

# SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting  
November 17, 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 Hector Cabrera

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Richard Yamauchi; Hector Cabrera; Nicholas Krall; Marietta Sue Welch; Eugene Hernandez; Patty Hug; Louis Perry; Jim Schopper; Cheri Blose; Clifford Kenney.

**Quorum Confirmed**

Excused Absence: None

Un-excused Absence: Jaunita Bankhead; Farooq Ghias; Benjamin Cardenas

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7)

Absent: County Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative; LAFD; LAPD

Bonnie Bernard moved to accept the 10/11/05 & 10/24/05 meeting's Minutes as written. No objections being heard. – **Minutes adopted Unanimously**

Bonnie Bernard announced the locations of restrooms and refreshments. V.P. Bernard advised at the bottom of the Agenda is the Grievance Procedure and on the table are the SNC History, Speaker Cards, etc. Any Stakeholder may speak on any Agenda Item prior to a vote.

President Flores announced the resignation of Maggie Campbell; Erica Lopez (Home/Condo Owner Category); Joe Carrasco (At Large Category); Appointments of Committee's and Chairs were made as follows: Outreach – Tammy Flores Chair with Eugene Hernandez & Hector Cabrera, Senior Issues - Cheri Blose Temporary Chair with Clifford Kenney, Parade Ad Hoc – Cheri Blose Chair **to be placed on the next Agenda for discussion and possible Board action**, LAMC AD Hoc – Lois Fife Chair & Committee Members are Ellie Brooks, Judith Ford, Chloris DeBrouever & BOD Bonnie Bernard, DWP Ad Hoc to be reactivated and **placed on the next Meeting Agenda** – Chairs Tammy Flores & Marietta Sue Welch, Board Rules Ad Hoc – Chairs Tammy Flores & Bonnie Bernard, Election Committee – Cat Bartik-Sweeney Chair, Cindy Blazer & Tammy Flores to help, Beautification & School Issues Chairs to be assigned at the next meeting.

President Flores recognized Maria Ventura (CD 7) who announced the 12/17 LAPD Christmas Toy Giveaway & Concert and Mission Police Station 12/18. Toy donations are being accepted & the new Library dedication 11/18 at 9:00 a.m. at El Dorado High School.

Secretary Doris Jacobs advised she had picked up the Permit application from Hubbard Street Elementary School to use their facilities for regular monthly meetings and the suggested date is the second Thursday of each month. Bonnie Bernard moved, Nicholas Krall seconded, to scheduling regular monthly meetings at Hubbard Street Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Hubbard Street Elementary School. Following discussion the **Motion was approved Unanimously**

President instructed the removal of Tabled Item 8 regarding Board Member Removal Petition(s) as the matter had been resolved with the resignation of the Board Member.

**Public Comment:**

Lois Fife, Ellie Brooks, Blaine Fife & Chloris DeBrouever spoke regarding their objection to the LAMC expansion of the game field with vendors and this having nothing to do with education; Joyce Poore spoke on the Mountain View Manor apartments at Dronfield & Hubbard being changed from a "Seniors" building to a "family" building and this not being acceptable by the Seniors living in the building; Armita Torres questioned if the Board Rules & Bylaws Committees are the same or work together – Response "separate but work together" by President Flores.

Assignment of the Community Impact Representative was made by President Flores to include herself, Bonnie Bernard, Eugene Hernandez and Cheri Blose.

President Flores announced that the item regarding the Grievance Panel report was being removed as the matter had been resolved.

