

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2005
Dyer Street Elementary School Auditorium
14500 Dyer St., Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Charles Partello. – A delay in starting the meeting as the auditorium was not open.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Joe Carrasco; Marietta Sue Welch; Veronica Arreguin; Patty Hug; Louis Perry; Erica Lopez; David Best; George Ortega; Cheri Blose; Clifford Kenney; Elizabeth Beltran; Delmarie Carver.

Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Richard Yamauchi; Nicholas Krall; Jaunita Bankhead; Carole Vork.

Un-excused Absence: Jorge Lara; Cody Perkins

Ex-Officio Present: None

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

David Best moved, Clifford Kenny seconded, to adopt the 4/19/05 Minutes as written. Following discussion, the Board voted: **Yes (8); No (1) Bonnie Bernard; Abstention (4) Patty Hug, George Ortega, Elizabeth Beltran, Erica Lopez – Motion carried.**

President Flores thanked all for attending the 6/20/05 Town Hall Meeting with attendance of 200. Becky Bascom helped by walking the streets and although Board Members were requested to help with this outreach, they did not. Pres. Flores requested that all work to do outreach on all events to further improve SNC's outreach to the community. Joe Carrasco questioned Pres. Flores taking the lead in the Town Hall meeting project and the BOD not helping. Pres. Flores responded that Land Use had started this project and phone calls and emails were sent to the BOD requesting their help.

Report by President Flores for discussion and possible Board action, the purchase of a SNC banner as an Outreach expense: Following discussion, Bonnie Bernard moved, Marietta Welch seconded, to purchase 2 SNC banners with block wording Sylmar Neighborhood Council without a logo immediately. President Flores advised that the cost for the banners from Stallion Graphics is \$153.00 (3 x 6) and \$102.00 (2 x 6). Following discussion, including Public Comment by Naomi Knox re SNC flag at Chamber available, the Board voted: **Yes (11); No (1) David Best; Abstention (1) George Ortega – Motion carried.** –

President Flores requested the tabled item from 5/19/05 regarding the newly established Ad Hoc Translation Committee charged with providing Spanish translation of SNC documents for the public, be placed on **Future Agenda Items**.

Presentation by Cindy Blazer for the Budget Committee for discussion and possible Board action, the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget recommendation by the Budget Committee. Three recommendations were presented for consideration: (1) no increase in Staffing hours; (2) Three hours increase in Staffing hours with adjustment to line item Committee Activities; and, (3) Five hours increase in Staffing hours with adjustment to line item Committee Activities. Following discussion, Patty Hug moved, Cheri Blose seconded, three hours increase in Staffing hours. Following discussion, Louis Perry requested amendment to the motion to be for five hours increase in Staffing hours. A vote was taken to accept the amendment: **Yes (6); No (5) Elizabeth Beltran; Delmarie Carver; David Best, George Ortega, Joe Carrasco; Abstention (2) Veronica Arreguin, Erica Lopez – Motion carried.** A vote was then taken on the motion as amended: **Yes (6); No (5) Elizabeth Beltran, Delmarie Carver, David Best, George Ortega, Joe Carrasco; Abstention (2) Veronica Arreguin, Erica Lopez – Motion carried.**

Discussion for possible Board action regarding public and board review of any major expenses that will be submitted by any Committee to the City. Bonnie Bernard moved, Marietta Welch seconded that all major expense projects be brought to the Board prior to SNC taking to CD 7. Following discussion a vote was taken: **Yes (3); No (7) Veronica Arreguin, Patty Hug, Louis Perry, David Best, Cheri Blose, Clifford Kenney, Elizabeth Beltran, Delmarie Carver; Abstained (2) George Ortega, Erica Lopez – Motion failed.**

Discussion for possible Board action of any or all issues presented by the public at the 6/20/05 Town Hall Meeting for the Edison Land Project in Sylmar: Items were the construction of storage facilities, RV/Boat storage and a car wash. A survey from the 6/20/05 meeting was distributed showing a minimum of 200 Stakeholders oppose the storage facilities, RV/boat storage and a car wash. Public Comment was heard as Speaker Cards submitted (3). Tammy Flores who had removed herself as Meeting Chair, which was assumed by Vice President Bernard, moved that the Board oppose all of the Edison projects submit a Community Impact Statement and to put them on hold and return to the SNC for a solution for using this space. Erica Lopez seconded the motion: **Yes (11); No (0); Abstention (2) David Best, George Ortega – Motion carried.**

Presentation by Miguel Luna regarding the Tujunga Watershed Project Steering Committee Meeting held June 7, 2005 at CBS Studios: Mr. Luna will email information describing the project. Mr. Luna requested a letter that SNC would support the project.

Discussion for possible Board action to amend the By laws and Board Rules regarding Committee structure, based on the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee and Board Rules Committee. – **Article VI, Board of Directors, H. Committees:** The Board of Directors shall create a system for the election, selection, or appointment of Stakeholders to committees, sub-committees, and/or ad hoc committees, as the need arises. *The system will be reflected in the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board Rules, which will be reviewed annually.* General Members may be selected or may request to serve on any committee which will serve in an advisory capacity to the full Board: Board Rules recommendations were distributed to the Board. Discussion ensued – David Best moved, Louis Perry seconded this item be tabled: **Yes (3); No (9) George Lopez, Bonnie Bernard, Patty Hug, Cheri Blose, Veronica Arreguin, Delmarie Carver; Joe Carrasco, Clifford Kenney, Marietta Welch; Abstained (2) Erica Lopez, Elizabeth Beltran – Motion failed.** Following further discussion Bonnie Bernard moved, Patty Hug seconded to accept the Bylaws as written on the Agenda and the Board Rules distributed: **Yes (9); No (1) George Ortega; Abstained (3) Erica Lopez, Louis Perry, David Best – Motion carried**

Public Comment:

Kevin Davis, Life Guard for L.A. City, and for three months out of the year is Aquatic Instructor for the Northeast Valley pools, including Sylmar Pool on Polk St. between Sylmar High School and St. Didicus Church, which will open 6/25/05 through Labor Day. Mr. Davis can be reached at his Hansen Dam office – 818-899-8369.

