

**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
Historical Background  
Brief Summary of Board meetings**

**Mission Statement: *To promote the welfare, protect the interests, and serve as a voice for the Sylmar community with the City's decision-making process for a better quality of life.***

*The Mission of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council:*

- (1) *To provide an inclusive open forum for public discussion of issues concerning City governance, the needs of this neighborhood council, the delivery of city services to this neighborhood council, and on matters of a Citywide nature, and*
- (2) *To advise the City of Los Angeles on issues concerning City governance, the needs of this neighborhood council, the delivery of City services to this neighborhood council, and on matters of a Citywide nature.*

- 1999 City election:** The people of Los Angeles voted to approve the City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 174006 which established regulations to implement the Plan For a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (Plan).
- May 15-31, 2001:** Ordinance 174006 for the Plan was approved by the City Council and became effective. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment began accepting certification applications from community groups as of October 1, 2001.
- March 2001:** Bonnie Bernard met with Dr. Adrianna Barrera of LA Mission College and Joanne Baltierrez to discuss the grassroots efforts of establishing a Neighborhood Council in the community of Sylmar.
- April 3, 2001:** First meeting of community stakeholders with presentations from Megan Jones of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment which is a City agency.
- May 2003:** The Sylmar Neighborhood Council was certified by the City of Los Angeles and became the 69<sup>th</sup> NC.
- May 2004:** The community of Sylmar held a community-wide election for the board of directors for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.
- August 9, 2004:** The first meeting of the Board of Directors. Board officers were determined by the Board after the Directors were sworn in by Councilman Alex Padilla. President – Tammy Flores, Vice President – Bonnie Bernard and Treasurer – Richard Yamauchi. The Board received a brief overview of responsibilities from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – presented by Leyla Campos our Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Project Coordinator.
- August 19, 2004:** Board meeting – Discussed and established most of the committees and chairs of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.
- Sept 2, 2004:** Adopted the SNC committees and chairs. Federation representative selected by the Board. The Board determined that the SNC committee structure would be a minimum of one Board chair, at least one Board member and at least 3 stakeholders.
- Oct. 26, 2004:** Ad hoc committees established: Open House Holiday Party, Secretary Duties, and Web Site. New Sylmar NC office approved and furniture and supplies ordered. Guest speakers: Senator Richard Alarcon regarding DWP 11% increase and Gaby Gonzalez – LAUSD outreach for schools needed. Second quarter budget approved. Explanation of Matching Funds Grant program by CD7 Dan Rosales. Reports from Committees: Land Use, Public Services and Outreach.
- Nov. 18, 2004** Board voted to support of DWP 11% rate increase rollback. AD HOC Committee distributed itemized Secretary Responsibilities and the Board approved. Outreach – George Ortega - presented drafted flier to be distributed via Smart Shopper in English & Spanish. Denise Campos reported issues that the Neighborhood Prosecution Program are working on within Sylmar. Public Service, Public Safety, Land Use, Outreach, and Senior Issues gave reports. Leyla Campos explained Retreat as creating plans, goals and direction for SNC. Board approved zone change at 15722 Roxford St; opposed 13461-

