

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2005 Dyer Street Elementary School Auditorium 14500 Dyer St., Sylmar, CA 91342

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Louis Perry.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Joe Carrasco; Nicholas Krall (arrived 8:25 p.m.), Marietta Sue Welch ; Jorge Lara (left 8:45 p.m.); Patty Hug (arrived 7:00 p.m.); Jaunita Bankhead (arrived 6:45 p.m.), Louis Perry; David Best; George Ortega; Cheri Blöse (arrived 8:45 p.m.); Clifford Kenney; Delmarie Carver (arrived 7:00 p.m.).

Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Richard Yamauchi; Veronica Arreguin; Elizabeth Beltran; Carole Vork; Cody Perkins.

Un-excused Absence: Erica Lopez

Ex-Officio Present: None

Absent: LAPD; LAFD, CD 7 Representative and County Supervisor Yaraslavsky Representative.

President Flores welcomed everyone and thanked the current Board Candidates for seeking another term and the new Candidates offering their willingness to participate as a Board of Director.

President Flores requested V.P. Bonnie Bernard to offer "housekeeping" for the attendees. V.P. Bernard announced the availability of various refreshments displayed, along with copies of the Agenda, Minutes, Sign In Sheets, Name Tags and Speaker Sheets. The History sheet was not available and will be updated for the next meeting. The location of the restrooms were pointed out. V.P. Bernard advised of the procedures regarding Stakeholder ability to comment, by raising their hand, when an Agenda item is being discussed and as instructed in Agenda Item 18, the submission of a Speaker Sheet. All comments to be limited to two minutes, which will be governed by Louis Perry, Sergeant at Arms, who may also request an unruly individual to leave the meeting.

David Best moved to adopt the 4/19/05 Minutes as written. George Ortega advised there were statements made by him during Board Comments that were omitted, example: According to the Bylaws there is no Board member who has any status over the others and there is no Executive Board, only the defining of three Officers and their functions and the Bylaws can be revisited but the spirit is that we work collectively. Secretary Jacobs requested Mr. Ortega submit a writing of his comments for comparison to the tapes. Joe Carrasco advised that the only change that was to be made to the Bylaws was regarding the Election. To make a major change to the Bylaws would require the Committee drafting new Bylaws which would need to be brought to the Board for approval. V.P. Bernard stated, had she heard Mr. Ortega make a statement regarding the Bylaws not stating there is an Executive Board, she would have commented and requested the 4/19 tape be reviewed. V.P. Bernard advised that when the Bylaws are silent, Roberts Rules of Order will then apply. Mr. Ortega stated it only applies for meetings and V.P. Bernard replied this will be a Bylaws Committee issue. Stakeholder Cindy Blazer stated that a Bylaws Agenda, following the election, should include Stakeholder's Bylaws input. V.P. Bernard agreed with President Flores that the Bylaws is a living document which received extensive scrutiny from DONE. Mr. Best withdrew his motion to accept. President Flores instructed Secretary Doris Jacobs to review the 4/19/05 BOD Meeting tapes for statements made by Mr. Ortega to be included in the 4/19/05 Minutes. Mr. Ortega will furnish Secretary Jacobs with a typed statement of his omitted statements from the 4/19/05 BOD Meeting, to be compared to the actual recorded tapes of the meeting. Stakeholder Eugene Hernandez advised that statements he made at the 4/19 BOD Meeting regarding speed bumps was not reflected in the 4/19 Minutes. Secretary Jacobs advised the Minutes are a "summary" of issues recorded not actual verbatim statements by individuals. President Flores instructed Secretary Jacobs to put in the 4/19 Minutes the issues listed on Eugene Hernandez Speaker Card. Joe Carrasco moved the 4/19 Minutes be accepted with the proposed corrections researched from the tape to be brought back to the next meeting for adoption, David Best seconded – **Yes (8); No (0); Abstention (3) Bonnie Bernard, Patty Hug and Delmarie Carver.**

President Flores reported the City's Human Relations department facilitation of a Retreat has been scheduled with Gary de LaRosa for Saturday 7/16/05 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Sylmar Library was chosen with a show of hands, (6 yes – 2 opposed – 3 abstention). Marietta Sue Welch to make arrangements with the Library and if not available, President Flores requested a show of hand for the SNC office (Unanimous). Discussion ensued regarding the combining attendance to the

Retreat of the old and new Board as acceptable. President Flores requested a show of hands: **Yes (7); Opposed (2); Abstention (3).**

President Flores reported the scheduling of the 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.. Location to be determined by Manny Durazo (DONE).

President Flores reported that the Stakeholder's Grievance filed against SNC have been withdrawn by the Grievant.

President Flores reported various Board Members and Stakeholders did an outreach by going door to door in areas promoting the SNC. Jaunita Bankhead reported outreaching to various religious organizations. V.P. Bernard reported per information from Marietta Welch, various Election Precincts could be visited to outreach to the community. Delmarie Carver reported outreach through all schools via students to parents.

