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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Osceola Street Elementary School

14940 Osceola St 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 6:35 p.m. Jonathan from Sylmar High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call –**

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council's quorum is 11.

12 of the 20 Board Members were present during roll call: Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Paul Dumont, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Maria Silva

3 of the Board Members arrived after roll call: Christian Rubalcava arrived at 6:44pm, Kathy Grubert arrived at 6:51pm, and Lucille Floresta arrived at 8:10pm.

5 Board Members were absent: Kathy Bloom, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Diana Rodriguez, and Diane Valencia

3 Board Member left Early: Hector Cabrera left at recess at 8:32pm. Paul Dumont and Maria Silva left at 9:34pm.

3. **Housekeeping: Speaker Cards, Recording, and Timekeeper. Welcome from Facility Host – Kurt Cabrera-Miller** explained meeting protocol. Principal Velasquez welcomed us to our host facility, Osceola Street Elementary School

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

1) **Officer Crawford**, Senior Lead Officer in Sylmar covering the area to the East of Glen Oaks Blvd. In his area, violent crime is down 27.4%, robbery is down 40%, property crime is down 2%, so over all Part 1 crimes are down 4.5% year to date, and projected to be down 10% by end of year. He also addressed the calls they have been receiving about people living in their vehicles. If anyone would like to get further information how the areas are broken down, they can look at 85.02 in LA Municipal Code. Officer Crawford shared that they can only issue a citation to the vehicle. They cannot simply impound a vehicle. Officer Giron gave update for his area, sharing that most crime is same as last year but robbery has increased. He also noted that most often the thefts are cell phone robbery without weapon. He encouraged everyone to pay attention.

- i** Regarding Motel 6, the city went to court for abatement which settled last month. In addition to other abatement terms, the motel is now required to have armed security at front gate and give LAPD access to their security videos.
- ii** Last night (September 27th), the helicopters in the area of El Cariso Park were looking for a person with parole issues.
- iii** Principal Velasquez shared reports of drugs and prostitution on road behind Osceola Elementary School and the big issues of cars speeding by the school. He publicly rebuked the LAPD for their lack of response to the school's continual attempts to engage the police on these issues. Both Officers gave their cards with direct contact information to the Principle and continued discussing the issues outside of the meeting.

iv Hector Cabrera asked about drugs and prostitution in the area where he lives near the Sylmar Motel. The Officers responded that the abatement process is long and ongoing. It is difficult for uniform police to catch people in the act and this issue is with the Vice Unit. It is something the department is very aware and working on. Principal Velasquez also commented that he has some parents who are wanting to work with police on this issue.

- 2) **Esmeralda, the Deputy Director for School Board Member Kelly Gonez** came to introduce herself and share the resolutions which the board member has passed in regard to college readiness.
 - i She does not yet have cards, but will pass her contact information onto Kurt Cabrera-Miller to be shared.
 - ii Maria Silva asks if the board member will be having meetings with community about new calendar. Ms. Silva imparted that it's important that not just a survey goes out but meeting with parents and listening to their feedback.
 - iii Sheldon Cabrera-Miller asked the current graduation rate. She believes it's below 50% but she will confirm and pass that onto Kurt Cabrera-Miller along with her contact information.

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items** within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction

- 1) **Stakeholder Carlos**, brought up the issue of lack of doors on the stalls of restroom doors at Veterans park and the second issue of the El Cariso pool. Very suddenly the pool hours were shortened, which seemed bizarre to Carlos since people do pay to get in. He has noticed that there has been a constant chipping away at access to public pools in the area. He suggested an independent audit which may reveal interesting things. The Board replied that sadly these pools are in the county not the city and they have no direct influence. They will follow up on the issue and get county contact information for Carlos.
- 2) **Liz Guerera**, a resident of Sylmar for 40 years, lives in the area behind the metro link station. She shared that every week she fills up a trash can of condoms and syringes left lying around her neighborhood. She expressed her concern over the lack of Police response and delayed response times, citing a drive-by last week which took the police 5 hours to respond to. She expressed her dismay that there are only two officers for all of Sylmar, in comparison to the 5 squad cars for all of Porter Ranch. Lastly, she spoke about filing paperwork for the much needed speed bumps on her street. She has received signatures from almost all her neighbors. In regards to getting more police officers in the area, the Board suggested contact with Franklin Ochoa at Monica Rodriguez's office and attending the CPAC on the third Wednesday of every month at Foothill station. At this meeting community stakeholders will have the direct ear of the Police Captain.
- 3) **Kelsea Murphy**, from Phoenix House, a recovery center for youth, is currently training kids for a Marathon for Peace. She is looking for a grant of \$1,000.00 to pay for running shoes for the kids. The run is 20 miles and will be on January 13, 2018. The kids train 4 times a week early in the morning. Kurt Cabrera-Miller connected her with the Outreach committee.
- 4) **Chris Velasquez**, who serves as the budget representative for Granada Hills Neighborhood Council, came to represent PESA teen court program. They are working with City Council District 7 to bring back the Hansen Dam 4th of July celebration. She is collecting signatures today to show to Monica Rodrigues. She also asked to get on the agenda for next meeting. She was connected with George Ortega and the Outreach Committee for further follow up.
- 5) **Faramarz Nabari, San Fernando valley resident**, came to speak about the East San Fernando Transit Corridor which provides an alternative to being stuck on the 5 or 405 freeways. He also noted that this proposal is not at all connected to the high-speed rail. The public comment period on the environment report ends in October. He would like to get letter of support from the board on this issue. He was put in touch with Don Neal and Peter Postlmayr for further follow up.

6. **City Liaison Reports were skipped this month as items number 6 and 8 ran very long.**

Animal Services Liaisons – Kelli Land shared that the October schedule has been published for the Lucy Pet Foundation.

The Lucy Pet Foundation offers services for Spay, Neuter, and Chipping.

Budget Representatives – Christian Rubalcava had nothing to report.

City Attorney Liaisons – Diane Valencia was absent.

DWP Liaison – George Ortega had nothing to report.

Homelessness Liaison – Ann Job shared that a group of liaisons started to engage with the homelessness in their communities, asking what they need. She also commented that it is encouraging to hear the Mayor is not taking his eye off this issue and still considers it an emergency.

Planning Liaisons – Ann Job and Cheri Blöse: At the last meeting there was discussion and the movement of trying to get hotels in disarray to turn them into homeless shelters. This is starting in downtown LA and a few on San Fernando Blvd. There are no plans for anything as north as Sylmar yet. There would not be police at these facilities, but case managers on site.

Public Safety Liaison – Greg Hoerner shared that at the last meeting a Fire Chief came to speak about the recent fires. He applauded the efforts the Oakridge mobile home community towards CERT training and work they did when the fires happened. Mr. Hoerner intends to have a sit down with Monica Rodriguez in regards to the crime and concerns spoken of at that meeting.

Public Works – No report.

Transportation Liaison – Don Neal would like to volunteer for this position. Kurt will email him the paperwork and links for that position.

7. **Presentation:** Olive View Hospital – Presentation on patient discharge practices and other related topics, followed by a few questions. This is the first of several community outreach meetings between the SNC, Stakeholders and the Hospital.

Olive View Executives will also be attending the SNC's Homeless Services Committee on October 5th 6:30pm 13425 Glenoaks Blvd. Sylmar, CA 91342 to provide a continued more in-depth/involved presentation. This would be their second community meeting. The Olive View Hospital's representatives will also be attending the Sylmar Neighborhood Council's Public Gathering Meeting on November 8th 2017 at Sylmar Charter High School at 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This Public Gathering Meeting will be bringing and gathering further information related to the local homelessness issue and related topics. This would be the Hospital's third SNC public meeting. (The Public is welcome at all 3 meetings and encouraged to attend all 3 meetings)