- 13559 Foothill Blvd (92 unit condos project); approved support of DWP 11% rollback; and approved Secretary Duties.
- Dec 14, 2004** Ofcr. Tim Torsney (LAPD) reported about the new police station for Sylmar. It will be structurally completed by 12/24/04 and operational by 3/5/05. The Board approved that a letter be drafted by the Legislative/Civic Issues Committee to the County and City for Executive Board approval, opposing any relocation of the homeless to the Sylmar community and that research be done on the manner other communities deal with this issue. Karen Mack for LA Commons/Sylmar Medical Center community project presented project and asked to engage organizations in community to create large scale art reflection of Sylmar. Theme to be "Intersections". Beautification Committee to oversee the project. President Flores established an additional standing committee to be "Special Events/Projects. Election Committee be formed in accordance with SNC Bylaws. Cindy Blazer volunteered to Chair Election Committee. Board approved Brown Act training for 1/29/05.
- Jan 27, 2005** Public Services and the Legislative/Civic Issues Committees to work with Bart Reed in preparation of a Resolution and letter regarding opposition to MTA proposal to remove transit from Glenoaks, Paxton and Lassen. Presentation with slides from the Bureau of Sanitation by Sam Alavi regarding the request for increase of sewer service rate charge. "Welcome to Sylmar sign issues, locations, plans and options" assigned by Pres. Flores to the Beautification Committee. Cindy Blazer advised of the need for Bylaw revision, which affects the upcoming election and is required by DONE. Bonnie Bernard and Tammy Flores will look at the Bylaws and see what needs to be rewritten regarding the election dates. Board opposed project on 13396 Hubbard St.; oppose project on 13456-13559 Foothill Blvd. (92 condos); support project at 13148-70 Herrick St.; and support project on 13701 Polk St.
- Feb 22, 2005** Board approved to write a resolution in support of efforts to obtain a multi purpose Senior Center for Sylmar residents. Senior Committee to present for the March meeting. After presentation by the Senior Committee Chair the board decided to take no action in support of Sylmar mobile homeowner park residents against civil rights violations and elder abuse. A Land Use Sub-Committee was established - "Architectural Design Committee" for the purpose of reviewing aesthetic and building designs. The Board voted to accept Veronica Arreguin to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Nancy Oda until the 2005 Election. The Board approved Code of Conduct and Board Rules. The Executive Committee is to submit an Application to Change or Adjust Bylaws to include language in the SNC Bylaws, Article VII, Section C, to clarify when the Initial Board of the SNC was installed, thereby establishing an election schedule for a June election. The Board approved that the Land Use Committee write and submit a letter to the City Planning Commission requesting an Interim Control Ordinance to restrict new building/development projects to stay within the zoning requirements of the last approved Sylmar community Plan/General Plan which included Public community input – in 1995 – until a new Sylmar Community Plan is created with public input. Land Use meetings will be bi-monthly. Board approved the appeal of a variance to permit continued use and maintenance of a construction yard at 13500 San Fernando Rd.; opposed the request for a variance at 13500 San Fernando Rd.
- Mar 24, 2005** Veronica Arreguin sworn in by Dan Rosales. A "General Bill of Rights for Mobilehome Residents" was presented by the Senior Committee and the Board agreed to endorse/support it and will write a letter stating as such. The Election Procedures were approved for the 2005 Board Elections. An Ad Hoc committee to address additional resources for Spanish translation of SNC documents and outreach was established.
- April 19, 2005** The Land Use Committee letter to the City Planning Commission was read into the record by President Tammy Flores, requesting an Interim Control Ordinance to restrict new building/development projects to stay within the zoning requirements of the last approved Sylmar Community Plan/General Plan which included Public community input – in 1995 – until a new Sylmar Community Plan is created with public input, which was approved and adopted by the Board at the 2/22/05 meeting. A letter of resolution for a Senior Center in Sylmar was approved by the Directors. Election Committee Chair Cindy

Blazer distributed DONE Approved Election Procedures. Jim Elger from Northridge West & DWP Task Force elaborated on the Memorandum of Understanding between Certified Neighborhood Councils and the DWP. Marietta Welch has been assigned as Liaison between SNC & DWP. SNC adopted the Memorandum of Understand (MOU) – between the Sylmar Neighborhood Council and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power.

**May 19, 2005** A Retreat for the Board of Directors has been scheduled for 7/16. Brown Act Training for the SNC Directors by the Office of the City Attorney has been combined with Lake Balboa and Foothills Trail and the date set for 8/13/05, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. An ad hoc committee set up for CPRNOW Task Force, with the appointment of members, Patty Hug, Marietta Welch and President Flores Chairing.

**Jun 21, 2005** The SNC sponsored a Town Hall Meeting at Sylmar High to hear from the stakeholders regarding Edison land use projects within the Sylmar corridor areas. Over 200 stakeholders attended as well as Councilmember Alex Padilla, his staff and other officials. Surveys were returned during the meeting reflecting the majority of the attendees as objecting to the three specified Edison projects. The public comments session included 42 speaker cards which also reflected the majority of stakeholders as not supporting the projects. The 3 Edison projects: 10 acres/1500 self storage units; RV/Boat storage area and Barry's self-serve car wash on Hubbard and the 210 freeway. The SNC Board moved to oppose all of the Edison projects and to put them on hold and return to the SNC a solution for using this space The Board approved an increase of (5) five hours totaling 20 hours per week for the Secretary. Miguel Luna gave a presentation on the Tujunga Watershed Project and requested that the Board send a letter of support. The SNC Board approved to amend the By laws and Board Rules regarding Committee structure. The Bylaws Committee will submit the Application to Amend the Bylaws ASAP to Done for final approval. The Board Rules were updated and handed out. Louis Perry of the Public Services Committee reported: 10 unresolved matters and 46 resolved matters since SNC was formed. Elizabeth Beltran, Beautification Co-Chair, reported that the Sylmar Medical Center – LA Commons Art project was completed and a showcase event for the art pieces to be held on Saturday, 6/25. Cindy Blazer, Election Committee Chair, reported the Preliminary Election Results have been posted.

