

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
July 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; Richard Yamauchi (Arvd 6:50 p.m.); Nicholas Krall; Marietta Sue Welch ; Patty Hug ; Jaunita Bankhead (Arvd. 6:40p.m.) Louis Perry; David Best; George Ortega; Cheri Blose; Delmarie Carver.

Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Joe Carrasco; Clifford Kenny; Carole Vork; Cody Perkins

Un-excused Absence: Veronica Arreguin; Erica Lopez; Elizabeth Beltran.

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7); Officer John Lonergan (LAPD); Capt. Howard Kaplan (LAFD)

Absent: County Supervisor Yaraslavsky Representative.

Patty Hug moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded, to adopt the 6/21/05 Minutes as written. Following discussion, the Board voted: **Yes (11); No (1) George Ortega; Abstention (0) – Motion carried.**

President Flores appointed Cheri Blose as Time Keeper and Louis Perry as Sargent at Arms.

Bonnie Bernard advised of restroom locations and procedure regarding Speaker Cards.

President Flores introduced Maria Ventura, CD 7 Sylmar Representative, replacing Daniel Rosales, as an Ex-Officio Board Member.

VP Bernard advised of procedure regarding motions for reconsideration , and read Bylaws provisions, and, SNC grievance procedures, which appears on the distributed agenda.

President Flores reported the necessity to reschedule the Board Retreat due to Councilmember Padilla invitation for an appreciation breakfast on the previously scheduled date of 7/16 and the preparations underway for the 7/27 Town Hall Meeting. Pres. Flores commented regarding the flier prepared by Brytani Garnett, who is bi-lingual and has volunteered to do work at the office when needed. Pres. Flores announced that SNC received a phone call from Mayor Villaraigosa's office who is working to arrange his schedule to attend the Town Hall Meeting between 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.. Pres. Flores requested everyone do outreach with fliers that are available and announced that Sylmar High Cheerleaders will perform. Pres. Flores further announced the Clean Up Day at Tujunga Wash 7/23 at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion was had with input from Board Members and Stakeholders regarding the format of agendas. Some suggested that the Committee's Reports and Public Comments should be nearer to top of the agenda.

President Flores introduced Brytni Garnett who responded that she was happy to get involved.

The distribution of 6/21/05 approved Amended Bylaws (Committees) and Board Rules was discussed. Marietta Welch reported that the necessary paperwork had not been completed for submission to DONE and requested this item be **Tabled.** V.P. Bernard requested information from DONE Project Coordinator, Manuel Durazo, regarding the 14 day requirement in SNC Bylaws for submission to DONE following Board approval of amendment. Mr. Durazo advised that the 14 day Bylaws requirement will be waived and in the future SNC Bylaws Committee will provide within the 14 days.

Patty Hug commented that there had not been an approved Bylaws changes. Bonnie Bernard requested Doris Jacobs, Secretary, to read from the 6/21/05 Minutes which reflected approval regarding Committee structure. Patty Hug advised she stood corrected.

Discussion regarding the Tujunga Watershed Project, that was presented at the 6/21/05 Meeting, and the request for a letter of support for the project. Cheri Blöse moved, Nick Krall seconded that a letter of support for the Tujunga Watershed Project be prepared by the Legislative-Civic Affairs. Following discussion – Bonnie Bernard moved to **Table** this item for the next meeting, Seconded by Jaunita Bankhead.: **Yes (10); Opposed (1) Delmarie Carver; Abstained (0) – Item Tabled**

A letter from President Flores, dated 7/13/05 and sent to Edison, was read by President Flores for discussion of the letter and Community Impact Statement regarding the Board's position on the Edison land use project within Sylmar. Bonnie Bernard requested the Community Impact Statement be **put on the next agenda** as the Legislative-Civic Affairs Chair was not at the meeting. President Flores announced that Councilmember Padilla sent a letter in opposition of the Edison project. Stakeholder questioned if he opposed all the project and Bonnie Bernard responded Mr. Padilla had stated "unless" they reduced storage and three or four other things. CD 7 Representative, Maria Ventura, responded that Mr. Padilla did not put any conditions in the letter but stated the Edison Project was not acceptable as is. Stakeholder commented regarding trash in her area, which was an unrelated issue to the agenda item being discussed. Louis Perry to meet with the Stakeholder on that issue.

Discussion was had regarding the assignment of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Edison land use projects "suggested use" within the Sylmar area, which was previously approved as a project. President Flores assigned Stakeholder Becky Bascom and Bonnie Bernard as Co-Chairs.

President Flores requested all Committees help with outreach for the 7/27 Town Hall Meeting. Fliers will be provided.

Recess 7:25

President Flores recalled meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comment:

Rick Pulido, LAUSD, advised and invited all to a "community meeting site selection kickoff" meeting, July 28, 2005 - 6:00 p.m. at Olive Vista Middle School. Fliers were distributed.

Becky Bascom announced a meeting at LAMC with Councilmember Padilla and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee at 6:00 p.m., July 26, 2005.

Eugene Hernandez spoke on Police and Public Safety regarding speed bumps and the request of support from Hubbard Street Elementary School and LAMC and traffic enforcement regarding fireworks. Stakeholder commented that speed bumps could slow LAFD response time.

