

# SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting  
September 15, 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 Charles Portello.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Hector Cabrera; Joe Carrasco; Nicholas Krall; Marietta Sue Welch; Terri Croswhite; Juanita Bankhead; Louis Perry; Erica Lopez; Maggie Campbell (arvd 6:50 p.m.); Cheri Blose; Clifford Kenney; Farooq Ghias; Jamie Morado; Benjamin Cardinas.

**Quorum Confirmed**

Excused Absence: Richard Yamauchi; Eugene Hernandez; Patty Hug; Jim Schopper; Elizabeth Beltran

Un-excused Absence: None

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7)

Absent: County Supervisor Yaraoslavsky Representative; LAPD; LAFD

President Flores requested a moment of prayer for the hurricane victims and requested Maggie Campbell read a prayer.

President Flores announcements: Clean Up Day 9/17; El Caruso Park Job Fair; Diabetes Walk 10/16; BOD Orientation 10/1 at SNC office; 9/20 Chamber luncheon at Mission Area LAPD Station; 9/19 Conflict Resolution Training.

V.P. Bonnie Bernard requested attendance for the Conflict Resolution Training on 9/19 – 6-9 p.m. at the SNC office and various Board Members advised they would attend – 10 people needed.

V.P. Bonnie Bernard announced procedures regarding the use of Speaker Cards by Stakeholders and pointed out locations of restrooms.

V.P. Bonnie Bernard gave explanation of procedure regarding motions for reconsideration and SNC grievance process.

Cheri Blose moved, Juanita Bankhead seconded to accept the previous meeting Minutes as written: Yes (12); No (0); Abstentions (2) Maggie Campbell and Terri Croswhite – **Approved**

President Flores instructed BOD to not use "blind copies" on SNC email correspondence unless absolutely necessary; President Flores apologized for the many emails that have been going around and requested the BOD's refrain from comments to her presentation but can make comments during the BOD Comment portion of the Agenda. President Flores presented information regarding emails directed to the SNC Secretary, from a Board Member, which do not adhere to the "Code of Conduct". The President instructed that these acts of questionable remarks and nonprofessional behavior will no longer be tolerated. Some of the statements contained in the disparaging emails were;: Secretary takes unauthorized breaks and is not in the office during office hours; The Secretary is "rude" and "sarcastic" to the Board; The Secretary manipulated the Board into giving her a raise in pay; The Secretary's paycheck is not signed by the President; The Secretary is not to take instructions from the Executive Board but individual Board members; The email writer illegally tampered with email sent by the Secretary to the Board & DONE by changing the color of the Secretary's writings; The Secretary was threatened with termination from her position for not following written instructions from this Board Member for "insubordination and (being) insulting" to name a few. President Flores does not believe the Secretary has not been professional and instructed that if any BOD has a problem with the Secretary to contact her (SNC President) and if a problem with her, contact the Exec. Board. President Flores advised of the procedures regarding Agenda & Minutes approval by the Executive Board and the Secretary receives instructions from the Executive Board – All this information is in the "Board Rules". President Flores read the "Code of Conduct", which the email author had not complied with and requested this be made a public record.

**Tabled from 8/9/05 & 8/23/05 Meetings:** Secretary advised that Hubbard Street Principal had not returned call re availability following the auditorium renovation. President Flores again **Tabled** and announced meetings will continue at Dyer Street Elementary School until further information can be obtained.

Item # 8 **Old Business Tabled 8/23/05:** Re present/hand out document – Community Impact Statement – regarding opposition of Edison Project. – Elizabeth Beltran not at meeting – **Item put on hold**

Terri Crosswhite distributed and read into the record the Letter of Resolution in support of Ballot Measure regarding the L.A. County Seal – Letter signed by President Flores.

**Tabled – Old Business:** Reading into the record Letter of support for the Tujunga Watershed Project as approved by the Board 8/23/05. – President Flores advised she will be meeting with Miguel Luna to obtain a sample letter. She and V.P. Bernard will prepare the SNC letter and present at the 10/11/05 meeting.