- 1) Judith Maass, CEO, and Alex Villaruz, COO, of the hospital came to introduce themselves and spoke briefly on discharge planning.
- 2) Greg Hoerner thanked Olive View Hospital for hosting their CERT training and also asked about partnering on a disaster drill. Mr. Villaruz agreed that would be a great idea.
- 3) Sheldon Cabrera-Miller spoke about the social media presence that presents the viewpoint that Olive View Hospital just dumps people out. Judith Maass spoke that since she joined in April, she has not been able to substantiate those reports. She has given out her cards and would like to be contacted when there are issues. Cheri Blose lives in the apartment building across the street from Olive View and echoed that there has never been an issue. Alex Villaruz spoke that the hospital is also happy to respond to concerns as they happen in real time. Kathy Grubert asked about positive data to counter the myths.
- 4) Hector Cabrera asked about resources given to homeless patients and what follow up is provided. Individuals he has spoken with don't seem to know where to go. Ms. Maass spoke that it depends solely on what the needs are for each specific individual so they receive the resources they need. Mr. Cabrera will follow up in greater detail after the meeting.
- 5) Paul Dumont expressed his thanks for their attendance at the meeting. As he works with the end user, he confirmed their execution of the detail process of discharge planning which they described earlier. He has a few ideas which could make the process even better and will email some those to Ms. Maass.
- 6) Peggy Courtney from the Homelessness committee, asked about what happens when someone calls the hospital about a patient that has been discharged and is bothering a business. Ms. Maass shared that if the call is in actual time, they would contact the Sheriff Department (which is located onsite at the hospital) to look into it right away. Unfortunately, the call is usually after the fact. When this happens they piece together the information, follow up with the business, and review their discharge process. If someone discharges themselves early, the hospital has a code green and there is a search for them right away.

8. **Homeless Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to approve an amount not to exceed \$300 to sponsor a table at the annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 22, 2017 at Hope of the Valley. This meal is provided for the homeless and hungry of Sylmar and the San Fernando Valley. The sponsor's name is on the table and we would have the opportunity to send a volunteer to help serve.

Moved by Cheri Blose, seconded by Sheldon Cabrera-Miller

Discussion: Marti Marshall asked how this benefits Sylmar and Peggy Courtney responded that they send buses to Sylmar. In response to Kathy Grubert's question, Ms. Courtney shared that sponsoring a table feeds a minimum of 16 to 18 people.

Motion Passed by vote of the 14 eligible members present. Yes (13): Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Paul Dumont, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (1) Marti Marshall; Abstain (0) None

9. **Homeless Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to approve an amount not to exceed \$500 to provide a portion of the refreshments at the December 14th, Homeless Connect Day at El Cariso Park. We believe the actual amount needed will be closer to \$350.

Moved by Cheri Blose, seconded by Kathy Grubert

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the 14 eligible members present. Yes (13): Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Paul Dumont, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (1) Marti Marshall; Abstain (0) None

- 10. Homeless Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to support Los Angeles City Council File - CF 15-1138-S27 and to submit a letter of support. Council File to look into the Feasibility of mobile waste pumping for those living in RV's, and the use of vouchers to cover the cost of dump service at privately owned dump sites. The LA City Council motion will be on the information table for more details or see it online at the link below.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2015/15-1138-s27_mot_07-26-2017.pdf

Moved by Christian Rubalcava, seconded by Hector Cabrera

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the **14** eligible members present. Yes (14): Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Paul Dumont, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (0) None

- 11. Homeless Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to approve the Sylmar Neighborhood Council's participation in the "2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count". To be taken place in January exact date to be announced.
Moved by Sheldon Cabrera-Miller; seconded by Kathy Grubert

Discussion: Kurt Cabrera-Miller spoke that by Opting In, Board Members will need to participate in this event. Being part of it makes sure that Sylmar gets the services they need. Based on the homeless count done each year, HUD determines how much money comes to our community. Ann Job spoke about submitting a motion at a later date for refreshments. It was noted that youth can help at the deployment site but not out for the actual count.