**July 19, 2005** Final discussions on the Annual Town Hall Meeting required in the bylaws occurred which will be July 27. President Flores announced that Councilmember Padilla sent a letter in opposition of the Edison project. An Ad Hoc Committee for the Edison land use projects "suggested use" within the Sylmar area was created. President Flores assigned Stakeholder Becky Bascom and Bonnie Bernard as Co-Chairs. The Interim Control Letter that was approved on 2/22 and read into the record 4/19 will be re-written. A Land Use Committee member is working with three departments regarding the land use and zoning plans not matching. Approval of 9 units with language in the CC&R's that would provide for animal keeping rights and retain the K overlay on Case #APCNC-2004-3723-ZC-F Tract Map No. 60962, address 15241, 15251,15255 Roxford. The Board opposed the Los Lomas Project which is in the "proposal" stages between Los Angeles and Santa Clarita. A Logo & Slogan contest with a \$100 award for winner will be announced at the Annual Town Hall Meeting.

**Aug 9, 2005** The newly elected Board of Directors (Eugene Hernandez, Jim Schopper, Evangelist Maggie Campbell, Farooq Ghias, Jaime Morado, Terri Croswhite and Hector Cabrera) and the reelected Directors (Nick Krall, Louis Perry, Clifford Kenny and Erica Lopez) were sworn in with the 2 year term Directors by Councilman Alex Padilla. The retiring Directors received recognition and certificates for their service. The Board reelected the officers – Tammy Flores as President, Bonnie Bernard as Vice President and Richard Yamauchi as Treasurer. The Board approved a voluntary training session for Board members and Secretaries given by Loyola Law School's Center for Conflict Resolution. There is no cost incurred to the council and is available for community groups to provide training on improving communication skills, helping to avoid and resolve conflicts with each other, the community and with family. Some Committee Chair positions were assigned by the President.

- Aug 23, 2005** A Board of Directors Retreat and Brown Act training was attended in August. The Board approved a letter of support for the Tujunga Watershed Project. The revision of "Committees" to the SNC Bylaws was accepted with provision subject to City Attorney approval and a quorum be noted as a majority of the Committee. Senator Richard Alarcon commended the SNC on all their hard work and presented numerous verbal compliments and Certificates of Recognition to Stakeholder Frank Jacobs, SNC Secretary Doris Jacobs, Alternate SNC Secretary Cat Bartik-Sweeney and Stakeholder Cindy Blazer. The Board supported the ballot measure that will allow people to vote "yes" or "no" for keeping and/or changing the LA County seal/emblem. The Board approved a new committee - "Business Development." Dan Rosales (CD 7) reported that some funds have been made available for a Senior Center in Sylmar.
- Sept 15, 2005** Conflict Resolution Training Class – 9/19. BOD accepted Letter of Resolution supporting Ballot Measure for L.A. County Seal. BOD approved to accept the NVC motion for Sunshine Land Fill extension (to oppose). Motion approved to support development at 13906, 13110 and 13130 N. Gladstone. Motion approved to support the lot split at 12907 N. Gladstone. BOD approved the inclusion and definition of Chair, co-chair and vice chair to the Board Rules. Budget draft approved (to add Land Use monies) and any needed additional funds by committees to be taken from Outreach line item. BOD approved to recommend the funds for the sale of 4 City owned parcels in Sylmar remain in Sylmar. Louis Perry announced "311" production for cable completed and airing times. Done will allocate fund for distribution of 70,000 "311" information flyers. \$100,000 will be allocated for resurfacing Sylmar streets and maps are available.
- Sept 30, Special** Office lease approved for an additional year. Discussion regarding need to find posting locations open 72 hours immediately prior to meetings. Grievance submitted by Secretary to the BOD against Director Evangelist Maggie Campbell from Stakeholder Ms. Bascom. Grievance to be submitted in accordance with the SNC Bylaws regarding grievances filed to the SNC. Grievance Panel to meet and hear from grievant within 15 days. Panel will then submit recommendation to the BOD for resolution.
- Oct. 11, 2005** Board re-confirmed the opposition to the Edison projects. Board approved the definition of Chair, Co-chair and vice-chair and will amend the Bylaws. Board approved to amend the Bylaws to include "Committees" scope – Article VI. H. Ad Hoc Committee for Spanish Translation approved – Hector Cabrera and Tammy Flores. Ad Hoc Committee for Posting Locations – Jim Schopper. Ad Hoc Committee City Budget to include CIS (Community Impact Statement). Approved split of School and Youth Issues committees (chaired by Ben Cardenas). Board received 3 petitions for Removal of Board Member. One denied without hearing and the other two placed on hold until Lawsuit concerning the other two petitions served at the meeting by another Board Member to the Board is reviewed and legal representation obtained.
- Oct. 24, 2005** Board moved "Parliamentarian" and "Sergeant of Arms" to the Bylaws which included a wording revision. Board approved a wording revision to "Executive Board" in the Board Rules and moved to the Bylaws. Three Board members resigned – Retail, Education and Senior. SNC received a certificate and ribbon from Wendy Gruel for the SNC booth at the event – "Day of the Horses." Louis Perry announced that the City committed to paint all of the red and white pavement zones within 30 days. Tabled petitions to Remove a Board Member moved to the next scheduled Board meeting.
- Nov 17, 2005** Regular monthly meetings will be at Hubbard Street Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Hubbard Street Elementary School. The Board Member Removal Petition(s) had been resolved with the resignation of the Board Member. Assignment of the Community Impact Representative was made by President Flores to include herself, Bonnie Bernard, Eugene Hernandez and Cheri Blose. Motion approved that the Secretary be paid 20 hours per week for 52 weeks per year including hours worked and comp time. Board moved to oppose the Las Lomas Project. Board moved to send a resolution to urge City Council to support the South Los Angeles farmers who have preserved a section of urban land and converted it into useful farm land and want to remain on this land and create more green space in the City of Los Angeles,