Presentation by Wade Hunter & Bart Reed (North Valley Coalition) regarding the Sunshine Canyon Land Fill. and presented a "Motion" requesting an extension for BFI for continued use. – Bonnie Bernard moved, Cheri Blose second to accept the NVC motion for Sunshine Land Fill extension. Following discussion The Board voted: **Motion was accepted unanimously.**

**Public Comment:**

Dan Lash, Representative of the Service Employees Union and researcher regarding a proposed expansion of Providence Holy Cross Hospital reported an Environmental Law Expert is preparing documents requesting an Environmental Impact Report. A Petition is being circulated and must be presented by 9/26/05.

Bart Reed provided a flier regarding the unpleasant appearance of Ross Liquor store and the lack of trash pickup. Louis Perry, Public Services, requested Mr. Reed meet with him after the meeting regarding this issue.

**Recess 7:39 p.m.**

President Flores recalled the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Nicholas Krall moved, Bonnie Bernard second that the Board accept the Land Use Committee recommendation to support the project at 13906, 13110 and 13130 N. Glandstone Avenue. – Following discussion, the Board voted: **Yes (13); No (0); Abstained (1) Jamie Morado – Motion approved.**

Nicholas Krall moved, Erica Lopez seconded that the Board accept the Land Use Committee recommendation to support the lot split at 12907 N. Gladstone. – Following discussion, the Board voted: **Yes (11); No (0); Abstained (2) Jamie Morado & Marietta Welch. – Motion approved.**

President Flores moved ahead on the Agenda to accommodate DONE Project Coordinator Manual Durazo being in attendance.

Bonnie Bernard presented the definition of Committee Chair and Co-Chair, and Vice-Chair as researched by the Board Rules Committee for revision to the Board Rules. Ms. Bernard distributed to the Board the revised Board Rules and moved they be accepted as written. Nicholas Krall seconded - Discussion ensued: Maggie Campbell presented an email she had written to the Board, with the email from Manual Durazo (DONE), which she read into the record, regarding the authority for the President to select the Chair and the Chair selects the Co-Chair and Members and advised she did not select Tammy Flores or Hector Cabrera as her Co-Chairs and will exercise her right and appoint one Co-Chair; Terri Crosswhite believes this should be in the Bylaws and not in Board Rules. Ms. Bernard advised, following certification, it was required that SNC immediately establish Board Rules and Code of Conduct; Nicholas Krall stated he respects Ad Hoc Committee and Board Rules are for clarification of Bylaws and a precedence has been set from last year which allows the President to make a selection of Chairs and Co-Chairs; Joe Carrasco did not believe there should be a Vice Chair and agreed a Chair should have the opportunity to select a Co-Chair; Marietta Welch remarked, revision as written allows the President to assign Co-Chairs; Maggie Campbell stated any approved Board Rules from last year are not enforceable; Maggie Campbell believes a couple individuals are making rules without the input from the Board; Manual Durazo (DONE) reported that the City Attorney reviewed the Board Rules and these are creditable he stated that "both sides are right" and further clarification can be done by the City Attorney; Louis Perry felt too much time is being spent on this.; President Flores advised that the language is not clear and needs to be clarified so this will no longer be an issue; Secretary Doris Jacobs advised it is impossible to take Minutes when people talk on top of each other – President Flores agreed and apologized. President Flores requested all in favor of the revised Board Rules as written, please raise your hand. – The Board voted: **Yes (7); No (5) Maggie Campbell, Terri Crosswhite, Marietta Welch, Joe Carrasco & Louis Perry; Abstentions (2) Erica Lopez & Juanita Bankhead - Motion approved**

Bonnie Bernard moved, Maggie Campbell seconded to accept the Budget Committee recommendations regarding Committee(s) funds as a line item on the 2005-5006 Budget. Following discussion, Bonnie Bernard withdrew her motion as Land Use was not listed as a line item. Maggie Campbell moved that the "draft" be approved as to the budgeted line item

money and that Land Use be added for an amount of \$120 and any additional funds needed by a committee will be taken from the Outreach budget. Nick Krall seconded – Following a lengthy discussion, the Board voted: **Yes (12); No (1) Bonnie Bernard; Abstained (1) Cheri Blose.**

Secretary reminded President Flores of the time and per the Agenda the remaining items would incur another 45 minutes and perhaps the remainder of the agenda should be tabled.

