

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2006
Hubbard Street Elementary School
(Auditorium)
13325 Hubbard Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Richard Yamauchi; Daniel Delgadillo; Nicholas Krall; Marietta Sue Welch; Eugene Hernandez; Sherry Lincoln; Patty Hug; Louis Perry (Arvd. 7:00 p.m.); Eugene Gatmaitan; Cheri Blöse; Clifford Kenney; Farooq Ghias.

Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Hector Cabrera; Jim Schopper

Un-excused Absence: Arminda Torres; Benjamin Cardenas

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7); Louis Sanchez (Mayor's office); Manuel Durazo (DONE)

Absent: County Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative; LAFD; LAPD

Eugene Hernandez requested the 12/8/05 Minutes to be corrected to read "Laura Chick (City Council Member) request input regarding the ~~City~~ LAUSD Budget" – Patty Hug moved, Richard Yamauchi seconded to accept 12/8/05 Minutes as corrected - **Minutes adopted Unanimously**

Bonnie Bernard announced the locations of restrooms. V.P. Bernard advised of procedures regarding Stakeholder comments and there are Speaker Cards on the table. Any Stakeholder may speak on any Agenda Item prior to a vote. Further explanation was provided regarding motions for reconsideration and the SNC Grievance process.

President Flores announced the resignation of Board Member Jaunita Bankhead due to her work schedule and family needs. President Flores assigned Sherry Lincoln to Chair School Issues Committee.

Vice President Bernard submitted her resignation as the appointed "Parliamentarian" at the 12/8/05 meeting due to a Grievance that has been filed on the matter. – President Flores accepted V.P. Bernard's resignation as appointed "Parliamentarian".

President Flores thanked all who attended the 1/10 LAMC meeting and stated this was a great "outreach". President Flores welcomed all who have interest in participating in various Committees.

Nick Krall gave the background for possible Board action regarding the Land Use Committee recommendation that the SNC support the 84-unit increase to the Cascade project at 16325 Silver Oaks Drive, and future adjustments to the final tract map, so long as the total number of units remains the same and none of the areas of the development exceed an RD-3 density; The developer has separately agreed to build a larger fire station than originally agreed to. Patty Hug moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded the Land Use recommendation be approved – Following discussion: **(11) Yes; (1) No – Eugene Hernandez; (1) Abstention – Eugene Gatmaitan – Motion passed**

Nick Krall gave the background regarding discussion and possible Board action that the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation of a Conditional Use Permit applied for by Union Rescue Mission to use the former Forest Haven nursing-home on Lopez Canyon Road as transitional housing for single mothers and their children as they return to work and a more normal life. URM presented their plans and details about the requirements for women making the transition and the Committee believes the new Hope Gardens will be an asset in the area, helping families rebuild and protecting 71 acres of land from overdevelopment. – Patty Hug moved, Eugene Hernandez seconded the Land Use Committee recommendation be approved – Following discussion: **(11) Yes; (2) – Bonnie Bernard, Eugene Gatmaitan; (0) Abstention – Motion passed**

Nick Krall gave the background regarding discussion and possible Board action that the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation that an Environmental Impact Report be done before the SNC can support the 97-foot tall, 136 bed, 802 parking space proposed expansion of Providence/Holy Cross Hospital in the nearby Mission Hills community. The traffic

impacts, construction impacts and close proximity to a school more than meet the CEQA requirements for an EIR and SNC deserves the same consideration that PHC gave other communities with similar projects in Santa Clarita and Oregon – Nick Krall moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded the SNC support and approve the Land Use Committee recommendation. – Following discussion: **(7) Yes; (1) No – Richard Yamauchi; (5) Abstentions – Louis Perry, Patty Hug, Cheri Blose, Eugene Gatmaitan, Daniel Delgadillo – Motion passed (Nicholas Krall to write a letter regarding the SNC recommendation)**