including Sylmar. The Board moved to send a letter to Valley Alliance to endorse a moratorium on further building the Los Angeles hillsides and mountains.

**Dec 8, 2005**

President Flores announced Bonnie Bernard and herself will be the two Board of Directors to be liaisons between the SNC and City Attorney Delgadillio for Neighborhood Council recommendations and Round Table discussions, as instructed by DONE. The SNC approved to co-host with the Sylmar Chamber of Commerce an annual Sylmar Parade which will contribute to outreach for the community and will be a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. The Board approved to accept expenses/funding for the Parade from the Outreach Committee Budget which will not exceed \$3,000.00. The Board approved to send the revised Resolution letter regarding the Las Lomas project to any governmental agency that would have direct affect on this project. New Board members were sworn in: Armida Torres, Daniel Delgadillo, Eugenio Gatmaitan, Sherry Lincoln. Louis Perry reported the completion of street lines being repainted and within a year all red & white lines to be completed in Sylmar; Foothill Blvd. to be covered by a bulky item driver weekly to pickup items.

**Jan 12, 2006**

The SNC to support the 84-unit increase to the Cascade project at 16325 Silver Oaks Drive, and future adjustments to the final tract map, so long as the total number of units remains the same and none of the areas of the development exceed an RD-3 density. The SNC approved a Conditional Use Permit applied for by Union Rescue Mission to use the former Forest Haven nursing-home on Lopez Canyon Road as transitional housing for single mothers and their children as they return to work and a more normal life. The SNC approved an Environmental Impact Report be done before the SNC can support the 97-foot tall, 136 bed, 802 parking space proposed expansion of Providence/Holy Cross Hospital in the nearby Mission Hills community. The SNC approved with an amendment of a 14 lot subdivision at 12747 Norris Ave. if parking is increased to 12 guest parking spaces and subject to future approval of architectural design. and street improvements and lighting - motion to include street improvements and lighting. The SNC approved a proposed 5-lot subdivision at 15503 El Cajon Street, which includes the removal of 1 of the 2 residences on the RA property and replace it with 4 new R-1 homes, which is allowed within the Community Plan, and the builder has agreed to maximize the rear yards giving the horse-keeping neighbors the maximum opportunity to protect the equestrian lifestyle. The SNC approved 23 small-lot home project at 14334 Tyler Street if it is built with a solid curb and horse trail, with or without a sidewalk, and with attractive architectural details on the street-facing sides of the homes, with a deed that says horse-keeping adjoining, which will help blend the higher building density along Foothill Blvd. down to the equestrian homes down Tyler to Glenoaks Blvd. A Grievance had been received from Stakeholder Terri Croswhite regarding the Board's action at the last meeting relevant to Pres. Flores appointment of V.P. Bernard as Parliamentarian, which will be reviewed by the Grievance Panel. SNC approved to change the Bylaws Article Meetings VIII C. 5 wording from "Robert's Rules" to "Parliamentary Procedure" with Bonnie Bernard accepting a friendly amendment by Richard Yamauchi to change wording to "Parliamentary Rule of Procedures by Alice Sturges."