Captain Howard Kaplan (LAFD) announced the building of a Memorial for LAFD fallen comrades in Hollywood, which is being paid for by private funds. There will be a torch relay from May 4th to October 1st, which will go through Sylmar 8/22 or 8/23 to further raise funds for the Memorial. Torch Relay Sponsorship/Donation fliers were distributed. SNC can be involved with this torch relay walk.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Richard Yamauchi distributed July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005 report of Budget and Actual expenditures and addressed each item. A carry over for 2005-2006 is \$12,987.43 and although spending was only for 3 quarters, it is felt that this carry over was in line for the 1st year of SNC being operational. Some adjustments may be made to these figures. SNC may be able to make some cash donations to some organizations, according to DONE's website under Q&A Funding.

Secretary, Doris Jacobs, reported there was no correspondence.

Louis Perry, Chair Public Services Committee, reported he and Co-Chair Marietta Welch had a meeting to revamp the manner in which services are provided. Additional goals have been set, such as physically going to areas to investigate reported problems. A phone number will be established allowing individuals who cannot attend meetings, to call in their requests. Also, the educating of the community about 311. Meeting time will be changed to 6:30 instead of 5:30 p.m. on August 17th. Mr. Perry complimented CD 7 Maria Ventura who has gone with him to visit sites and write up requests. More can be done with more volunteers for the Public Services Committee.

President Flores announced the Beautification Committee has a new project of beautifying the Pioneer Cemetery.

David Best, Public Safety/Preparedness Chair, advised there was no report as there was no meeting this month. A new Chair will replace outgoing BOD David Best and Richard Yamauchi will continue as Co-Chair.

Chair Patty Hug reported that, regarding the Interim Control Letter that was approved on 2/22 and read into the record 4/19, a Land Use Committee member is working with three departments regarding the land use and zoning plans not matching. This will mean a rewording of the Interim Control Letter. Next scheduled Committee meeting is 7/25 – 6:30 p.m. at Sylmar High School. Co-Chair Nick Krall announced upcoming hearings: 7/21 at 4:30 p.m. Roxford-DeGarmo; 7/25 – 2:30 hearing regarding an illegal business on San Fernando Road.. Both hearings are at Van Nuys. Nick Krall will be attending these hearings and preparing letters which will be forwarded to the office.

A diversion from the Agenda was made by President Flores to advance to the Supplemental Agenda, which was regarding Land Use Committee issues.

Patty Hug reported that Land Use Committee recommends 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. Patty Hug moved, Cheri Blose seconded the Land Use Committee recommendation be approved. Following discussion a vote was taken: **Yes (7); No (0); Abstained (4) Jaunita Bankhead, George Ortega, Richard Yamauchi, Bonnie Bernard – Motion passed**

Patty Hug reported that the Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose Los Lomas Project which is in the "proposal" stages between Los Angeles and Santa Clarita. Patty Hug moved, Marietta Welch seconded, that the BOD support the Land Use recommendation to oppose the Los Lomas Project. Following discussion a vote was taken: **Yes (10); No (0); Attention (1) George Ortega – Motion passed**

George Ortega, Outreach Chair reported there was no meeting.

Faith Based Committee: Chair Jaunita Bankhead reported on setting up teams to go out to churches and possibly having a rally.

Pres. Flores, Chair Special Events reported the Town Hall Meeting 7/27 and Tuesday, 7/26 Special Events meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss finalization of Town Hall Meeting – Time to be changed to 8:30 p.m. for this meeting. Also a Logo & Slogan contest with a \$100 award for winner of each – Juvenile Hall to participate and Councilmember Alex Padilla will announce the "kick off" at the 7/27 Town Hall Meeting. Once selected, it will appear on SNC documents and banners. SNC will be the final judges. Treasurer Yamauchi suggested DONE be contacted in regards to the manner the \$200 award is processed. Future project will be discussion of a Sylmar Parade.

Bylaws: Marietta Welch announced a meeting is being scheduled with Manny Durazo, DONE Project Coordinator.

Legislative/Civic Issues: No Report

Senior Issues: No Report

Budget Committee: Richard Yamauchi reported no meeting date scheduled but a revised Budget for 2005-06 will be brought to the BOD.

School/Youth Issues: No Report

AD Hoc DWP Committee has completed its project and to be removed from future agendas.

Ad Hoc CPR: No Report

Election Ad Hoc Committee: Manny Durazo (DONE) reported election results are official and being honored by all parties.

Board Member Comments:

Richard Yamauchi noted problems involving the Brown Act, which he feels was meant for large government (State & City) and with our budget of \$50,000 per year that would not cause SNC to corrupt anyone or favor anyone. Manny Durazo (DONE) advised that the SNC is bound to the Conflict of Interest code and all other codes required by the City and the BOD must be aware of the manner in which they vote on issues, which can cause a liability involving the City Attorney, etc.. SNC's need to adhere to all Brown Act regulations. A City Attorney will be represented at an upcoming meeting at the Baude Bldg. in Van Nuys.

Cheri Blose questioned if this is the last meeting of the 2004-05 BOD. President Flores responded "yes" but requested all attend the next meeting. Secretary Doris Jacobs advised that they are needed at the next BOD meeting to approve the Minutes from this meeting. President Flores agreed.

President Flores advised the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. for the swearing in of the new Board members and acknowledgements for the outgoing members. Refreshments will be served and families are invited. Secretary Doris Jacobs questioned if the swearing in is for the entire 2005-06 BOD. Manny Durazo responded, just the new members only. Patty Hug questioned if a proxy vote is acceptable for the Executive Officers should a Board member be unable to attend. Bonnie Bernard read from the Bylaws: "There shall be no proxy vote."

President Flores reported that Leyla Campos is getting individuals together to schedule a Retreat.

Cheri Blose moved, Richard Yamauchi second the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary

Approved by: BB8105