Nick Krall requested the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation for the 14 lot subdivision at 12747 Norris Ave. if parking is increased to 12 guest parking spaces and subject to future approval of architectural design. and street improvements and lighting. – Patty Hug moved, Cheri Blose seconded the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation - Following discussion, Patty Hug moved to amend the motion to include street improvements and lighting, Cheri Blose seconded: **(12) Yes; (1) No – Eugene Hernandez; (0) Abstained – Motion Passed**

Nick Krall requested the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation for a proposed 5-lot subdivision at 15503 El Cajon Street, which includes the removal of 1 of the 2 residences on the RA property and replace it with 4 new R-1 homes, which is allowed within the Community Plan, and the builder has agreed to maximize the rear yards giving the horse-keeping neighbors the maximum opportunity to protect the equestrian lifestyle. – Patty Hug moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded to support the Land Use Committee recommendation with an amendment to add "deed restrictions" to the motion. – Following discussion: **(7) Yes; (1) No - Eugene Hernandez; (5) Abstentions – Eugene Gatmaitan, Daniel Delgadillo, Farooq Ghias, Bonnie Bernard, Marietta Welch – Motion passed**

Secretary Doris Jacobs reminded President Flores the meeting is 15 minutes behind the Agenda's scheduled time.

Nick Krall requested the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation of the 23 small-lot home project at 14334 Tyler Street if it is built with a solid curb and horse trail, with or without a sidewalk, and with attractive architectural details on the street-facing sides of the homes, with a deed that says horse-keeping adjoining, which will help blend the higher building density along Foothill Blvd. down to the equestrian homes down Tyler to Glenoaks Blvd. – Patty Hug moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded. – Following discussion: **(12) Yes; (1) Eugene Hernandez; (0) Abstention – Motion passed**

Public Comments:

Thomas Weissbarth , President of Sylmar Graffiti Busters, advised of the mass of graffiti at this time being the most since 2001 and LAPD does not have resources to be able to arrest Tagger individuals; Developers need to clean up their property as GB cannot go into these areas as it is not safe for the workers; The new temporary parking lot being put in by LAMC is causing a problem, in that Gladstone will become a race-track and can be resolved by blocking any left turn into parking lot off of Sayre.

Al Dibb concerned about LA Mission College expansion and would like to know where SNC stands on this issue; Additional Neighborhood Watch groups should be formed and more active to patrol their areas and cut down crime.

Recess 7:35 p.m. – 7:47 p.m.

Blaine Fife spoke regarding LAMC expansion and mitigation regarding traffic, the dam, parking lot under power lines and the space between I5 and the mountains which is accessible by 2-lane roads.

Cesar Arredondo, San Fernando Sun Reporter, advised he is doing an article on the LAMC expansion. He provided forms for individuals to send information to him.

Rick Pulido LAUSD distributed updated fliers regarding Valley Region Span K-8 #1 Site Selection Meeting #2 at Olive Vista Middle School Auditorium, 14600 Tyler Street 1/26/05 at 6:30 p.m. Comment cards available and must be submitted by 1/25/06. Thanked SNC Secretary for assistance regarding outreach.

Patrick Ontrovarous, Rep. of Pacific Charter School's Facility, requesting support for project at Foothill Blvd. & Arroyo Ave., which was purchased in Sept. 2005 & was previously used as a sound stage, to convert to a Charter School campus. Partnerships to Uplift Communities will be operating at the location. Jacqueline Elliott is co-founder and reported on the 3 schools going into the facility and her achievement history followed by another co-founder speaking of the Partnerships to Uplift Communities accomplishments. Drawings were displayed of plans. Proposed Recitals & Resolutions for Adoption by SNC was distributed. Following Board discussion, Land Use Committee Chair Nick Krall requested this be put on the Land Use Agenda for 1/19/06 meeting.

Tabled Item # 16, 17, 18 regarding writings to be prepared by Eugene Hernandez which were not available.

Reports:

Treasurer Richard Yamauchi advised a Budget Committee Meeting will be at his office 1/31/06 at 6:00 p.m..