**Feb. 9, 2006**

An appointment of Patty Hug with Nick Krall as alternate to represent the SNC Land Use Committee at the MOU Planning meeting was approved unanimously. A Grievance was filed by Terri Croswhite regarding the appointment of Bonnie Bernard as Parliamentarian on 12/8/05 as not following Robert's Rules of Order – Ms. Bernard had resigned from the appointment 1/18/06 and the Grievance Committee found there was no infraction committed in the appointment as the DONE approved Bylaws of Nov. 25, 2005, containing Article VI, Section K is clear regarding a Parliamentarian appointment and since the Bylaws are not silent on this issue, there is no reason to defer to Robert's Rules of Order, the Bylaws prevail. Bonnie Bernard presented a letter to the Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioners requesting relief regarding the 5 location posting with 72 hour prior agenda viewing, which is curtailing meetings being held Monday through Wednesday. The Board approved unanimously the Land Use Committee recommendation to support the proposed subdivision of 1 A1-a lot into 3 RE-11 lots at 14050 W. Olive View Drive with language in the Deeds protecting neighboring horse-

keeping and supporting the subdivision and zone change at 12622 N. San Fernando Rd. of 1 R-1 flag-lot into 3 RD-4 small-lot home lots. Secretary Doris Jacobs advised Board of ID required for use of the office copier.

**March 9, 2006** The Board approved (7 Yes; 2 No) the Land Use Committee recommendation to support the proposed specialty shopping center at 14117 Hubbard Street. The Board approved (8 Yes; 1 Abstention) the Land Use Committee request for a letter to be written to CD 7 that the Committee does not support the combining into one large landfill for the continued operation of Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The Board approved (8 Yes; 1 Abstention) moving the date of the 2006-2007 Election to June 24, 2006 due to time-line issues. A Bylaws amendment was approved unanimously to read "Elections for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board of Directors shall be held annually with the months of May, June or July. During this time current Board Members will remain seated until the newly elected Board Members are seated."

**April 13, 2006** Louis Perry requested participation for May 7<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Day of service. Secretary Doris Jacobs reported the repairs and painting of the SNC office meeting room walls was done by Frank Jacobs. Tammy Flores advised, due to the shortage of various committees being able to have the required amount of members, some of the committees will be combined to work as a team. Lack of a quorum prevented any Board action on any issues.

**May 11, 2006** Following Scott Chamberlin & Scott Baoes presentation re the Union Rescue Mission/Hope Garden Group on housing progress for single mothers at 12249 Lopez Canyon Road, and statements from individuals in the Kagel Canyon community with objections, the Board approved a motion (8 Yes; 3 No) that the SNC support Kagel Canyon communities working with Hope Garden to address all of Kagel Canyon community concerns. The Board approved unanimously the Land Use Committee recommendation that the proposed 4 equestrian home subdivisions at 13443 Bradley Ave. be supported providing location of dwellings and other buildings on the properties do not infringe on neighboring horsekeeping rights and specific language included in the property deeds protecting horsekeeping rights of neighboring properties. The Board approved unanimously the Land Use Committee recommendation on a proposed subdivision of approximately 2 acres into 4 equestrian properties at 13242 Glenoaks Blvd. and to support a proposed subdivision of 12818 Telfair Ave. into 3 lots and Zone-Change from RA-1 to R1-1 to include animal keeping. The Board approved unanimously the SNC 2006 Election Procedures as approved by DONE 4/27/06.

**May 25, 2006** Business was not conducted at this Special Board Meeting due to the lack of a quorum and all items on the Agenda were tabled for the 6/8/06 meeting.