Motion Passed by vote of the **14** eligible members present. Yes (13): Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Paul Dumont, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Don Neal

- 12. Recess/Meet & Greet** – 7:54pm – 8:03pm

- 13. Emergency Preparedness Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to approve an amount not to exceed \$750.00 to the Emergency Preparedness Committee to fund the November 8, 2017, Emergency preparedness Seminar for local Businesses. The event will be held at the Olive View Hospital, Community Room. The funds will be used for flyers, mailer, breakfast and box lunches. The event is part of the overall EPC 2017-2018 disaster plan to assist local businesses to develop disaster plans to ensure their continued operation following a catastrophic event.
Moved by Greg Hoerner; seconded by Marti Marshall

Discussion: Greg Hoerner explained the Emergency Preparedness Fair. LAPD will also be out to talk about Active Shooter situations.

Motion Passed by vote of the **14** eligible members present. Yes (14): Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Paul Dumont, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (0) None

- 14. Emergency Preparedness Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 to the Emergency Preparedness Committee to purchase "Safety Related Give A Ways" that will be used at the October 7, 2017 Valley Preparedness Fair, in Northridge California. The board previously approved our participation in the event and the committee would like to acquire small safety items as give away to encourage signups at our SNC table.
Moved by Greg Hoerner; seconded by Marti Marshall

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the **11** eligible members present. Yes (11): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (0) None

- 15. V.A.N.C. / Discussion and possible action**, to approve an expenditure of \$200 for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Planning Forum on November 9, 2017, "The Future of LA: Planning and Transportation." The amount of the

expenditure is to be increased by \$25 for each board member who commits to attend the event. Funds will come from Operations/Outreach.

Moved by Ann Job; seconded by Christian Rubalcava

Discussion: Ann Job explained the event, which will be held at Carlos' Café at CBS Studios. Marti Marshall asked what this brings to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. Ms. Job shared that it better informs the planning issues and makes the neighborhood councils more informed when voting on land use items. Peter Postlmayr shared that the VANC gives the neighborhood councils more clout when they come together. Funds are being voted on because the Sylmar Neighborhood Council is co-sponsoring the event. Six board members pledged to go, so the motion was clarified to be for \$350. It was seconded by Christian Rubalcava.

Motion Passed by vote of the 12 eligible members present. Yes (11): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (1) Marti Marshall; Abstain (0) None

16. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Kurt Cabrera-Miller shared an update on the lease. It is in negotiation with the landlord and the city. It is in the final stretch. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of September. He also noted that once office space exists, it will need to be furnished. Secondly he shared that there is a new email for Outreach Committee: OutreachCommittee@sylmarnc.org Thirdly, there is a new button on the SNC website to link to the finance page. Lastly, he pointed out travel sized hand sanitizer provided by LA County who has issued an emergency for Hepatitis A.

Public Note – Kurt Cabrera-Miller reached out to Councilmember Rodriguez's office every two weeks since he was elected President, which has been 6 month now, and he has yet to receive a call or email back. Every time he has spoken to Franklin Ochoa at various events there has been no follow up. His attendance at the events is impeccable but the lack of follow through is unforgivable. Mr. Cabrera-Miller has not received a response from anyone in the office, even though he told them for the last 3 weeks there would be a public announcement and record at the next general board meeting regarding the Councilmember's complete lack of response to her constituents in Sylmar.

Budget Committee – George Ortega shared that next month an audit is required so a meeting will be schedule. Mr. Ortega will email the board when he has a date.

Bylaws Committee – Diane Valencia was absent.

Outreach Committee – Carlos Lara shared later in the meeting. (Item # 28)

Planning & Land Use Committee – Peter Postlmayr shared that at the last meeting there was discussion on the set back of wells in the LA county area, the homeless car parking issue, and the proposed sound wall locations on Foothill. Next meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of October.

Government Affairs Committee – There has not been a meeting lately, but they have reached out to Franklin Ochoa, of Councilmember Rodriguez's office, with some complaints.

Homeless Services Committee – Peggy Courtney shared that the next meeting is the first Thursday of October at Church of the Foothills at 6:30pm. The Department of Public Health will be back again and the committee will be discussing the proposed changes at the armory site for women's bridge housing.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – Greg Hoerner shared that at the last meeting people are showing up to the meetings and very concerned about emergencies. John Pacheco spoke about first aid and shock issues during emergencies. The Committee will be active at Emergency Disaster Preparedness Fair at Northridge Fashion Mall.

