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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING– Minutes

June 23, 2016; 6:30 P.M. — 9:30 P.M.

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

Tammy Flores, President

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council General Board Minutes are a summary, not an exact, word-for-word transcript of what was said at the Meeting. The Minutes are not, nor were they ever meant to be, a comprehensive record of what was said about a particular issue or project.

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Diane Valencia, in the absence of President Tammy Flores, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** Present were Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava and Diane Valencia. Absent were Alex Guerrero, Francis Hughes, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores. Quorum was met.
- 3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, Meeting Rules, and Timekeeper.** Diane Valencia, Vice President of Administration, encouraged all present wishing to speak to fill out a speaker card. David Rodriguez served as timekeeper.
- 4. Welcome and Announcements by Board Meeting facility host.** Derek Martin welcomed everyone to “Sylmar High School” for the last time; at the next meeting it will be “Sylmar Charter High School.”
- 5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations.** **LAPD Lead Officer Keith Crawford** invited the public to attend the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at Sylmar High School. He also spoke about the Summer 2016 Youth Entrepreneur Training Program. Finally, he mentioned a program by Walgreens to fight drug abuse by creating a “disposal drug program” at some of its stores. **Jacqueline Serrano**, from the Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas, brought copies of the congressman’s newsletter, and spoke about his bill “The At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act.” **Eveline Bravo-Ayala**, from the Office of Senator Hertzberg, informed the audience of the \$171 billion state budget, of which \$6 million will go into the rainy day fund and \$3 million into the Metro R2 Measure for a transportation corridor between LAMC and CSUN. **Abigail Moreno**, from the Office of Councilman Felipe Fuentes, also spoke about the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at Sylmar High School. She also mentioned the importance of forming neighborhood watch groups. **David Gonzales**, from the Office of LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff, informed the audience of the passage of the \$7.6 billion balanced budget. **Hermes Ayala**, from the Office of Assemblywoman Patty Lopez, reminded us that she will be holding affordable housing workshops in the coming months. Finally, **Steve List**, of the Community Forest Advisory Committee, spoke about the trees that were planted last year at Olive Vista, and that several trees at Roxford and Gladstone were being removed due to disease.
- 6. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.** **Marti Marshall** read from the U.S. Constitution and spoke about the importance of understanding it. **Eugene Hernandez** requested additional time to speak about the Nestlé bottled water controversy. **Lisett Reynaga**, from the Valley Center Thrift Store, spoke about the problems of homelessness and vandalism at the Sylmar Shopping Center. **Bonnie Bernard** spoke in support of her. **David Barron** spoke in favor of a proposition to change the name of the LADWP.

Unfinished Business

- 7. Discussion and possible Board action to form a Committee to address sidewalk repairs in Sylmar.** Wilson Bell made the motion; 2nd by Kurt Cabrera-Miller. Peter Postlmayr suggested that this should be a sub-committee under Public Works/Governmental Affairs. Motion was tabled.