REPORTS:

Secretary, Doris Jacobs, reported there was no correspondence.

Louis Perry, Chair Public Services Committee, reported his "year end" status, with Co-Chair Marietta Welch: Created Tracking Forms for Resolved and Unresolved matters for tracking the results and following up on community requests. Established a system with Ms. Gomez of CD 7, who also contacts other City departments to respond quicker. Currently the Committee has 10 unresolved matters and 46 resolved matters since SNC was formed. The only "failure" of the committee is the lack of community involvement. Future goal is increasing participation, obtaining quicker responses from the City and educating people not to litter.

Elizabeth Beltran, Beautification Co-Chair, reported on Saturday (6/25) project, L.A. Commons, at Glenoaks Catered, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to showcase art pieces.

David Best, Public Safety Chair reported minimal attendance at the meeting and discussed putting various information on the SNC website.

Patty Hug, Land Use Co-Chair reported on the Committee not accepting a proposal and attending a hearings last week and Committee is waiting for a proposal .

George Ortega, Outreach Chair reported there has not been any meeting or activity and the Committee is losing 2 Board Members. Mr. Ortega made additional comments, outside the realm of an Outreach Committee Report, regarding emails he received and his involvement with the Historical Society and Pioneer Cemetery.

Faith Based Committee: No report

Pres. Flores, Chair Special Events reported a committee meeting scheduled for 6/29 to discuss the Town Hall Meeting and there is a lot of outreach to do.

Elizabeth Beltran, Chair Legislative/Civic Issues reported concerns that the new Mayor will not keep the Federation.

Clifford Kenny, Co-Chair Senior Issues, reported efforts are ongoing to have a Senior Center in Sylmar. Additional comments regarding the mobile-home park he lives in and their appreciation of SNC approving their resolution for a Bill of Rights for mobile home park owners. Mr. Kenny announced that Pres. Flores attended a barbeque at his park and was well received with valuable information provided. Mr. Kenny noted a large amount of the mobile-home parks are in Councilmember Padilla's area and there is a great deal of senior abuse. President Flores recognized Jaime Morado a newly elected 2005-2006 Board of Director who is active in the Senior Issues Committee and the need of obtaining a Senior Center in Sylmar and the funding needed. The next meeting is July 8th.

Cindy Blazer, Election Committee Chair, reported the Preliminary Election Results have been posted and following a five day period, the final approval of the election results will be provided by the Independent Election Administrator/Done.

Delmarie Carver, Co-Chair School/Youth Issues reported that both she and Co-Chair Veronica Arreguin did not apply for BOD re-election. During their tenure, they were unable to obtain enough Stakeholders to meet the Committee requirements. They will remain active in the committee as Stakeholders, which should resolve the existing requirement problem. The Committee is hopeful that a better community representation will be had as these last three months were mainly testing the community for interested individuals.

President Flores reported that the Ad Hoc DWP Task Force Committee had completed it's mission and with an official partnership reception, SNC/Neighborhood Councils and DWP are now official partners.

Board Member Comments:

Joe Carrasco advised of the difficulty he encountered scheduling a By Laws Committee Meeting as his Agenda was rejected as not in compliance with Agenda requirements and he was not aware of this in a timely manner as he does not have email, but does have a telephone.

David Best commented that the emailed meeting agenda did not match the one distributed at the meeting and this needed to be corrected in the future. Secretary Doris Jacobs responded that a minor change was made by V.P. Bonnie Bernard to accommodate Public Comments. Mr. Best stated that changes if last minute should not be accepted..

Louis Perry commented that he believed we missed a golden opportunity for committee's to obtain additional members and/or attendee because of the large attendance to this meeting. Mr. Perry believes that Committee reports should be done prior to Public Comments and it is now 9:15 p.m. and there are no people to relay the reports to.

Patty Hug requested that an CPR Ad Hoc Committee be added to future agendas.

Bonnie Bernard stated that in the future if there is a last minute change, the Board will be notified by email to disregard the previous Agenda and use the latest one emailed to them. V.P. Bernard stated that DONE advised that Stakeholders may raise their hand to speak on any agenda item at the time it is being discussed, however, Stakeholders were told during this meeting that they must submit a speaker card – which is a change from previous meetings, to speak on non-agenda items. She requested a better announcement be made on this procedure at the beginning of the meetings. Ms. Bernard further advised that no Committee can take any action without bringing the issue to the Board for discussion and approval (which relates to the previous failed motion). Ms. Bernard stated that she was not happy about the attitudes displayed by the Board, such as rolling eyes, talking when others including the public were speaking, etc. It is not respectful, acceptable or in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

Erica Lopez commented regarding email transmissions of disagreements.

Louis Perry commented that families have arguments and disagreements but by the end of the day, we are all here to represent and do our best for the community and should not take anything personally but try to get along and work as a team.

Announcement: Cheri Blose announced the Chamber was having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 25th and invited everyone

President Flores advised the next meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at Dyer Street Elementary School Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary (7/7/05)

Approved BB7705