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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 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 St., 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. Approval of Minutes** of the March 22, 2012 General Board Meeting. (5)
- 6:40-6:42 p.m. **4. Housekeeping, Stakeholder comments, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper.** (2)
- 6:42-6:45 p.m. **5. Welcome and Introduction by Board Meeting Host.** (3)
- 6:45-6:55 p.m. **6. Public Officials, Community Representatives and Board Member announcements and presentations.** (10)
- 6:55-7:05 p.m. **7. 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)
- 7:05-7:23 p.m. **8. Reports.** – Two minutes each by Chair(s) (18) {Please submit all reports in writing to the Secretary or VP of Admin. within 10 days after the BOD meeting}:
 Secretary – David Levin
 Treasurer – Randall Kelly
 Land Use – George Ortega and Roy Smith
 Outreach – Jeanne Rowe and Don Neal
 Election – Martin Laufer
 Government Affairs, Public Service and Safety – Chris Shows and Hiral Bhakta
 Green - Rosemary Jenkins
 Equestrian – Cheri Blose
 Bylaws - Quyen Vo-Ramirez
 Additional Reports - Requested by the President

Unfinished Business

- 7:23-7:28 p.m. **9. Report and discussion on possible action** to fill vacant seats on the SNC Board of Directors (Industrial Rep.; Renter Rep. and Retail Rep.) (5)
- 7:28-7:38 p.m. **10. Special presentation and recognition of L.A. City Fire Station 91, State Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and City Council Member Richard Alarcon** for directing and assisting in the Fireman's Fund Grant, which enabled the SNC to purchase Emergency Kits for the Sylmar community. (10)

New Business

7:38-7:45 p.m. **11. Discussion and possible action** to support a CPR/First Aid Class with an additional \$375, adding to the previously allocated amount of \$500, bringing the total amount to \$875 to conduct the class.

7:45-8:00 p.m. **12. Discussion and possible action** to support the following recommendations by the SNC Outreach, and Government Affairs, Public Safety & Services Committees. Presentations by Bart Reed.

- a. submit a letter to Los Angeles City Council/Member to finish bus stop landing pads at intersection of Borden & Hubbard.
- b. submit a letter to Los Angeles City Council/Member to add a "Rapid Stop" to Bus Line 761 on Plummer St. at Van Nuys Blvd. to assist veterans' access to the Veteran's Administration Facility in North Hills.
- c. submit a letter supporting a State law modification to allow bike racks that accommodate three bikes on City buses.
- d. submit a letter supporting/endorsing the Transportation TIGER Team.

Recess: 8:00-8:10 p.m.

8:10-8:20 p.m. **13. Discussion and possible action** to support the following recommendation by the SNC Equestrian Committee:

- a. Review, sign and submit a letter to the Mobile Home Park at Stetson Ranch and Glenoaks requesting the fire-damaged steps and fence to be replaced and repaired.
- b. To support the completion of the "Trail Maps" project with financial support not to exceed \$500 for the Committee to create a Powerpoint presentation of the maps and pictures already collected for final presentation.

8:20-8:30 p.m. **14. Discussion and possible action** to support the following recommendations by the SNC Land Use Committee:

- a. **Support: 13076 Glenoaks Boulevard**, Conditional Use Permit for on-site sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant under construction.
- b. **Support: 13530 Foothill Boulevard**, a zone change from LARA (RA-1) to RD1.5 in order to construct eight townhouses on a 20,465 s.f. lot

8:30-8:35 p.m. **15. Discussion and possible action** to support RePower LA's Department of Water and Power (DWP), Energy Efficiency Program by submitting a letter to the Los Angeles City Council and DWP. (5)

8:35-8:40 p.m. **16. Discussion and possible action** to approve SNC purchasing card expenditures for March 2012. Presentation by Randall Kelly, SNC Treasurer. (5)

8:40-8:45 p.m. **17. Appointments of Committee Chairs by the President** (5)

8:45-8:55 p.m. **18. Board Member Comments** - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (10)

8:55-8:58 p.m. **19. Future Agenda Items, next Meeting date** - Please submit in writing to the Executive Board. (3)
The next General Board Meeting will be May 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Church of the Foothills.

8:58-9:00 p.m. **20. Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements and Adjournment.** (2)

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 Board's 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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