**June 8, 2006** The assignment of Beautification Committee Chair & Faith Based Committee Co-Chair was removed from the Agenda till following the 2006 election. Tammy Flores & Eugene Hernandez were elected unanimously by the Board as representatives to be part of the pool that will serve on the 912 Commission. The Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose the requested Zone-Variance for 2 dwellings on a through lot in the RA-a zone at 13277 Herrick Ave. was approved by the Board 10 Yes; 1 Abstention. The issue regarding the Mark Alvarez & Mereux-Maddox Development plans for a mixed-use project on the site of the old ICEON skating rink on San Fernando Rd. with the condition of no 4<sup>th</sup> floor and maximum of 200 units, including any density-bonus the builder may seek was tabled for future Board action. Land Use Committee recommendation of D&S Homes proposed mixed-use project (10,115 sq. ft. commercial space & 141 multi-family apartments) 13260 Maclay Street was approved by the Board 10 Yes; 1 No. Land Use Committee recommendation regarding a proposed 27 condominium development on 40,841 net sq. ft. at 13435 N. Hubbard St. between Wheeler & Gladstone application for subdivision and zone change from RA-1-K to RD1.5-1 was approved by the Board 10 Yes, 1 No. Item regarding project on 16, 500 sq. ft. R1-1 lot at 12659 No. Bradley Ave. between Oro Grande & Astoria, through-lot to Florentine St. was tabled for future Board action. Board unanimously approved a Budget adjustment for a \$2.00 per hour increase in charges by DONE contracted agency Apple One, for SNC staffing. Senior Issues Committee Chair Clifford Kenny presented letter written to LA Housing Department

Rent Adjustment for Sylmar Manor regarding the lack of democracy and policies that should be established.

**July 13, 2006**

Patty Hug reported guidelines are being established for the interaction between the Neighborhood Councils & Planning Department. Land Use Committee item regarding 12900 Harding (at Eldridge St.) proposed 44 small-lot homes was tabled for future Board action due to on going plan changes being made by the developer which will require Public Hearings. Board approved, 7 Yes, 5 No the Land Use recommendation to support the Mark Alvarez & Mereux-Maddox Development plans for a mixed-use project on the site of the old ICEON skating rink on San Fernando Rd. with changes to include moving parking access from Berg ST. to San Fernando Rd. with increased parking, project moved back to allow a park effect on Berg St. with no balconies and conversion of some planned residential to commercial space. The Board approved unanimously Bonnie Bernard's motion to place on all future agendas till accomplished, discussion for a Senior/Community Center in Sylmar. The Board approved unanimously that a Juvenile Hall official be invited to make a 15 minute presentation regarding the facility at a future meeting pursuant to an agenda item "closing down Juvenile Hall". The Board approved, 7 Yes, 4 Abstentions, that the SNC go on record with the City of Los Angeles that SNC opposes the fee hike for the trash collection by the City of Los Angeles – Richard Yamauchi to draft a letter for Presidents signature to the Los Angeles City Mayor. The Board approved, 7 Yes, 2 Abstentions, that CD7 is to provide SNC Secretary with contracted cleaning service name used by CD7. The Board approved, 8 Yes, 4 Abstentions, support by SNC for a letter written by Tammy Flores to the Land Use Committee requesting a moratorium on development in Sylmar. The Board approved unanimously the 2006-2007 Proposed SNC Budget presented by Treasurer Richard Yamauchi.

**August 24, 2006**

The Board approved, with one "No" by Bonnie Bernard, the Land Use Committee recommendation to approve the proposed 44 small-lot homes at 12900 Harding (at Eldridge St.) as the developer has made many changes to comply with the neighborhood's requests. President Flores appointed Cheri Blose to Chair Senior/Multipurpose Center Ad Hoc Committee and research centers throughout the valley. President Flores read a letter drafted by Richard Yamauchi, over her signature, which was mailed to L.A. Mayor regarding "Illegal raising of trash fees" and approved by the 7/13/06 Board of Directors. Nick Krall volunteered and was selected to work with Laura Chick on auditing DONE as a member of the Neighborhood Council Liaison Committee. The Board approved, with one "Abstention" by Bonnie Bernard, to add two (2) more posting in window 72 hours prior to meetings. Secretary Jacobs reported receiving email correspondence from individuals displeased with challenges being filed against the 2006 Election and efforts have been made to obtain copies of the challenges from the Human Resource Commission (HRC) and upon receipt the HRC report will be distributed to the SNC Mailing List. Clifford Kenny, Senior Issues Chair, re-advised of the deficiencies of the Local Home Task Force Committee regarding no Agenda & Minutes not being taken at meetings thwarting "transparency" for the public. Election Committee Chair Cat Bartik-Sweeney reported suggestions have been submitted for the next year's Election Procedures and Bylaw Amendments – Melanie McShane has volunteered to Chair the 2007-2008 Election Committee. Eugene Gatmaitan announced his resignation from the Board due to personal business involving the health of a family member.