Equestrian Committee – The committee has reached out to the new councilmember, Monica Rodriguez, to see if there is an equestrian representative. Ms. Blose has called at least a dozen times and visited the office. She has not once received a phone call back.

Harvest Festival - This is not an active committee at the moment. Also, Kathy Bloom was not present to give any updates.

Public Safety Committee – No report. (Diane not in attendance)

17. **Treasurer's Report** – George Ortega went over the MER.

18. **Review & Adoption of MER** - Discussion and possible action, on the approval of the August 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Moved by George Ortega; seconded by Sheldon Cabrera-Miller

Discussion: Kathy Grubert and Peter Postlmayr commended the MER package and all the excellent work which had been done.

Motion Passed by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (11): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Don Neal

19. Secretary's Report – Marti Marshall went over that according to the bi-laws all funding items must go through the budget committee.

20. Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes - Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes pending the changes for General SNC Board Meeting January 26, 2017

Moved by Ann Job; seconded by Christian Rubalcava

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (9): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (3) Kathy Grubert, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, and Don Neal

21. Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes - Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes for General SNC Board Meeting March 23, 2017.

Moved by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by Kathy Grubert

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (10): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (2) Sheldon Cabrera-Miller and Don Neal

22. Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes - Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes for General SNC "SPECIAL" Board Meeting March 25, 2017.

Moved by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by Kathy Grubert

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (8): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (4) Lucille Floresta, Greg Hoerner, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, and Don Neal

23. Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes - Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes for General SNC Board Meeting June 22, 2017.

These were already approved on July 27th and were not re-voted on.

24. Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes - Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes for General SNC Board Meeting July 27, 2017.

Moved by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by Greg Hoerner

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (9): Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (3) Cheri Blose, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, and Don Neal

25. Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes - Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes for General SNC Board Meeting August 24, 2017.

Moved by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by Marti Marshall

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the 12 eligible members present. Yes (7): Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (5) Cheri Blose, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, and Don Neal

26. **Planning & Land Use Committee recommends / Discussion and possible action**, to approve with letter of support for cell Antenna -14062 Polk Street – ZA-2017-2618-CUW – Verizon New 65’-Foot Mono-Eucalyptus Tree consisting of (12) Panel Antennas, (18) RRUS, (3) Ray Caps, Macro Cell Evolution (MCE Cabinets, GPS Antennas and Emergency Back-Up Generator. Owner representative: Michael Crawford [\(858\)-220-5737](tel:858-220-5737). PLUC is supporting this application and recommending approval by the SNC. Support letter to be presented at the meeting.

Moved by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Marti Marshall

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by vote of the 12 eligible members present. Yes (11): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (1) Sheldon Cabrera-Miller; Abstain (0) None

27. **Project Clean Streets LA / Discussion and possible Action**, to approve a "Clean Streets LA Task Force", led by At Large Representative Christian Rubalcava, that will represent the Sylmar Neighborhood Council as a Lead Applicant for the 2017 "Clean Streets LA Challenge". The task force would be responsible for developing a plan and clean-up location, submitting the application, and executing the plan on behalf of the council.

Moved by Kurt Cabrera Miller; seconded by Ann Job

Discussion: Kurt Cabrera-Miller shared that we just won an award of \$1,500 for this Clean Street Challenge. Application is due October 5th. Christian Rubalcava would like to do this in part as a school project.

Motion Passed by vote of the 12 eligible members present. Yes (12): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (0) None

28. **Outreach Committee / Information & participations invite:** The Outreach Committee will be having a 311/ Clean-up day on October 28th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This clean-up day is being done in partnership with the Office of Councilmember Monica Rodriguez. The location is still tbd, if you have a location suggestion please email Carlos Lara at outreachcommittee@sylmarnc.org

29. **Council President / Outreach Committee / Outreach Survey - Discussion & possible action**, to approve the submission of the 2017-2018 Outreach Survey. Each year all Neighborhood Council are required to submit an "Outreach Survey" At the September Outreach Committee meeting the Committee and Stakeholders completed the Survey.

Definition: Neighborhood Council Outreach Survey for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – Lists the Neighborhood Council's outreach tools and request Department assistance for their social media platforms.