Extensive discussion was had regarding the election, selection, or appointment of Stakeholders to committees, sub-committees and/or ad hoc committees. President Flores assigned this issue to the Bylaws Committee. Patty Hug withdrew her motion on this issue. Joe Carrasco announced a meeting will be held 5/26/05 at 6:00 p.m., location to be determined. Bylaws Committee members are Joe Carrasco, Marietta Welch, Cindy Blazer, Terri Crosswhite, Adriana Barrera.

Recess 7:45 p.m. – Meeting resumed 8:00 p.m.

Patty Hug moved, Delmarie Carver seconded to accept the Land Use Committee recommendation to support Star Wagons proposal for a vehicle storage yard on DWP land at Filbert and Foothill, near Juvenile Hall for the purpose of storage of trailers only and the hours of operation to be 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to bring trailers in using the Filbert Street entrance and the including of paving with no landscaping being required. **Approved unanimously.**

Patty Hug moved, David Best seconded to support the Mark Handle project at 14400-14486 Foothill Blvd. for 52 RD-3 condos to include a traffic study which may require a traffic light to be paid for by Mark Handle. **Yes (2); No (6); Abstention (4) – Motion rejected.**

President Flores reported that the adoption of a Letter of Tolerance to be signed by every active Board of Director will be presented at the 7/16/05 Retreat and the June BOD meeting.

President Flores reported the establishing of an ad hoc committee, CPRNOW Task Force, with the appointment of members, Patty Hug, Marietta Welch and President Flores Chairing. Volunteers are welcome.

Election Committee Chair Cindy Blazer reported on progress toward the 6/18/05 BOD Election and the closing of submitting Candidates Forms at 5:00 p.m. 5/19/05. Chair Blazer advised "Write-In" candidates my do so at the polling site on 6/18/05, with proper credentials, and the "Write-In" candidates name will appear near the polling booths. A meeting is scheduled for 5/20/05 at 7:00 p.m. at the SNC office with the Administrator from the League of Woman Voters to review Candidate Filing Forms and election day procedures. Non-candidate volunteers needed for election day. DONE to distribute, via "walking man", an 8 page document regarding the election and to include Town Hill Meeting information and other material to outreach to the community.

Presentation for discussion and possible Board action by President Flores, regarding the purchase of a SNC banner as an Outreach expense. Following discussion regarding a draft of a design, President Flores assigned the issue to the Outreach Committee and **Tabled issue for next meeting.**

Report by President Flores regarding the newly established Ad Hoc Translation Committee charged with providing Spanish translation of SNC documents for the public. – **Tabled for the next meeting.**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report was given by Marietta Sue Welch. The proposed SNC Budget for 2005-2006 was distributed and was recommended for adoption by the Board. This was not on the Agenda and will be put on the next meeting Agenda. Ms. Welch advised, should there be any input from the Board, advise the Budget Committee. Ms. Welch explained the "line items" on the proposed Budget. Cindy Blazer, Budget Committee member, advised each Committee should send in any request they may have for funds for their Committee, to be added as a "line item" on the proposed Budget. Amounts entered are estimates determined by the Budget Committee. Ms. Welch advised the Fixed Costs items listed are set.

Secretary, Doris Jacobs, reported there was no correspondence. Ms. Jacobs advised she had distributed to each Board member, a copy of the previous month's Secretary Performance Log showing 78 hours were performed, 60 were paid, 18 were not paid. Ms. Jacobs further advised that she will be gone from the office on June 2,3,6,7,9&10 and Alternate Secretary Cat Sweeney will be covering the office on those dates and inputting information into database, except for 6/6 & 6/10 due to doctor's

appointments, which should not be a problem as the office is posted advising if no one is there during office hours, they are doing errands or posting agendas. Cat will receive training from Doris next week.

Louis Perry, Chair Public Services Committee, reported on attending the NC Federation meeting and was provided a book which provides an assessment summary which advises of streets to be repaired. Recommendations by SNC to be made which will better advise the City of the manner in which funds should be allocated for Sylmar. A meeting will be held on 6/7 (6-7 pm) at the Library with City officials attending regarding the 6/9 Cleanup Day. Various comments were made by Board members and Stakeholders regarding the manner in which funds are allocated to Sylmar and prioritizing the community's needs.

President Flores interrupted meeting to announce that cars in the lot will be locked in at 9:00 p.m. and should be moved prior to that time.

Joe Carrasco reported for the Beautification Committee: A cleanup will take place at the Pioneer Cemetery 5/21, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and anyone interested in helping is welcome.

David Best reported for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: No one showed up for the last meeting but a nice reception was had for the new Police Station at the SNC office, which was attended by the Mission Police Station officers. Next meeting will be next Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and some information will be provided for the webpage.

Patty Hug, Land Use Co-Chair, reported on Wednesday 5/18 meeting and hearings attended by Cheri Blose and Nick Krall and a 6/2 hearing regarding the Bledsoe project and 6/3 hearing regarding Gladstone property. President Flores requested that these hearings be listed on the webpage.

Jaunita Bankhead, Faith-Based Outreach Committee, reported on the 5/16 meeting, which was well attended. A database is being established for this Committee.