**Sept. 14, 2006**

V. P. Bonnie Bernard read names of public elected outgoing Board members and presentations were made from Congressman Howard Berman, State Senator Richard Alarcon, Assemblymember Cindy Montanez, LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Councilmember Alex Padilla – Some presentations were made by Capt. Jorge Villegas in the absence of the official and/or representative. Louis Perry, Public Services Committee Chair, announce the efforts to remove six offenders from Sylmar had been initiated by Stakeholder Gina Franco Acevedo and Certificates were presented to her from Council District 7 and Assemblymember Cindy Montanez. LAPD Capt. Jorge

Villegas facilitated the swearing in of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors. Leyla Campos, DONE Project Coordinator, assumed the position of meeting Chair, distributed Orientation Books to the new Board Members and instructed there would be an orientation regarding the book's contents, especially the Brown Act, and the importance of becoming familiar with documents in the Orientation Book. Ms. Campos facilitated the nomination and election of the President, Vice President and Treasurer with a vote selection by Board Members hands being raised. Nominations for President were Tammy Flores and Rudolfo Lopez – Flores received 12 votes & Lopez declined the nomination – Tammy Flores was announced the 2006-2007 President. Nominations for Vice President were Bonnie Bernard & Rudolfo Lopez – Both nominees received 10 votes each – Ms. Campos requested a coin toss as there were no determining factor in the SNC Bylaws, which was accepted and Lopez chose "heads" – Observation by three Board Members revealed "tails" – Bonnie Bernard was announced the 2006-2007 Vice President. Nominations for Treasurer were Eleanor Brooks and Jeanne Rowe – Brooks received 13 votes & Rowe 7 votes – Eleanor Brooks was announced the 2006-2007 Treasurer. President Flores appointed Eleanor Brooks to chair the Outreach Committee. No objections were made regarding the continuing of the Land Use Committee – Nicholas Krall was appointed Chair. The Secretary provided the Board with a "Confidential Board Member List". The Board approved the Board Retreat for October 2006 with 15 Yes & 5 not voting (names not announced). The Board approved regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month and scheduling of an additional meeting in September with 17 Yes and 3 not voting (names not announced).

**Sept. 28, 2006** The Board approved 16 Yes & 1 No – Kathleen Clement, the following Committees: Land Use, Public Services, Beautification/Grants, Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness & Commercial/Business Interest. The Board approved unanimously an Education Committee. The Board approved 13 Yes, 2 No – Kathleen Clement & Lynn Zekanis & 2 abstentions – Randall Kelly & Rudolfo Lopez a Rental/Manufactured Homes Education & Protection Committee. President Flores appointed the following Chairs: Land Use – Nicholas Krall; Public Services – Louis Perry; Beautification/Grants – Quyen Vo-Ramirez; Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Co-Chairs Hector Cabrera & Rudolfo Lopez; Commercial/Business Interest – Bonnie Bernard & Stakeholder Barry Sylvan; Education Committee – Fidel Ramirez. The Board approved unanimously a Sex Offender Ad Hoc Committee. The Board approved to renew the SNC office Lease with Mr. Frank Mushmel dba FM Enterprises 10/14/06 for one year with payments made quarterly.

**Oct. 13, 2006** The Board approved that the SNC continue their posting locations, add more as they become available in the community but begin meeting any night of the week when Stakeholders are available. Public Services Chair Louis Perry reported the owner of the trucking company by the "Welcome To Sylmar" sign has placed a light on the sign. The Board voted to support development at 13389 Hubbard St. only if there is no density-bonus, giving a maximum of 27 units. The Board voted to oppose the proposed 45-foot monopine telecommunications towers at 16045 W. Foothill Blvd. The Board approved that for the safety of our community and the Sylmar area, a request be made from the council office regarding the implementation of one or more Interim Control Ordinances. The Board approved unanimously the adoption and refinement of a community Vision Statement establishing list of community desires regarding various aspects of Sylmar land use for now and in the future. The Board voted to approve the support with conditions of a reduced project of 200 town-homes on Foothill at Harding. The Board voted to oppose the R1 single family home development at 13147 Gladstone Ave. with conditions of removal of squatters, illegal homes & junk within 30 days that is on the property. The Board voted to approve a Street Vendor Ad Hoc Committee. President Flores appointed Jan Sandstrom as Chair. The Board voted to oppose a SNC resolution to oppose Ballot Measure R and urge stakeholders to vote "no" on November 7. President Flores appointed Melanie McShane as Election Committee Chair for 2007-

2008. The majority of the Board chose November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Board Retreat with Gary de La Rosa.