Secretary Doris Jacobs reported a Grievance had been received from Stakeholder Terri Crosswhite regarding the Board's action at the last meeting relevant to Pres. Flores appointment of V.P. Bernard as Parliamentarian, which will be reviewed by the Grievance Panel.

Public Services Chair Louis Perry reported a great deal of City response is being received regarding street re-servicing, etc.. A request was made that all in attendance advise to call 311 when mattresses, etc. are observed and report for pickup instead of calling SNC or CD 7.

No Beautification report and Chair being sought.

Richard Yamauchi Chair Emergency Preparedness (Public Safety/Preparedness) advised there have been no meetings and prefers that he just emails any information that he observes that can be helpful to the SNC Secretary for distribution.

Nick Krall Co-Chair Land Use Committee reported the next meeting will be 1/19 at the SNC office and there are 3 openings for the Committee and selections will be made shortly. The Zoning Administration/Planning Commission have been cooperating with the Land Use Committee which is an improvement to assisting the community with development projects.

Outreach Co-Chair Outreach Committee reported the first meeting of the year was to be 1/14 at the SNC office but another date will be selected as it is too late to post an agenda.

Chair Pres. Tammy Flores reported the Special Events Committee is working with the Parade Ad Hoc Committee to bring the parade back to Sylmar and CD 7 and the Sylmar Chamber is assisting. Pres. Flores requested BOD Cheri Blose provide information regarding the history of the annual parade which was a Chamber event but due to City funds being cut, it has been recommended the parade be Co-Sponsored by SNC, which will be an Outreach for the SNC and is within the allotted funds for the SNC Outreach Budget. The Sylmar Chamber is paying for the required Insurance and individuals with the "know how" to accomplish the event, which will be in October or November 2006. Maria Ventura advised of funding available through CD 7 and an estimated \$3,000 needed from the SNC Outreach Committee budget. Pres. Flores reported other projects will be an Olive Festival and Car Show.

Hector Cabrera Chair Faith Based absent – No Report

Richard Yamauchi announced no report for the Business Development Committee but a meeting will "piggy-back" on the Budget Committee Meeting 1/31/06. The community has a need for office buildings and has contacted individuals responsible for the Cascade development regarding office buildings and not just warehousing buildings.

Marietta Welch announced the Bylaws Committee will meet the second Tuesday in February to review the current Bylaws for possible clarification amendments.

Clifford Kenney Chair Senior Issues Committee reported there has not been a meeting and awaits communication with Co-Chair Arminda Torres to schedule a meeting as there has been a great deal of difficulty trying to communicate the political entities regarding various Senior issues.

Sherry Lincoln, Chair School Issues Committee reported on 1/10 meeting that was had regarding the Master Plan changes for El Caruso Park & LAMC – 400 in attendance. Speakers were County Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Councilmember Padillia & LAMC Sr. Vice Chancellor Dr. Barrera fielded questions regarding the land swap between LAMC & Parks & Recreation involving a parking structure, baseball fields and other uses of the current facilities and the updating of facilities at El Cariso Park and construction of two buildings for LAMC.

Benjamin Cardenas Chair Youth Issues absent – No Report

Cat Bartik-Sweeney absent – No Report for Election Committee

CPR Ad Hoc – Pres. Flores advised a meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks.

Edison Ad Hoc – V.P. Bernard advised there will be no meetings prior to the 1/24 Hearing which is expected to be postponed. President Flores to assign a replacement Chair for Becky Bascom at the 2/9 BOD Meeting. Pres. Flores apologized for any who did not receive the notice that the last Hearing had been postponed which canceled the bus arrangements.

Co-Chair Marietta Welch reported the DWP proposed Budget has been completed and on March 1st the Budget will be voted on.

Board Rules Ad Hoc- No additional report.

Posting Locations Ad Hoc Chair Jim Schopper absent – No Report.

President Flores reported there has not been a meeting of the Spanish Translation Ad Hoc Committee but will be scheduling a meeting with Board Members Hector Cabrera and Eugene Hernandez.