President Flores opened the floor for discussion regarding the net proceeds from the sale of 4 city owned parcels in Sylmar of \$1.2 million being distributed to the General Fund and CD 7 Real Property Trust Fund, which the City Council may authorize with the Mayor's approval. CD 7 Representative Maria Ventura advised that the funds are for CD 7 public works – Terri Crosswhite moved, Cheri Blose seconded that SNC recommend the funds for CD 7 remain in Sylmar. . – Following discussion the Board voted: **Unanimously approved**

### **Reports:**

Terri Crosswhite reported for the Budget Committee: Previously distributed "Draft" of the 9/8/05 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes was explained regarding the Line Item(s) and adjustments to allow additional expenses during the year.

Secretary Doris Jacobs read Thank You note from former Board Member Nancy Oda, for flowers regarding the sudden death of her son; Secretary reported Mission Statements have not been received from all Committees. A list of Committee Chairs was read for confirmation purpose: Beautification (Chairs Erica Lopez & Joe Carrasco); Budget (Chairs Richard Yamauchi & Terri Crosswhite); Bylaws (Chair Marietta Sue Welch); Faith Based Outreach (Chairs Juanita Bankhead & Hector Cabrera); Outreach (Chairs Evangelist Maggie Campbell & Hector Cabrera – Tammy Flores removed herself as a Chair but will remain on the Committee) President added Eugene Hernandez as a Chair. Maggie Campbell objected to Presidential appointment of anyone as chairs to Outreach; Public Safety (Chair Hector Cabrera) & Emergency Preparedness sub-committee (Chair Richard Yamauchi); Public Services (Chairs Louis Perry & Marietta Sue Welch); School and Youth Issues (Chairs Terri Crosswhite & Benjamin Cardenas) – Terri Crosswhite **requested the separation/split of the School & Youth Issues Committees with Youth Issues to report to School Issues Committee be placed on the next Agenda for discussion and possible Board action;** Maggie Campbell interrupted Secretary's Report of Committee Chairs stating that the agenda reads under Reports "No discussion or action by the BOD" and this does not allow the President to select Chairs for Outreach when she (Ms. Campbell) has not had the opportunity to find someone she can work with and when you go and "shove down somebody's throat" and she cannot work together that makes it difficult and if it is put on the Agenda for action that is one thing but if it's not you cannot make appointments – President Flores advised that she is clarifying the Committees & Chairs and the President has the authority to appoint Chairs at any point on the Agenda. Continued disagreement by Maggie ensued and the Secretary requested she be excused to state that Louis Perry is correct in this issue taking too much time and it is now 9:05 p.m. and there are additional agenda items which will take at least 30 minutes and suggested the remainder of the Agenda be tabled) **President Flores requested the appointment of Chairs be tabled for the next Agenda;** Senior Issues (Chairs Clifford Kenny & Jaime Morado; Special Events (Chair Tammy Flores); Land Use (Chairs Nicholas Krall & Patty Hug); Business Development (Chairs Richard Yamauchi & Farooq Ghias Member); Las Lomas Ad Hoc (Chair Eugene Hernandez); Election Committee (Chair open); Edison Ad Hoc (Chairs Rebecca Bascom & Bonnie Bernard); CPR Ad Hoc (Chairs Marietta Sue Welch & Tammy Flores); Unassigned Directors: Elizabeth Beltran, Cheri Blose & Jim Schopper.