Moved by Kurt Cabrera-Miler, seconded by Christian Rubalcava

Discussion: Kurt Cabrera-Miller went over the survey, which was available on the information table, handed out to the board members, and projected on the screen. The Board suggested adding the following to the sections underlined below:

Partners: ETI Corral 12 and Equine Coalition, Sylmar Women’s Club, Mission College Foundation, Olive View Medical Center, Graffiti busters, SHGA, and SIBL.

Media: North Valley Reporter and Daily News.

Greatest Opportunity to increase outreach: hot button issues, homeless count, town hall meetings

Motion Passed by vote of the 12 eligible members present. Yes (12): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (0) None

- 30. Discussion and possible action / President to Appoint for Board Approval, New Board Member Donald Zelaya** to fill vacant “At-Large” Seat. This particular At-Large Seat was formally the “Youth Seat” after 60 days of vacancy it became an AT Large seat. Action needed – ratification by majority board vote.

Moved by Ann Job, seconded by Kathy Grubert

Discussion: Donald Zelaya originally ran for a seat on the board during general elections. He met with the Executive Committee prior to the general board meeting specifically because he was unable to attend tonight’s meeting until later in the evening due to his work. Kurt Cabrera- Miller also shared that a condition of filling this seat is to form a Youth Committee to get more than one youth involved with the Neighborhood Council. Mr. Zelaya shared his history in the community and introduced his Mom. Ann Job shared that he was present and active during the training for the election. Peter Postlmayr asked about his focus for the first year and Mr. Zelaya responded that his number one priority is youth engagement.

Motion Passed by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (12): Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; No (0) None; Abstain (0) None

Vanessa Serrano swore in Mr. Donald Zelaya.

- 31. As per SNC Bylaws Board Member Absenteeism - Discussion & possible Board action: To remove SNC Director Cheri Blose** per Article V, Section 7 (Absences) of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Bylaws, approved June 26, 2017. Article V, Section 7 (Absences) “Any Director who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Council Board Meetings during any six (6) month period or four (4) regularly scheduled meetings within any twelve (12) month period will be subject to removal by a majority vote of the Board. Absences for all Directors shall be recorded in the Council’s meeting minutes or other manner of Council record keeping. Upon missing the stated number of Board meetings, the President shall notify the Director of their absences and place the removal of the Director on the agenda of the next General or Special Board meeting.

Moved by Kurt Cabrera-Miller, seconded by Ann Job

Discussion: Cheri Blose shared that on three of her absences that she sent in her reports to be reviewed and attended several of the special board meetings. Greg Hoerner spoke against this portion in the bi-laws. Peter Postlmayr spoke to the process and its proper use.

Motion Failed* by vote of the **12** eligible members present. Yes (0): None; No (12) Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Sheldon Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, Marti Marshall, Don Neal, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, and Christian Rubalcava; Abstain (0) None; Ineligible (1) Donald Zelaya

* A "No" vote meant she will stay on the SNC Board.

- 32. Board Member Comments / Announcements**

Sheldon Cabrera-Miller – Expressed his interest in joining a committee and asked for links to information like the by-laws.

He is interested in joining Planning, Land Use, and Homelessness

Christian Rubalcava – Mentioned that he was very lightly considering the Vice President of Administration position.

Kurt Cabrera-Miller – Urged all committee chairs to submit all their committee meetings dates and to post their committee meeting minutes

Ann Job – Expressed her commendation to the Sylmar Advocacy Group who held a march and a town hall meeting. She also shared that on Tuesday, October 3rd, the Board of Supervisors will be meeting to consider the Armory becoming a Women’s Bridge Housing. The meeting is at 9am and is open to the public.

Kathy Grubert - Received an email this week that the high-speed rail is still an active project. She noted that the route from Burbank to Palmdale goes right under Sylmar.

Cheri Blose – Foothills Trails Neighborhood Council is having their Equestrian fair on October 21st. Flyers were made available at the back table.

- 33. 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:

Thursday October 26, 2017 at 6:30pm

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

- 34. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** Adjourned at 9:32pm.