ann Job

Moved by Ann Job; seconded by Maria Silva

Discussion: Diane Valencia asked if we have a MER for this month and whether or not we have the funds for this. Kurt Cabrera-Miller replied that no, an MER is not available at the meeting, and yes, we have funds. Kathy Bloom further explained that the C of N is like a conference with multiple workshops and break out sessions. It's also a good networking event. Maria Silva shared testimony that she found it to be very informative and educational. Peter Postlmayr asked about where they are funded and whether they asked for funds or if we were volunteering this. He would like to know what others neighborhood councils are providing to this group. There was a letter from the Congress of Neighborhoods requesting \$500 from all neighborhood councils. This is held in the fall, this year will be on September 9th, 8am to 4pm in City Hall.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (14): Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia; No (1) Peter Postlmayr; Abstain (2) Kathy Bloom and Kurt Cabrera-Miller

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure** not to exceed \$500 as a contribution toward the operating costs of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates of Los Angeles. The NCBA is made of people from various Neighborhood Councils.

Presented by Ann Job

Moved by Ann Job; seconded by Christian Rubalcava

Discussion: Kathy Grubert expressed concerns about voting for things without knowing the budget status. Ann Job tabled the motion.

- 10. Discussion and possible action** to present a certificate of appreciation to Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson for assuming the role of caretaker for Council District 7 when our district's seat on the council was vacated.

Presented by Ann Job

Moved by Ann Job; seconded by Diane Valencia

Discussion: Maria Silva asked why a certificate would be given to Mr. Wesson and not to Mr. Tony Wilkinson who has attended the board meetings. Kurt Cabrera-Miller suggested having Mr. Wesson come here to get it. Eugene Hernandez expressed his dislike for the idea of presenting Mr. Wesson with a certificate, as he has not attended the Sylmar Neighborhood Council meetings. David Rodriguez asked to extend the certification to Monica Radcliff, but this was denied as a point of order since it was not on the agenda.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (12): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, and Diana Rodriguez; No (2) Hector Cabrera and Maria Silva; Abstain (3) Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Christian Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia

- 11. Discussion and possible action** regarding the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) suggested Community Impact Statement regarding online voting. At the request of Ann Job this item was tabled.
- 12. Discussion and possible action** regarding assignment of tasks to board members to accomplish obligations supported during previous meetings. Diane Valencia asked to remove this item since she has left the position of VP Admin. It would be a good discussion for the Board Retreat. David Rodriguez expressed that council meeting and committee meetings minutes need to be more thoroughly posted for the community to read.

New Business

- 13. Discussion on resignation of Vice President of Administration, Diane Valencia**

Address to the Board/Community: Diane Valencia shared that she has resigned from the position of Vice President of Administration after serving for 3 years. She wants to better focus on community safety and the community involvement she is passionate about. She is available to continue to help the executive committee during the transition period to keep the Sylmar Neighborhood Council running smoothly.

- 14. Discussion on resignation of Treasurer, Wilson Bell.** Wilson Bell was absent so this item was moot.

- 15. Notification of available Board Seat vacancies, (Sylmar Neighborhood Council Bylaw Seat eligibility)**

Presented by Kurt Cabrera-Miller – President

- “Renter” - Stakeholders who are residential tenants within the neighborhood and who are 14 years or older.
- “Retail” - Stakeholders who are business owners or representatives within the neighborhood and who are 14 years or older.
- Process to fill Vacancies As per Sylmar Neighborhood Council Bylaws - a vacancy on the Board shall be filled by a Stakeholder who submits a written application to the President and the Vice President of Administration and satisfies the eligibility requirements for holding the vacated Board seat. The President shall have the discretion to appoint the vacancy from any applicants or among any other qualified Stakeholders, subject to a majority vote of the Board at a public meeting. The appointed applicant's term shall be limited to the term of the vacated seat. The President and Vice President of Administration shall notify the Board of any eligible applicants who have submitted an application for any vacant seat. A standing agenda item must exist on Council agendas so long as a vacancy exists.

- 16. Discussion and possible action** of the President to appoint for board approval, new Board member. Mr. Cabrera-Miller asked the board to approve of Marti Marshall to fill vacant “Renter Seat”. This requires board vote and swearing-in of the new Board Member. Ms. Marshall briefly spoke that she would like to join the board and continue to make things more constitutional.

Presented by Kurt Cabrera-Miller – President

Moved by Kurt Cabrera-Miller; seconded by John Pacheco

Discussion: John Pacheco, Derek Martin, and Diane Valencia all spoke of Ms. Marshall’s attendance to their committee meetings. David Rodriguez shared that Ms. Marshall has attended all the outreach activities as well.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (16): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Kurt Cabrera-Miller

Abigail Moreno swore in Marti Marshall and she joined the council.