Louis Perry, Public Services, announced tapes available for 311 productions "What is 311" will air 9/19 at 5:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.; 9/26/05 at 9:00 p.m. on TV Channel 35 - Education; 70,000 fliers have been received and DONE will allocate funds to send out; Worked with Becky Bascom & Maria Ventura on the Cleanup Day; Working with Cat Bartik-Sweeney re ideas to make Sylmar a better business atmosphere; Seniors Helping Senior show will air 9/17 & 9/24 at 3:30 p.m. on TV Channel 20; A film re Graffiti & children will be done this Saturday; The City has advised they are going to spend \$100,000 resurfacing streets & a map is available of streets to be resurfaced.

Erica Lopez, Beautification, reported and distributed a flier "Revitalize Sylmar" meeting 9/28/05.

Nick Krall, Land Use, reported many positive things happening but due to attending so many Hearings, the number of monthly meetings may need to be reduced.

Maggie Campbell, Outreach, distributed a packet requesting information from the BOD and a drafted SNC Directory cover and invited input for the Directory; Various ideas to multiply the number of Stakeholders for SNC & a schedule being established for the same Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. and request all attendees bring a Stakeholder. Ms. Campbell requests she find Committee Members to work with her that will not hold her back as she moves fast and when she comes up with ideas, she expects to receive information to move forward with her ideas.

Juanita Bankhead, Faith Based, met with several churches and discussed having a rally and other means of outreach; Meeting scheduled for 9/26 at the SNC office.

Farooq Ghias, Business Development, had no report at this time.

Marietta Sue Welch, Bylaws, a meeting will probably be in the next two weeks (not audible)

Jamie Marado, Senior Issues, reported a meeting at the El Cariso Park Center on 9/29/05 – Secretary advised VHTV has the wrong location on their TV ad for Senior Issues meeting.

Terri Croswhite, School Issues, gathering a Committee together.

Ad Hoc CPR – No Report

Cat Bartik-Sweeney for Ad Hoc Edison, reported on research being done to oppose Edison.

**Board Member Comment:**

Cheri Blöse stated that the Outreach packet was informative but preferred a "Prayer" not be included and did not believe we (SNC) should put itself in a light of being a religious organization; Bonnie Bernard stated that she had requested Maggie to include a Prayer but felt it should have been in a language to include all religions. Ms. Bernard requested a meeting with Board Members Terri Croswhite, Marietta Sue Welch and Maggie Campbell to share viewpoints on various issues – they all agreed to have a meeting; Louis Perry acknowledged Bob Foscosi in the audience and his contributions to SNC; Clifford Kenny stated he was disgusted and angry about the board member's behavior and felt it is shameful to have such a meeting in front of the public; Marietta Sue Welch stated there should be an Executive Committee meeting prior to the Board Meeting to prepare Board agendas; Terri Croswhite stated issues should be taken up outside of the public and there have been Stakeholder's complaints; Maggie Campbell stated she "echoed" Welch & Croswhite statements and addressed the issues presented by President Flores at the top of the meeting, stating that she had sent the emails to Secretary Doris Jacobs because she did not agree with the Outreach Agenda's not being posted when she instructed them to be and requested that if the President wanted to present something that "blatant" that the entire email be made available; Joe Carrasco stated that we are a democracy.

President Flores announced the next meeting is October 11, 2005 at Dyer Street Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Terri Croswhite requested that a day be selected for the monthly meetings. Secretary Doris Jacobs advised that this cannot be done until a school is secured for the meetings and they are advised of the day that is acceptable by the school.

Future Agenda items: Ad Hoc Translation Committee charged with providing Spanish translation of SNC documents for the public; Address posting locations to comply with the SNC Brown Act and DONE requirements.

Joe Carrasco moved, Louis Perry seconded the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m. – Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs  
SNC Secretary (10/4/05)

Approved by: BB10605