#### **Recess 7:15 p.m.**

President Flores recalled the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Discussion and possible Board action for a Motion to increase the Budget Item allocated to staffing by 20 hours to cover the urgent requests of SNC business involving lawsuit, Court Orders, Attorney requested documents, and many Pub Records Act requests to the SNC, additional hours being voluntary but beyond the normal voluntary hours the Secretary puts in, a Motion was made by Marietta Welch, seconded by Cheri Blose that the Secretary be paid 20 hours a week to cover time off for 52 weeks. Following discussion, motion was withdrawn. Motion by Marietta Welch, seconded by Richard Yamauchi that Secretary be paid 20 hours per week for 52 weeks per year including hours worked and comp time. – **Motion approved Unanimously**

Discussion and possible Board action regarding opposing the Las Lomas Project due to the Los Lomas proposed development will increase dramatically the traffic congestion at the intersection of the 14 Freeway and the 15 Freeway and will destroy important wildlife corridors between the (corrected Santa Susana) "San Gabriel" Mountains and the Santa Susana mountains and will deplete water resources and should be recommended that the land be preserved as a protected parkland area. Following discussion, Eugene Hernandez moved, Nick Krall seconded to oppose Las Lomas Project. – **Motion approved Unanimously** – Eugene Hernandez to write a Resolution letter of opposition for Community Impact Statement to be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion and possible Board action regarding the SNC supporting and urging the City Council to support the South (corrected from Central) "L.A." farmers who have preserved a section of urban land and converted it into useful farm land and want to remain on this land. Following discussion, Eugene Hernandez moved, Louis Perry seconded to urge City Council to support the South Los Angeles farmers who have preserved a section of urban land and converted it into useful farm land and want to remain on this land and create more green space in the City of Los Angeles, including Sylmar. – **Motion approved Unanimously** – Eugene Hernandez to write a Resolution letter to City Council & the Mayor to be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion and possible Board action to urge the City Planning Department to have a moratorium on further building the the Los Angeles hillsides and mountain areas which has cost taxpayers of Los Angeles millions of dollars in fire and flood protection for their overdevelopment. Following discussion. Eugene Hernandez moved, Richard Yamauchi seconded to send a letter to City Planning to urge cost study – Motion withdrawn. – Following discussion, Eugene Hernandez moved, Richard Yamauchi seconded to send a letter to Valley Alliance to endorse a moratorium on further building the Los Angeles hillsides and mountains. – **Yes (10); No (0); Abstained (1) Bonnie Bernard – Motion passed**

#### **Reports:**

Treasurer Richard Yamauchi reported City Controller, City Attorney & Manager of DONE signed a contract for SNC office lease that we agreed to pay for office lease for entire year in one lump sum. There were no signatures of the Executive Board on the lease nor did they see the lease. Due to this situation, until funds are available in two to three weeks, do not make purchases. President Flores stated that it was approved by the Board at a previous meeting to pay for entire year and only D.O.N.E. signs the lease. Petty Cash is down to \$131.00 and apologize to Patty Hug, Bonnie Bernard & Hector Cabrera who paid for name plates for the delay in reimbursement and as soon as funds become available all will be reimbursed according to the receipts.

Secretary Doris Jacobs reported correspondence received from Tracy & Daniela Albert opposing the LAMC expansion for game fields and not educational purposes. New office keys are available to be signed for by the Board members. President Flores requested the letter received be forwarded to the Board.

Public Services Chair Louis Perry reported on numerous completed projects – Bart Reed request for wall, being completed; Red zones & white line stripes being done in two weeks; 311 calls up 60% due to mass distribution of 311 fliers by Jim Shopper with Maria Ventura (CD 7) & Marietta Welch and Cat Bartik-Sweeney working with Maria Ventura on a project to get the businesses involved; Graffiti texture coating being requested to put on all street signs. Goal of Committee is to have a project for each month. Next meeting is 12/1/05 at 7:00 p.m. in the SNC office.

No Beautification report and Chair being sought.

Richard Yamauchi Chair Emergency Preparedness (Public Safety/Preparedness) Committee reported meetings have not been held but continued circulation of information received from Red Cross, FEMA etc. being sent via E-mail and does not feel Emergency Preparedness should be a Committee. Louis Perry suggested that Crime Reports should be obtained and presented under the Public Safety Committee.