17. **Discussion and possible action** of the nomination(s) and election of board member for Treasurer position. The Treasurer is an Sylmar Neighborhood Council Officer and must already be a board member.

Presented by Kurt Cabrera-Miller – President

George Ortega was nominated by Kathy Bloom; seconded by Derek Martin

Discussion: George Ortega shared his background in engineering. He has served as treasurer as the college group. He has been involved in the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. Ann Job shared that George Ortega has already taken the funding training and encourages all board to go through the training.

Motion Passed by vote of the **18** eligible members present. Yes (16): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Kurt Cabrera-Miller

Announcement and explanation of available retail seat by Kurt Cabrera-Miller. Derek Martin suggested also reaching out to the businesses that have supported the Sylmar Neighborhood Council in the past.

Recess – 7:57pm – 8:15pm During this time Hector Cabrera excused himself from the meeting.

18. **Committee Reports** were made by:

Executive Committee – Maria Silva gave an update on the website. The numbers have slightly increased in the database at 1,249 names. Over the last few months we have lost approximately 31 email addresses, which were no longer valid. Usually growth occurs during outreach events. Ms. Silva asked the board to help with this and to please submit 10 names and email addresses. She has posted all of the submitted minutes. She requests that when minutes are emailed to her, to please put “Minutes ready to post” in the subject line. Kurt Cabrera-Miller asked board members to review what is on the website and to report on what has not yet been posted.

Budget Committee – Kurt Cabrera-Miller thanked the previous committee for all their service. Now that George Ortega is the Treasurer, he will be reforming the committee. Any member, who would like to stay on the committee, should talk with Mr. Ortega.

Bylaws Committee – Diane Valencia shared that the board voted on the bylaws about a month ago and will be going through BONK soon. After that process is complete, the committee will begin meeting again to review board rules and look at anything else that may need to be refreshed.

Outreach Committee – David Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Planning & Land Use Committee – Peter Postlmayr reported that several items were on the agenda that were discussed. The first was a 2.84-acre site owned by Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles, a non-profit group who build affordable housing. They are looking to do a housing project there and possibly a zone change. Secondly a conversation was had around the armory, specifically about planning and land use and what the city is doing to ease the ability to make shelters happen.

Government Affairs Committee – Ann Job shared that last Friday there was a debate between the two candidates. Sadly only about 100 people were in attendance, and not very many board members.

Homeless Services Committee – Peggy Courtney shared that the next meeting is next Thursday in Glen Oaks. Discussion will include the measure about all winter shelters and a review of the giant document recently published. They are also planning a future informational community meeting.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – John Pacheco reminded everyone that this committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the public library. Business is done in the first 45 minutes and then from 6:15pm on a new guest speaker each month speaks on a topic. A workshop for local businesses is being planned for late June. The exact date is still TBD. Greg shared the CERT training program begins next week, including active shooter training. About 95 people have signed up for this session. The future goal is to host a Spanish language CERT program.

Equestrian Committee – Cheri Blose shared that the Make Your Horse Count event is coming along well. It will be on May 21st.

19. **Public Comments** This period is for comments from the public, on matters not appearing on the Agenda, but within the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board’s subject matter jurisdiction

1. **Eugene Hernandez** expressed his appreciation that the moderator asked about Monica Ratliff receiving money from Chevron.

20. **City Liaison Reports** were made by:

Animal Services Liaisons – Kelli Land shared that Lucy Pet Foundation will be at the Make Your Horse Count event for spaying and neutering. She recommends that pets get vaccinated for rattlesnakes. It won't prevent the poison but it will give you time to get the vet.

Budget Representatives – Ann Job shared that on May 5th the budget advocates will be meeting with the City Council. She encourages people to attend the event on the afternoon of May the 5th at City Hall.

City Attorney Liaisons – Diane Valencia has nothing to report.

Homelessness Liaison – Ann Job reported that the city is holding a workshop for Homelessness Liaisons. Last Saturday the liaisons had a fieldtrip and Ann went to the 28th Street YMCA. The facility is a remarkable place. It was instructive and showed what is possible if you care enough.

Planning Liaisons – Cheri Blose and Ann Job have nothing to report.

Public Safety Liaison – Greg Hoerner reported that on May 1st the enforcement of brush clearance would begin. Inspections will begin around May 15th. Also the FD is having an open house on May 13th, where Diane Valencia is being honored as Honorary Fire Chief. Diane Valencia shared about getting the word out to other neighborhood councils about Fire Department for specific areas.