New Business

8. **Discussion and possible action to form non-Standing Committees, including appointment of Chair(s).** Kurt Cabrera-Miller made the motion to form the **Public Works/Governmental Affairs Committee**, chaired by Ann Job; 2nd by Wilson Bell. In a reverse vote, the motion was passed with Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 1, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1. Item 7 was referred to this committee. Wilson Bell made the motion to form the **Homelessness Committee**, chaired by Hector Cabrera; 2nd by David Rodriguez. Mr. Cabrera wanted to speak to others before accepting the chairmanship of this committee. The motion was withdrawn. Stakeholder Peggy Courtney was then nominated as co-chair of the committee by Diane Valencia; 2nd by Kurt Cabrera-Miller. In a reverse vote, the motion passed with Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 1, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1. Diane Valencia made the motion to form the **Ad Hoc Committee for the Sylmar Sign**, chaired by Laurie Fadness; 2nd by Kurt Cabrera-Miller. In a reverse vote, the motion was passed with Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 1, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1.
9. **Committee Reports. Executive Committee:** Diane Valencia reported on the never-ending search for office space. She informed the Board that the City Inspector had been out to see the space available at the Sylmar Shopping Center. **Outreach Committee:** David Rodriguez reported that the SNC's first community cleanup would take place on Saturday, July 23. The first community mixer will be at Coffee 'n Cream on Thursday, August 4, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. The tentative date for the Sylmar Town Hall/Resource Fair will be Saturday, October 15th. Recognition of a business or individual will take place at the August 25th GBM. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12, at St. Didacus Church– Conference Room 2. **Planning and Land Use Committee:** Peter Postlmayr reported that the committee is working on its mission statement. **Emergency Preparedness Committee:** John Pacheco informed the Board that the first meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, June 28, at the Sylmar Library at 5:30 p.m. Objectives for FY 2016 will be presented and discussed, including the creation of a Written Disaster Plan. **Equestrian Committee:** Cheri Blose reported that reflectors for horses are popular and that other equestrian groups want them; the committee is planning a pancake breakfast in July; and a new traffic light the committee has been trying to get installed will take place in October/November.
10. **City Liaison Reports. Animal Services Liaison:** Amanda Bloom introduced Kelly Land, who told us that the Lucy Pet Foundation will be at Vallarta Supermarket on Foothill Blvd. from 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. on Friday, July 22. She also explained the Foster-a-Pet Program. **Budget Liaison:** Ann Job reported that she would be attending Budget Day. **Public Safety Liaison:** Greg Hoerner spoke about problem of street racing. **Public Works Liaison:** Christian Rubalcava reported on his plans for the 2nd Annual Blitz on Bike to report necessary street repairs to the City. The deadline is July 14. **Transportation Liaison:** Wilson Bell reported no updates.
11. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2016, General Board Meeting.** 1st by Peter Postlmayr; 2nd by Wilson Bell. With the corrections to name spellings, and in a reverse vote, the motion was passed with Yes 13, No 0, Abstain 2, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1.
12. **Approval of Minutes of the June 4, 2016, Special Board Meeting/Retreat.** 1st by Christian Rubalcava; 2nd by Wilson Bell. In a reverse vote the motion passed with Yes 12, No 0, Abstain 3, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1.
13. **Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File #13-1478—Small Lot Subdivision/Guidelines and Ordinance Update.** Presentation was by Peter Postlmayr, Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee, including a print out of information on the Code Amendment and Policy Update. After discussion of Board members and stakeholders, a motion was made by Cheri Blose; 2nd by Lucille Floresta. A reverse vote was taken. The motion passed with Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 1, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1.
14. **Recess.**
15. **Discussion and possible Sylmar Neighborhood Council action in support of a letter to the City Council, for a motion requesting that LADWP develop a research plan to transition Los Angeles to 100% renewable energy by 2035, as San Francisco, San Jose and San Diego have done.** Tyler Aguirre from Food & Water Watch made the presentation. After discussion of Board members and stakeholders, a motion was made by Christian Rubalcava; 2nd by Wilson Bell. A reverse vote was taken. The motion failed with Yes 5, No 6, Abstain 4, Absent 5, and Ineligible 1.
16. **Presentation concerning Sylmar's status within the City of Los Angeles as the #1 spot for abandoning unwanted pets and livestock.** Jan Sedler from the LA Animal Services Director of Field Operations and Amanda Bloom made the presentation. Other topics also included pet tagging and adoptions.
17. **Discussion and possible action to approve an amount not to exceed \$600 for 8 ½ X 11, three-panel, double-sided, 4-color brochures to be used for outreach activities. This amount is contingent upon all SNC financial responsibilities being fulfilled by June 30, 2016. The Budget Committee allocated, and the Outreach Committee reviewed, for the Board's approval.** The motion was made by Derek Martin; 2nd by Wilson Bell. The motion passed with Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez and Christian Rubalcava voting Yes; 0 No; Diane Valencia abstained; Hector Cabrera ineligible. Alex Guerrero, Francis Hughes, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores were absent.

18. **Treasurer's Report.** No report as Alex Guerrero was absent.
19. **Review and Adoption of the May Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).** Presented by Ann Job. The motion was made by David Rodriguez; 2nd by John Pacheco. The motion passed with Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez and Christian Rubalcava voting Yes; 0 No; Diane Valencia abstained; Hector Cabrera ineligible. Alex Guerrero, Francis Hughes, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores were absent.
20. **Review and Adoption of the June Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).** Presented by Patti Rau, Budget Committee. Ms. Rau explained why the MER only went to the end of business on June 22, 2016, and how the remainder of the fiscal year would be handled so that the MER could be submitted to DONE as required. The motion was made by Wilson Bell; 2nd by Kathy Grubert. The motion passed with Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez and Christian Rubalcava voting Yes; 0 No; Diane Valencia abstained; Hector Cabrera ineligible. Alex Guerrero, Francis Hughes, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores were absent.
21. **Discussion and possible action to re-allocate funds as follows: \$3,588.82 from MIS – Miscellaneous Expense, \$20.00 from POS – Postage, \$95.84 from TAC – Staffing and Temporary Help, \$500.00 from TRL – Translation & Transcription, \$605.74 from EQU – Equestrian Committee, \$225.00 from EVE – Event Expense/Food & Refreshments, totaling \$5,035.40 to be moved. These monies will be reallocated as follows: \$244.88 to EDU – Training & Board Retreat, \$13.08 to FAC – Facilities Related/Space Rental, \$800.00 to ADV – Advertising, \$92.46 to MEE – Meeting Expense, and \$1,537.29 to WEB – Website Maintenance/Enhancement/Creation, totaling \$2,687.70. This will bring these balances to zero. The remainder of the money, \$2,347.69, will be reallocated to OFF - Office Equipment & Supplies.** The motion was made by Derek Martin; 2nd by Kurt Cabrera-Miller. The motion passed with Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez and Christian Rubalcava voting Yes; 0 No; Diane Valencia abstained; Hector Cabrera ineligible. Alex Guerrero, Francis Hughes, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores were absent.
22. **Discussion and possible action to approve a new Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.** Patti Rau presented the budget, explaining how it is based on last year's expenses and any new requirements for the up-coming year. The motion was made by Wilson Bell; 2nd by Derek Martin. The motion passed with Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez and Christian Rubalcava voting Yes; 0 No; Diane Valencia abstained; Hector Cabrera ineligible. Alex Guerrero, Francis Hughes, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores were absent.
23. **Board Member Comments/Announcements.** None.
24. **Future Agenda Items.** Contact Diana Valencia.
25. **Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements and Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

Minutes by Patricia Rau.