

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2006
Hubbard Street Elementary School
(Auditorium)
13325 Hubbard Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., and Charles Partello lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Richard Yamauchi; Nicholas Krall; Marietta Sue Welch; Eugene Hernandez; Sherry Lincoln; Patty Hug; Louis Perry; Jim Schopper; Cheri Blose (Arvd. 7:00pm); Clifford Kenney.

Quorum Confirmed

Excused Absence: Hector Cabrera, Daniel Delgadillo, Eugene Gatmaitan, Farooq Ghias

Un-excused Absence: Arminda Torres; Benjamin Cardenas

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7); Daniel Rosales (CD 7); Nicole Chase (Senator Alarcon)

Absent: County Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative; LAFD; LAPD

Bonnie Bernard moved, Sherry Lincoln second to accept the 1/12/06 Minutes to be corrected to read "Laura Chick (~~Council Member~~ City Controller)" – **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 she may not be at March meeting due to surgery; Committee Chair assignment for Beautification Committee was not made; Moises Carillo was assigned Co-Chair to Edison Project Ad Hoc Committee; Co-Chair assignment to Faith Based Committee was not made.

Patty Hug reported there were 30 people in attendance from various Neighborhood Councils Land Use Committees and requested she be appointed as the voting individual for the SNC Land Use Committee. Bonnie Bernard moved, Eugene Hernandez seconded, Patty Hug be appointed voting individual and Nick Krall to be alternate to represent the SNC Land Use Committee at the MOU Planning meetings. Following discussion – **Unanimously Approved**

President Flores re-stated Bonnie Bernard had resigned 1/12/06 as Parliamentarian prior to SNC Secretary Doris Jacobs reading the Grievance Panel findings 1/18/06, regarding Terri Croswhite Grievance filed against the Sylmar Neighborhood Council for the 12/8/05 meeting appointment of V.P. Bernard as Parliamentarian by President Flores - Dated 1/19/06: "On January 18, 2006 the Grievance Committee met to review the complaint filed against the Sylmar Neighborhood Council by Terri Croswhite. After reviewing the information provided the Committee has determined the following: The Bylaws as amended and approved by DONE as of November 25, 2005, contain Article VI, Section K. This section is clear with regard to the appointment of a Parliamentarian. Since the Bylaws are not silent on this issue, there is no reason to defer to Robert's Rules of Order, the Bylaws prevail. There was no infraction committed." The Grievance Panel findings were accepted by the Board without further discussion.

SNC Secretary Doris Jacobs read the Grievance Panel recommendation of proposed Bylaw amendment regarding appointment of Parliamentarian for Board discussion and possible action. – Dated 1/19/06, "The Committee recommends the following: The Bylaws be amended to read that the President can hire a professional Parliamentarian or appoint another Director, other than elected officers (members of the Executive Board, including the President, Vice President and Treasurer), or a stakeholder to the position of Parliamentarian. We strongly recommend that the name of the position remain Parliamentarian, and not include the title of Advisor." Following discussion, the recommendation was referred to the Bylaws Committee for consideration.

Public Comments:

Rick Pulido gave update regarding SPAN K-8 #1 new school project site selection and meeting scheduled for 1/26/06 at Olive Vista Middle School Auditorium.

Maria Ventura (CD 7) made announcements and presented fliers regarding Senior Legislative volunteer candidates need, free Spay/neutering; Senior Focus 4/8; Youth Focus 6/10 and sex offenders living on Gladstone, 3 felons, being removed by LAPD.

Kim Thompson submitted for use by individual Stakeholders a petition to stop the expansion of Sunshine Canyon landfill. Nick Krall suggested a presentation be given at the Land Use Committee meeting.

The Board had discussion regarding what direction the SNC Board wants the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee to pursue regarding the LAMC expansion and the county's recreation plan. Bonnie Bernard noted the various issues involving the LAMC expansion as did Lois Fife Chair LAMC Ad Hoc – examples being environment, traffic, etc.. Each Board Member was requested to speak if they chose. Some preferred to hold their comments till they have more information and Richard Yamauchi noted a "conflict" as he is teaching at LAMC. Most commented on the "traffic" problem. Speaker card was presented by Dr. Adriana Barrera who provided information regarding the EIR and its detailing and the artificial factors regarding actual student enrollment. Supervisor Yaroslavsky convened a meeting to obtain input from the public which included traffic, noise, lighting and a host of issues. Traffic Consultants were to attend the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee meetings. Dr. Barrera requested that the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee outreach to the entire community and not just the immediate part of the community surround the LAMC to allow the SNC Board to have a more inclusive opinion of the entire community. Daniel Rosales (CD 7) stated that the 3:30 p.m. time for the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee is not conducive for the public as a whole.

Recess 7:35 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Bonnie Bernard presented a letter written to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners requesting relief regarding the 5 location posting with 72 hour prior agenda viewing, which is curtailing meetings being held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Kim Thompson, Granada Hills NC, stated they had to purchase display lock boxes to meet this requirements as they too have limited locations open 24-7.

Tabled Item # 11-12-13 from 1/12/06 regarding writings approved by the Board to be prepared by Eugene Hernandez which were not available.

President Flores read for the record the Board approved amended Resolution letter of opposition for Community Impact Statement due to the Las Lomas proposed development dramatically increase traffic congestion at the intersection of the 14 Freeway and the I5 freeway and destroying important wildlife corridors between the San Gabriel Mountains and the Santa Susana mountains, depleting water resources and the recommendation that the land be preserved as a protected parkland area.

President Flores read for the record the Board approved amended Resolution letter to City Council & the Mayor regarding the SNC supporting and urging the City Council to support the South 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 and the creating of more green space in the City of Los Angeles, including Sylmar.