Patty Hug Co-Chair Land Use Committee reported a meeting scheduled for 12/1/05 at 6:30 p.m. in the SNC office. Three Stakeholders are to be added to Committee and requests to be on the Committee should be sent to the SNC office for review.

Eugene Hernandez, Co-Chair Outreach Committee reported at last meeting discussion to increase outreach to the community and information will be provided St. Didicus Church for their Bulletin; notes to schools for students to take to parents inviting attendance of meetings; Refreshment meeting at Library to discuss Budget Survey – A date to be determined. Budget Surveys are available to be completed and returned to the SNC office.

Tammy Flores, Chair Special Events reported on collecting toys for the LAPD and will be working on a Sylmar Parade.

Juanita Bankhead Chair Faith Based absent – No Report

Marietta Welch, Chair Bylaws Committee reported the last meeting was a "working meeting", which is legal; Ms. Welch stated she was invited to a Commission of Neighborhood Council & Department of Neighborhood Councils and Darren Martinez spoke on the tightening of the current Bylaws regarding various issues and discussion regarding the Brown Act and posting - regarding changing NC's posting requirements dealing with open 24 hours, 72 hours prior to meetings. No real resolve and Bylaws Committee will not meet till after 1/15 to allow time for possible revision to posting requirements. – Committee Members are: Marietta Welch, Terri Crosswhite, Armita Torres, Ellie Brooks & Stephen (last name not audible).

Clifford Kenney Chair Senior Issues Committee reported there has not been a meeting due to the recent resignation of Jamie Morado. A meeting will be scheduled soon with Temporary Co-Chair Cheri Blose and putting a committee together to discuss issues, including the rent increases. Cheri Blose spoke on a possible breach of contract regarding the senior complex that has been changed to a family dwelling.

Chair being sought for School Issues Committee.

Benjamin Cardenas Chair Youth Issues absent – No Report

CPR Ad Hoc – No report

Edison Ad Hoc – No report as Becky Bascom absent.

Los Lomas Ad Hoc – No report

Board Rules Ad Hoc- Bonnie Bernard reported on the items moved from Board Rules to Bylaws and the application of revisions have been submitted to DONE and awaiting the determination as to compliance and approval.

Posting Locations Ad Hoc – Jim Schopper reported nothing done to date and will be working with Outreach on this issue.

Spanish Translation Ad Hoc – No report

City Budget Ad Hoc – Issue covered previously regarding Budget Survey.

### **Board Member Comment:**

Nick Krall commented to attending an event hosted by Cindy Montanez regarding combating identity theft and SNC received a certificate for their work in combating fraud to be displayed at the SNC office.

Bonnie Bernard commented she was unable to follow Marietta Welch's report regarding postings and something from BONC or the Commissioners, something from Darren Martinez (City Attorney) is needed; All Committee Meeting Minutes need to be submitted for distribution to the Board; Unhappy with "blog" information regarding Lawsuit and such information was not submitted by her.

Marietta Welch commented that Greg Nelson (D.O.N.E.) will be sending something regarding the postings.

Eugene Hernandez announced a 12/10 Guadalupe/Tonantzin Posada.

Tammy Flores announced the Library Book Sale on Saturday 11/19/05

Louis Perry invited Stakeholders present to fill Board vacancies.

Tammy Flores commented the SNC is moving forward in a positive manner and the TRO's Petition by Maggie Campbell against V.P. Bonnie Bernard and Stakeholder Becky Bascom has been denied & dismissed by the Court.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2005 as approved by the Board to be the second Thursday of each month. Secretary Doris Jacobs to submit Permit form to have meetings at Hubbard Street School Auditorium and will notify everyone if approved in time or otherwise, meeting will be scheduled at Dyer Street Elementary School Auditorium.

President Flores advised the Holiday Party will be Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and will be "potluck". A request will be sent to the Board as to the "potluck" item they will bring.

Email next meeting agenda items to the SNC office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs  
SNC Secretary (11/21/05)

Approved by: TF&BB112305