**Nov. 9, 2006**

The Board agreed in the selection of Fidel Ramirez and Tammy Flores as the two representatives to participate in discussion about the Mayor's Budget to be submitted 11/15/06. The Board did not support the Land Use Committee recommendation to support the reduction to four homes at 15766 Roxford Street; the proposed 60 commercial units at 15900 Olden St. & 15840-853 Monte St. subject to guarantees of no retail, no wholesale to public, explore western wall design and submit final design to Architecture Design Committee; the request by Foothill Village, LLC, 15151 Foothill Blvd. a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment for construction of a block-wall and wrought-iron fence of varying heights within the front yard setback; fencing variance requested by D&S Homes at 13280 Dronfield. The Board unanimously opposed, as recommended by the Land Use Committee, the development of a 60 unit family apartment complex at 12129 North Eldorado; the requested conditional use permit to permit installation of an illuminated dual pole sign, height of 30 feet and two illuminated pole signs, heights of 6 feet, in lieu of the two free-standing signs permitted in conjunction with the removal of an existing pole at an existing mini-mart/fuel service station at 11550 N. Laurel Canyon Blvd.; a project of 24 condominium units on 29,256 sq. ft. at 12739, 12745 & 12751 Bradley Ave. by Civil Land Engineers of Downey; a possible project by Oscar Ensafi, until properly presented, on 16,500 sq. ft. R-1-1 lot at 12659 N. Bradley Ave., between Oro Grande & Sastria, through-lot to Florentine St.. The Board approved the selection of Ellie Brooks, Nick Krall, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Eugene Hernandez & George Ortega as official representatives to make transmission of official and authorized Community Impact Statements to D.O.N.E. to submit to the City Clerk for the L.A. City Council pertaining to an agenda item on the L.A. City Council Meeting Agenda. The Board approved a letter be sent on SNC letterhead to the Project Manager and to other appropriate agencies and committees, such as, but not limited to the Board of Directors of the L.A. Community College District and attach ES-10 to the correspondence that the SNC endorses five points: (1) That Sylmar Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Mission College alternative for Reduced Buildout on the existing Footprint with an enrollment cap at 13, 000 as described in the October 2005 DEIR and similarly described alternative per the October 2006 DEIR. (2) That the EIR will state that no athletic or ball fields will be considered or planned on LACCD owned parcels in the Pacoima Wash for 20 years. (3) Any building or facility which is not currently funded by already allocated funds, will require that the College adhere to the Sylmar Community Plan that is currently being drafted and come back to the community for input when future funds become available. (4) That LAMC Ad Hoc Committee be advised of, and at least one committee member be invited to attend, the LAMC Citizen Oversight Committee meetings (COCC) as an observer until completion of the LAMC expansion project. (5) That the Los Angeles Mission College, Gateway Engineering, et al, meet bi-monthly with the Los Angeles Mission College Ad Hoc Committee of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council, to cover the significant project impacts and mitigation measures and any other issues of concern impacting our community regarding the EIR and Master Plan. The Board approved that the SNC re-affirm it's position to oppose the Edison project in its entirety. Clifford Kenny submitted his resignation as a Board of Director due to his busy schedule.

**Dec. 14, 2006**

Fabian Garcia was approved unanimously by the Board to fill the Renter Category Board Vacancy created by the resignation of Clifford Kenny. The Board approved SNC Bylaws Amendment recommendations by the Election Committee. Dave Evans, newly appointed Superintendent of Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall-Sylmar and Patrick Hammond, Program Service Coordinator who provided information regarding the facility and gang prevention. The Board approved to re-submit a letter of non-support of Pat Barry's Car wash Project on Hubbard St. & 210 Frwy. of-ramp under the Edison lines. The Board approved the Land Use Committee recommendation in support of Planning Commission

denial of General Plan Amendment at 13263 Wheeler Ave. and recommend a zone-Change from A1-1-K to no more density than RD6-1-8. The Board did not support the Land Use Committee recommendation to support a proposed variable height fence up to 9 ft. in front, rear & side yards in lieu of 3 ½ ft. permitted providing it is coated with graffiti deterrent & vines are planted to eventually cover at 14334 & 14346 Tyler Street requested by Daniel Bernstein & Assoc.. The Board approved a CD 7 candidate debate to be hosted in Sylmar and sponsored by Neighborhood Council's from within CD 7.

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