

# SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting  
September 30, 2005  
SNC Office  
13515 ½ St., Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Richard Yamauchi; Nicholas Krall; Juanita Bankhead; Eugene Hernandez; Patty Hug; Maggie Campbell; Jim Schopper; Cheri Blöse; Farooq Ghias; Jamie Morado.

### Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Hector Cabrera; Louis Perry; Erica Lopez; Clifford Kenney; Elizabeth Beltran

Un-excused Absence: Joe Carrasco; Marietta Sue Welch; Terri Croswhite; Benjamin Cardenas

Discussion and possible Board action regarding the renewal of the SNC office lease, which will expire October 14, 2005, with a 3% increase (\$42.00). – Following discussion, Eugene Hernandez moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded to approve the office lease renewal with the 3% increase for one year: **Yes (10); No (0); Abstained (0) – Motion passed unanimously**

Discussion regarding the extension of Verizon phone service contract. It was agreed that Bonnie Bernard would contact Verizon and extend the phone service for a year and discontinue the designated fax line and connect the fax to the DSL line.

Meeting notification via posting locations as instructed by D.O.N.E. and provided for in the Brown Act was discussed. Following discussion, Bonnie Bernard moved, Eugene Hernandez seconded the SNC acknowledges the Brown Act requirements and submit to D.O.N.E. five (5) posting locations that meet the criteria of 24 hours accessibility (unlocked) for the 72 hours immediately prior to any meeting of the SNC and submission of locations be submitted in a timely manner. **Yes (4); No (6) Richard Yamauchi, Jim Schooper, Nick Krall, Maggie Campbell, Patty Hug; Abstained (2) Juanita Bankhead, Cheri Blöse – Motion failed.** Nick Krall moved, Maggie Campbell second that SNC continue operating in the same manner, in good faith, and research locations that will comply with the D.O.N.E. requirements. – Motion was withdrawn pending Bonnie Bernard contacting D.O.N.E. to obtain an exception within seventy-two (72) hours.

SNC Secretary submitted a Grievance to the Board submitted by Stakeholder Becky Bascom against Board Member Maggie Campbell. SNC Secretary, Doris Jacobs, advised clarification has been requested from D.O.N.E. regarding a Board of Director filing a Grievance against another Board Member, which would give the appearance that the Filer is filing against itself and/or has permission from the Stakeholders to file the Grievance, as the Stakeholders elected the Filing Board Member. Ms. Jacobs explained the minimum of ten (10) hours required to process each Grievance could better be used for the community needs.

President Flores distributed and read the instructions from the City Attorney advising that the President's Committee Chair appointments at the previous meeting is valid and Eugene Hernandez is an Outreach Chair. Farooq Ghias removed himself as Business Development Chair, remaining on the Committee. Cheri Blöse became Chair with Richard Yamauchi. Jim Schopper to consider chairing Election Committee.

President Flores made the appointment of Bonnie Bernard and Terri Croswhite as "Rules and Policies Person(s)" as Roberts Rules of Order referring to "Parliamentarian" does not apply to SNC. The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure 4<sup>th</sup> Edition was distributed regarding recording Minutes and their approval and the SNC Mission Statement.

President Flores requested Board Comments:

Maggie Campbell advised she had called Darren Martinez from the City Attorney's office, phone number 213-978-8196 & Secretary 213-978-8132. Ms. Campbell stated Mr. Martinez had requested her to relay this information to the Board. Ms. Campbell also stated that Mr. Martinez did not know President Flores or V.P. Bernard and would like to call for a special meeting on a Wednesday to discuss SNC issues. Farooq Ghias questioned Ms. Campbell's reason for calling the City Attorney and Ms. Campbell replied that she had some complaints and wanted clarification. Ms. Campbell further advised that she had learned that Manual Durazo (D.O.N.E.) shares information between SNC Board Members which has created problems and was her reason for bypassing Mr. Durazo.

SNC Secretary stated that the City Attorney conversation Ms. Campbell had, should have been with President Flores and Ms. Campbell should not be a messenger. Ms. Campbell responded "I'm God's messenger boy" and did not have a problem with this.

BOD Cheri Blose stated that she did not believe the SNC public meetings are a forum for Ms. Campbell to enter her religious views.

President Flores requested Public Comments:

Stakeholder Bart Reed commented regarding the separation of church and state and following the SNC Bylaws and did not appreciate the distribution of spiritual information by Ms. Campbell at SNC meetings;

Stakeholder Robert Carter commented he did not appreciate religious beliefs being brought into a public SNC meeting and should be presented in a church;

Stakeholder Cindy Blazer commented regarding Maggie Campbell's comments that filing a Grievance is not a way to fix problem but, as background information, prior to Ms. Campbell becoming a Board Member, she had filed Grievance's against SNC.

Stakeholder Becky Bascom stated that she believed issues should be resolved and that these issues did not exist prior to Maggie Campbell being elected to the SNC Board.

Ms. Campbell responded to Stakeholder Bascom comments that Ms. Bascom's statement was untrue and if Ms. Bascom is going to speak, just tell the truth. Ms. Campbell further stated she had spoke with her Pastor and will always speak about God who is in control of everything that we do and people cannot violate someone's civil rights and cannot discriminate.

Comments continued from the Board Members and Stakeholders, all speaking at the same time, which does not allow for transcription.

Secretary Jacobs reminded of the hour and advised that all documents/correspondence to the office is Public Record and can be viewed to confirm and/or deny statements made and requested adjournment.

Juanita Bankhead moved to adjourn, seconded by Nick Krall – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs  
SNC Secretary (10/7/05)

Approved by: BB10705