Public Works – Christian Rubalcava has no report this week, but was very happy to see the Department of Beautification come out to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Transportation Liaison – Wilson Bell was absent.

21. **Announcement and explanation** of the “3-1-1 Neighborhood Blitz” campaign on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The plan is to meet for 2 hours, starting at 9:30am at Coffee and Cream on Foothill. Sylmar would be divided into quadrants and at 10am the group will divide up and drive around the community, using the 311 app to tag all the areas with bulky items and graffiti. Everyone would meet back at 12pm at Coffee and Cream to debrief. Mr. Rodriguez will have a flyer on Monday.

Presented by David Rodriguez – Outreach Community Chair

22. **Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure** not to exceed \$1,000 for the Mission College Food & Wine Festival, which is May 13, 2017. David Rodriguez has recused himself for this item as he sits on the LAMC board. The Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) has been submitted and has all qualified items.

Presented by Daryl Smith, Vice President LAMC

Moved by Ann Job; seconded by Kathy Grubert

Discussion: Kathy Grubert shared that the event is awesome and we have supported in the past, however she is concerned on voting for this without a budget before the board. Diane Valencia asked if there was anything we get for this financial donation. Kurt Cabrera-Miller replied that we could have a pop-up at the event with presence as see fit. George Ortega asked about the NPG application only listing Arleta as Neighborhood Council and asks whether anyone knew of other Neighborhood Councils being solicited. Kurt Cabrera-Miller replied that no other information is available. John Pacheco brought up that these reoccurring donations budgeted would save time or at least having the previous years NPGs readily available for reference. Lucille Floresta asked if we will have a table and if board members still have to buy their own tickets. Kurt Cabrera-Miller clarified that yes, we will have a table, and yes, individuals will purchase their own tickets, as board members cannot accept free tickets. Those staffing the table and not attending the event do not have to pay to be there. Kathy Grubert and Ann Job shared about the positive and beneficial relationship Sylmar Neighborhood Council has with Mission College.

Stakeholders Comments: Jose Castillo, a previous LAMC board member, shared his support for this event. He did advise that the funds are comingled. Two speaker cards were submitted in favor of this motion but declined the opportunity to speak on the issue. Less Aisenman spoke about the request from LAMC always coming at the last minute. He shared that, regardless of whether the motion passes, a letter should be sent informing them that their request for money next year should be submitted with more time for review. Mr. Aisenman also spoke about the high cost of the tickets for attendance and whether or not tickets could be offered to the community. Mr. Hernandez asked about the scholarships for the Dreamers. The board members did not have any additional information to answer his question.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (12): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, Diana Rodriguez, and Maria Silva; No (2) Christian Rubalcava and Diane Valencia; Ineligible (1) Marti Marshall; Recused (1) David Rodriguez; Abstain (1) Kurt Cabrera-Miller

23. **Presentation** –Ana A. Huizar, MPA Management Assistant, Office of Community Beautification, spoke earlier in the meeting (#6.5) and this item was skipped.

24. **Discussion and possible action requesting a letter of support (LAMP) project. Presentation** – “Los Angeles World Airports, External Affairs Division.” Providing public awareness campaign concerning ongoing \$14 billion modernization of LAX. Proposed Landslide Access Modernization Program (LAMP) Program contains but not limited to consist of a 6 million square foot consolidated car rental facility, two 3 million square foot transit hubs and a 2.25 mile automated people mover connecting these facilities and the Expo/LAX Light Rail 96th Street station to the airport.

Presented by Harold Johnsen, standing in for Michael Leonard, Los Angeles World Airports

Moved by Christian Rubalcava to approve the motion and the letter as written; seconded by Kathy Bloom

Discussion: John Pacheco asked about funding for this project. Mr. Johnsen replied that LAX is self supporting and there no city funds go into in and LAX funds do not go to the city. They make money through parking, concessions, leasing areas to airlines. Mr. Pacheco asked about if further community meetings are planned. Mr. Johnsen believes there are some scheduled but he does not have the list of them. Derek Martin expressed that he would be very in favor of this if there were no city tax money going into it. Diana Rodriguez asked who is in favor and who opposed this proposal.. Diane Valencia asked about the public response period after the community meetings and requests the dates for those. Kathy Grubert asked about the extension of metro to the airport for ease of access without taking a car. Mr. Johnsen shared that Metro is not part of their jurisdiction and he cannot speak to their plans. Lucille Floresta asked about dates and Mr. Johnsen replied that 2024 is the deadline for the consolidated rental car and people mover system. Eugene Hernandez expressed his concern than this issue takes up time on the agenda. Less Aisenman echoed Diana Rodriguez’s question and would like to know which of the nearby cities have not given a letter and who is opposed. Mr. Johnsen shared that so far all of the neighborhood councils have supported the project, including those communities who are directly connected to the airport. Peter Postlmayr asked to table the issue for now until after public hearing to get more feedback from the community.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (7): Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (3) Derek Martin, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez; Abstain (7) Kathy Bloom, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Marti Marshall, John Pacheco, Diana Rodriguez, and Diane Valencia