LAMC Ad Hoc Chair Lois Fife reported the Committee has been distributing information via a flier to the community who were not aware of the impact of the expansion, which contributed to the mass turnout at the 1/10 meeting. The committee will be doing a line by line study of the DEIR and determine the impact on the Sylmar community in an effort to establish fairness for the community, LAMC & El Caruso Park. Committee Meetings will continue to allow reporting on the findings from reading the DEIR.

Board Member Comment:

Ex Officio Board Member Maria Ventura (CD 7) announced the Citizenship Fair 1/21 at San Fernando Middle from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m., a dedication 1/14 – 10:00 a.m. at Tobias Park in Panorama City and a Peace March on 1/21 – Fliers distributed.

Eugene Hernandez commented that LA City Mayor developed a project "Smart Growth" and has appointed a new Director of the Planning Department and requested an invitation be sent to speak regarding the new development, etc. in the community.

Eugene Gatmaitan commented on the LAMC meeting 1/10 and was disappointed to hear Supervisor Yaraslavsky had already made up his mind on the plan and considers himself (Gatmaitan) a victim of this expansion as he has been a resident since 2001 and knew nothing of this planned expansion and resents this.

Eugene Hernandez additional comment regarding his support for LAMC expansion.

Richard Yamauchi commented on his use of 311 and its usefulness and recommends it for any city service request.

Bonnie Bernard commented regarding DOT crews at Gladstone & Hubbard and spoke to them regarding a request for an added 3 second delay on the traffic light to assist in reducing accidents at the intersection, which has not been changed since 1999 – Response should be received in a few days.

Patty Hug requests MOU Planning Department introduction for review of the Board, be put on the 2/9 Agenda.

Nick Krall commented that seeking new posting location is a priority and is willing to help with this issue.

Louis Sanchez (LA Mayor's office) announced Mayors Newsletter on City website and volunteers needed for the Crisis Response Program. Phone number is 818-778-4990.

President Flores thanked Farooq Ghias for all the delicious food he prepared for the Holiday Party and the personal rewards received by being a Crisis Response Program volunteer, which she is a member.

Supplemental Agenda:

Prior to motion for reconsideration to accept expenses/funding for the Parade from the Outreach Committee Budget not to exceed \$3,000 – Stakeholder Terri Croswhite commented she agreed with motions and clarification needed regarding how funds are to be disbursed.

Marietta Welch moved for the proposed expenses/funding not to exceed \$3,000 for the parade to come from the Outreach Committee Budget are to be distributed upon presentation of vendors invoice only. Funds are not to be disbursed directly to the Sylmar Chamber of Commerce. Richard Yamauchi seconded and stated that original and reconsideration motion both out of order as they have not been to the Budget Committee for consideration and recommendation. Marietta Welch withdrew her reconsideration motion to go to the Budget Committee, Richard Yamauchi seconded the withdrawal. Tammy Flores explained that disbursing funds to the Sylmar Chamber had never been considered or discussed at any Parade Ad Hoc Committee meetings and the amount discussed to come from the Outreach Budget was \$3,500, which will be presented at the Budget Committee Meeting for discussion and recommendation to the Board. Cheri Blöse began comment and Richard Yamauchi said motion had been withdrawn and seconded so there is nothing to discuss.

Supplemental Agenda II:

Prior to motion Terri Croswhite withdrew her Speaker Card on this item.

Bonnie Bernard moved, Sherry Lincoln seconded a motion to change the Bylaws Article Meetings VIII C. 5 wording from "Robert's Rules" to "Parliamentary Procedure" with Bonnie Bernard accepting a friendly amendment by Richard Yamauchi to change wording to "Parliamentary Rule of Procedures by Alice Sturges", which was seconded by Richard Yamauchi – **(13) Yes; (0) No; (0) Abstained – Motion passed**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. – Next meeting 2/9/06 at Hubbard Street Elementary School Auditorium

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary (1/27/06)

Approved by: BB2306