President Flores reported for Special Events Committee: Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Day Observance a 5/30/05 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and encouraged attendance; Town Hall Meeting scheduled for 7/27 at 6:30 p.m.. Mission College is being pursued for the meeting location. Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilmember Alex Padilla will attend and the Chief LAFD is being invited. Cat Sweeney suggested VHTV and a radio station be contacted to do a live broadcast. President Flores requested coordination the Town Hall Meeting event with the Outreach Committee.

George Ortega, Co-Chair for Outreach Committee reported: A meeting was held 5/18 but due to lack of a quorum items could not be acted upon.

Joe Carrasco reported the Bylaws Committee will meet at Mission College 5/26 at 6:00 p.m..

Erica Lopez, Chair Legislative/Civic Issues Committee, absent – No Report.

Clifford Kenny, Senior Issues Co-Chair, reported: His main interests involves Senior Parks and the manner in which they are treated by the park owners. Secretary Jacobs announced that the Minutes received from Co-Chair Carole Vork had been distributed to the Board members. Mr. Kenny fielded Stakeholder comments regarding treatment of seniors at parks.

Ad Hoc – Spanish Translation Committee – **Tabled**

Delmarie Carver, School Issues Committee Co-Chair, reported: At last meeting Election material was distributed to attendees to distribute at their individual schools.

Board Member Comments:

V.P. Bonnie Bernard commented on work being done by Secretary Doris Jacobs and recommended the time allotted be increased to 20 hours. In addition, in lieu of recent events, review of the Code of Conduct may be in order and previous comments made regarding the Executive Board would not be something encouraged by the Code of Conduct.

President Flores commented on the number of hours and amount of work Secretary Doris Jacobs puts in at the office and the amount of outreach she does personally, warrants an extra 5 hours being added to her pay. Also, Doris is doing an excellent job and is there, sometimes on Sunday, and did a lot of work regarding the Grievances, along with doing the agendas and minutes. We should all recognize her work as we do not have time to do all these things and she is doing an awesome job.

David Best commented, he wanted to remind everyone that the Budget does not account for these extra hours (for Doris) and the extra hours would have to come out of someone's budget. There has not been a DONE representative at the last few meetings and requests President Flores call DONE and have Manny Durazo replaced with someone who will attend the meeting. President Flores advised the request had been made. Requested the Minutes be sent to the Political representative's

bosses. President Flores advised that every other Thursday the Commissions meet and this should be taken into consideration when scheduling BOD meetings.

Marietta Sue Welch commented that the Budget Committee did meet and considered the request for a 5 hour increase for Doris (Secretary). Cindy Blazer commented that there were 5 individuals discussing the need for the extra money elsewhere. Marietta Welch and Richard Yamauchi were the only Board members at the meeting. Other Board members need to make their opinion heard by attending the Budget Committee meetings or contacting the Budget Committee.

Louis Perry commented that Cindy Blazer was doing a great job on the Election.

Public Comment:

President Flores recognized Meguel Luna who represents the Tujunga Watershed Project. Mr. Luna will be doing a presentation for the Land Use Committee and requests to be placed on the Board Meeting Agenda as it is important to have someone from the SNC Board or community to participate in the Steering Committee regarding their study. Stakeholder Eugene Hernandez volunteered. There will be a Steering Committee Meeting on June 7th at CBS Studios. An information sheet regarding the project was distributed.

Secretary Doris Jacobs announced that she was past her hours allotted and needed to leave the meeting. President Flores responded it was o.k.. – 8:45 p.m.

President Flores recognized Cat Bartik-Sweeney who spoke regarding the ice-skating rink on San Fernando Road. There will be an Abatement Hearing 5/24/05. Mr. Marrow and Tom Hillgrove (Skating Rink Management Firmwill) will be contacted by the City Attorney who will advise the owner that there is a potential buyer to keep the skating rink, keep the taco eatery attached and possibly add a dance studio and bowling alley.

Eugene Hernandez commented that he wanted the SNC to send a letter to the Mayor Elect that there be speed bumps between El Caruso & Eldridge, between Gladstone & Mission College, and Mission College on Hubbard. There have been accidents that are on record. BOD Louis Perry responded, advising that the process is already in the works but it takes time and will check with CD 7 tomorrow regarding this matter.

President Flores recognized Cindy Blazer who commented that the internal agenda items be placed after the items that affect the community as many Stakeholders left as the meeting was too lengthy with internal items prior to the community interest items.

President Flores advised the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at Dyer Street Elementary School Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary
5/31/05
Approved BB61305

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following are comments by George Ortega as tape recorded at the 4/19/05 BOD Meeting to be added to the 4/19/05 BOD Meeting Minutes:

"...Need to deal with what the Bylaws don't address. Bylaws don't give executive power to the President and we mention an Executive Board and we have our officers approaching as one."

The following is regarding Eugene Hernandez's handwritten Speaker Card submitted at the 4/19/05 BOD Meeting:
Subject to speak about: "Gangs".