President Flores read for the record the Board approved amended letter to PLUM urging them to endorse a moratorium on further building in the Los Angeles hillsides and mountain areas which has cost taxpayers of Los Angeles millions of dollars in fire and flood protection from this overdevelopment.

Supplemental Agenda Items:

Cindy Blazer spoke on behalf of Election Committee Chair Cat Bartik-Sweeney who was absent due to illness. Clerical changes need to be made on the Election Procedures, contact made with the selected oversight facilitator and seats up for election. Ms. Blazer also advised that the Stakeholder Form was a duplication of the Candidate Filing Form and the election is normally held on the last Saturday in June. Bonnie Bernard moved, Richard Yamauchi seconded to have the election on June 24, 2006 and to approve the Election Procedures with amended dates, categories and individuals up for re-election and to remove use of Stakeholder Form and only use Candidate Filing Form. Following discussion - **Unanimously Approved**

Land Use Co-Chair Nick Krall explained research done by the Committee and made a motion, seconded by Richard Yamauchi that the Land Use Committee recommendation that the SNC support the proposed subdivision of 1 A1-a lot into 3 RE-11 lots at 14050 W. Olive View Drive with language in the Deeds protecting neighboring horse-keeping. Following discussion – **Motion approved unanimously**

Land Use Co-Chair Nick Krall explained research done by the Committee and made a motion, seconded by Marietta Welch that the Land Use Committee recommendation that the SNC support the subdivision and zone change at 12622 N. San Fernando Rd. of 1 R-1 flag-lot into 3 RD-4 small-lot home lots. Following discussion - **Motion approved unanimously**

Land Use Co-Chair Nick Krall stated that the Land Use Committee has concerns that LAUSD, in their search for a school site for a new K-8 "bridge-school" in Sylmar, has, with limited public involvement, selected 8 possible sites, discarded 5 of them and settled on 3 possible sites, all of which take away prime equestrian homes that will be occupied years before the school opens and that better options exist and the discussion must be forced to include the Committee's input.

Reports:

Treasurer Richard Yamauchi advised the Budget Committee was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

Secretary Doris Jacobs reported correspondence regarding USC Neighborhood Participation Project received and sent to Board; Copier usage now has ID/Password for each Committee and can be obtained from the office; DONE expects to have binders for new Board Members possibly at the March meeting and new badges need to be ordered from Office Depot.

Public Services Committee Chair Louis Perry reported he will not be requesting re-election when his term expires; Efforts are being made through Assemblymember Cindy Montinez's office to secure freeway Welcome To Sylmar signs; various requests for services have been accomplished and/or in the process of being resolved.

Public Safety/Preparedness Committee Chair reported on the distribution via email by Secretary Jacobs of a Sex Offender website to access to locate individuals living in the area.

Land Use Co-Chair Nick Krall thanked Maria Ventura (CD 7) for visiting various areas.

Outreach Committee Co-Chair Eugene Hernandez advised no report as a meeting has not been held. President Flores stated this is a large project and efforts are being made to schedule a meeting in the near future.

Special Events Committee Chair President Flores reported work is being done with the Parade Ad Hoc Committee – meeting scheduled for 2/24/06 – 6:30 p.m. at the SNC office.

Faith Based Committee Co-Chair Hector Cabrera ill. President Flores advised an additional Chair will be appointed at the next meeting.

Business Development Committee Co-Chair Cheri Blose advised difficulties in scheduling a meeting due to individuals schedules.

Bylaws Committee Chair Marietta Welch advised a date has not been set for a meeting.

Senior Issues Chair Clifford Kenny advised there has not been any activity since the last meeting.

School Issues Chair Sherry Lincoln reported the K-8 new school sites selected are all horse property and minimal notification by LAUSD to the public.

Youth Issues Chair Benjamin Cardenas absent – No Report.

Election Committee Chair Cat Bartik-Sweeney absent – No Report

CPR Ad Hoc – No Report

Edison Project Ad Hoc Committee has not had a meeting since last Board Meeting; PLUM Meeting scheduled for 2/28/06.

DWP Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

Board Rules Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

Posting Locations Ad Hoc Committee – Letter from V.P. Bernard sent to BONC on 1/27/06 requesting relief in posting requirements (open 72 hours prior to meeting) for all 5 posting locations to allow meetings to be held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. BONC has not responded.

Spanish Translation Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

LAMC Ad Hoc Committee Chair read Minutes from the Committee's meetings and will provide a copy to the Secretary for file.

Parade Ad Hoc Committee Chair Cheri Blose advised meeting scheduled at the SNC office 2/24/06 as reported by President Flores for the Special Events Committee.

Board Member Comment:

Richard Yamauchi stated that the State Law and Local Laws need to be amended to exempt SNC from being required to comply with the Brown Act demand of 72 hour notice immediately prior to a meeting be held.

Nick Krall stated people need to attend the 2/28/06 PLUM meeting and all scheduled meetings.

Eugene Hernandez complimented LAMC Ad Hoc Committee for doing their job and stated there is a need for Supervisor Yaroslavsky to attend these meetings.

Bonnie Bernard stated that Lori Wheeler, Sr. Field Deputy for Supervisor Yaroslavsky is always noticed of all meetings and anyone is welcome to attend the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee meetings with pros & cons on the subject matter.

Marietta Welch stated schedules for Land Use and Outreach Committee meetings need to be provided 90 days in advance with planned scheduled events.

Louis Perry again thanked Maria Ventura for all her help to SNC.

Maria Ventura (CD 7) stated "we" will help with getting posting regulations changed back to allow the scheduling of Committee meetings on all days.

President Tammy Flores stated she felt this was one of our best meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. – Next meeting 3/9/06 at Hubbard Street Elementary School Auditorium

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary (2/23/06)

Approved by: BB 2/27/06