25. **Discussion and possible action – Neighborhood Council Resolution on Timing of the Neighborhood Council 2020 Elections.**

- **SPECIAL NOTE!! (There were 3 options to choose from prior the actual made motion.) In May/2017 when this set of minutes were to be approved. Diane Valencia who made the original motion believed that the wrong option was recorded as the motion. That possible mistake along with being unable to locate the Board Vote Count Sheet. Has created a situation that is impossible to back check or cross check. The item is being brought back to the full Board June 22nd, Item #22 for full Board review, discussion and possible action, revoke.**

The Neighborhood Council elections for 2020 are currently set to be conducted from March through June. Because the timing of the 2020 Neighborhood Council elections will conflict with the municipal elections transferring to the Los Angeles County Clerk, the Office of the City Clerk will not be able to administer the Neighborhood Council elections simultaneously. This conflict requires shifting the Neighborhood Council 2020 elections to odd number years.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) and the Office of the City Clerk are requesting Neighborhood Councils in March/April discuss and complete this resolution on which of the following options each Council recommends. Some considerations would include: board members may not want to extend terms and will resign; stakeholders may not want board member terms to be extended; budget impact on general fund could be less or more; if online voting and voter registration moves forward, there would be more or less time to build out; if EmpowerLA’s recommendations in its online voting report back for Neighborhood Council systemic changes are approved, there would be more or less time to implement any changes to Neighborhood Council bylaws if applicable.

Presented by Diane Valencia

The motion is to conduct the elections as scheduled for next year but this board would be in office for an additional year.

Moved by Diane Valencia; seconded by Christian Rubalcava

Discussion: Ms. Valencia clarified that the Sylmar Neighborhood Council does not have a staggered election. The 3-year term is a 1-time experience to get us better aligned with the city elections. All terms after that point would be for 2 years.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (16): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Kurt Cabrera-Miller

- 26. Planning and Land Use supports Assembly Bill AB-332.** The PLUC asks the Sylmar Neighborhood Council for full Board support and issue a letter of support for the Assembly Bill. This is to modify the bill so it includes illegal dumping.
Presented by Peter Postlmayr

Moved by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Ann Job

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (16): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Kurt Cabrera-Miller

- 27. Discussion and possible action to approve a monthly expenditure not to exceed \$500 for shared space rent, stop in station on Hubbard and Gladstone, and associated expenses.** “Free” rent is a problem, as it would have to go through the city council. It has been advised to do an agreement for \$50 a month to avoid the city issue. In terms of cost, the motion would include Internet, phone, and utilities. The not to exceed price of \$500 is high and would likely be much lower. The space is move in ready, ADA accessible, and has been inspected by the city with usage approved. There is potential for renting an industrial copier in the future.

Presented by Diane Valencia

Moved by Diane Valencia; seconded by Cheri Blose

Discussion: Christian Rubalcava suggested we could change our physical posting. Peter Postlmayr commented that we could receive mail at this location and close out PO Box to save money. Lucille Floresta asked when we would occupy the space. Ms. Valencia doesn't have a defined point that yet. There were also 8 speaker cards submitted from community members who are all in favor.

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (13): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (1) George Ortega; Ineligible (1) Marti Marshall; Abstain (2) Kurt Cabrera-Miller and Maria Silva

- 28. Discussion and possible action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for water, snacks, fruit, etc. in support of LAFD Fire Station #91 which will be open to the community on Fire Service Day on May 13, 2017 and in support and recognition of Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board Member, Diane Valencia who has been selected as LAFD Operations Valley Bureau's Honorary Fire Chief on this days.

Presented by Kathy Bloom

Moved by Kurt Cabrera-Miller; seconded by Kathy Bloom

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (14): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, Derek Martin, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Ineligible (1) Marti Marshall; Recused (1) Greg Hoerner; Abstain (1) Kurt Cabrera-Miller

- 29. Board Member Comments / Announcements**

Derek Martin – Sylmar High School is hosting an Open House on May 4th and the Sylmar Neighborhood Council is welcome to have a table at the event.

- 30. Future Agenda Items**

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

The next General Board meeting will be:

May 25, 2017 at 6:30pm at Osceola Street Elementary School, 14940 Osceola St. Sylmar, CA 91342

- 31. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** Adjourned at 10:00pm.