

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2006
Sylmar Neighborhood Council Office
13515 ½ Hubbard Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., and Charles Partello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Secretary Doris Jacobs:

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Nicholas Krall; Eugene Hernandez; Louis Perry; Jim Schopper; Cheri Blose; Farooq Ghias

Quorum was not confirmed- No Board action to be taken

Excused Absence: Richard Yamauchi; Hector Cabrera; Daniel Delgadillo; Marietta Welch; Sherry Lincoln; Patty Hug; Clifford Kenny

Un-excused Absence: Eugene Gatmaitan; Arminda Torres; Benjamin Cardenas

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7)

Also present, Leyla Campos (DONE)

Absent: Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative; Mayor Villaraigosa Representative; LAFD; LAPD

Tabled: Adoption of 3/9/06 BOD Meeting Minutes.

President Flores advised of Restroom location.

V.P. Bonnie Bernard requested questions regarding the SNC procedures please raise you hand. No questions were presented.

Tabled: Board voting to accept/reject single application for a vacant Board Seat to be followed by Applicant's presentation and if accepted, swearing in by CD 7 Representative.

Tabled: President Flores Committee Chair assignment for Beautification Committee and Co-Chair for Faith Based Committee.

Tabled: Discussion and possible Board action regarding Report from Patty Hug on MOU Planning Department issues.

Louis Perry requested Stakeholder participation for May 7th Mayor's Day of Service and advised of Projects to be done to clean up the community. 311 sponsoring 2 people to hand out fliers at Sams Club and Vallarta. Light & Life School has been adopted and need volunteers to paint. Pioneer Cemetery is also a cleanup project. Handouts were presented.

President Flores, due to the lack of a quorum, chose to take agenda items out of order.

Reports:

Treasurer Richard Yamauchi absent – No Report.

Secretary Doris Jacobs reported the repair & painting of the SNC office meeting room walls was done by Frank Jacobs; SNC office program Front Page Publisher still has not been located; Alternate Secretary needed as Ms. Jacobs will be out of town from June 3rd through June 13th and there is a BOD Meeting June 8th requiring Minutes to be recorded and documents prepared for Stakeholders & Board Members; SNC does not have an office cleaning service and after meetings individual Chairs should remove trash to barrels on each corner of the building.

President Flores advised, due to the shortage of various committees being able to have the required amount of members, some of the committees will be combined to work as a team. – Outreach & Special Events; Faith Based & Senior Issues. Sixteen volunteers are needed to head up certain areas for the Sylmar Parade. An Outreach Project, which will require Board action, is

the Senate Debate between Montanez ,Padilla & two other candidates, which is proposed to be held at Mission College, May 27th – Other Neighborhood Councils joining in this.

President Flores requested Maria Ventura (CD 7) to speak and Ms. Ventura distributed packet of upcoming events, including 4/29/06 2nd Annual Children's Literacy Fair & Book Giveaway, Sylmar Woman's Club Fashion Show 5/6/06, LAMC Caregiver Support Day 5/19, Sylmar Library Book Sale 5/20 & Easter Sunrise Services at the VA Park.

President Flores requested Issias Cantu , Project Coordinator to speak, regarding the newest unit of the Office of the City Clerk's Election Division: The Multilingual Voter Outreach Unit is making an effort to get eligible voters to the poles and assist with voting procedures. Input from the community is requested.

Continued to 5/11/06 Meeting: Andy Baoes & Scott Chamberlin presentation of an update on Union Rescue Mission/Hope Gorden Group on progress regarding additional housing for single mothers.

Presentation by LAMC Ad Hoc Committee Chair Lois Fife research update regarding the LAMC expansion (hand-out). No Board action is being requested by the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee.

Leyla Campos, Project Coordinator (DONE) discussed the Mayor's Day of Service on May 7, 2006 and requested \$500.00 funding for Volunteers food, etc. to be put on the 5/11/06 Board Meeting Agenda. Volunteer Forms for 5/7 were distributed; Ms. Campos also instructed reports for the 912 Commission evaluations of Neighborhood Councils, DONE etc.. Feedback must be submitted 4/21 and will be presented to City 4/28. Prepare a report of evaluation of SNC, DONE & BONC and provide the Report to Darrell Powell (Chief Legislative Analyst Office).

Canceled by Marlene Rader, Kagel Canyon Civic Association, Agenda Item for presentation regarding a Transitional Living Rehabilitation Center and it's affect on Sylmar.

Recess 7:30 p.m. – 7:41 p.m.

John Maddox for Mark Alvarez & Mereux-Maddox Development gave presentation for a mixed-use project on the site of the old ICEON skating rink on San Fernando Rd.. Project includes storefronts with a plaza on the street & 200+ stacked-flat condos behind with underground parking. Presentation included charts & floor plan etc.

Rick Pulido, LAUSD Outreach, regarding location of a K-8 school and advised there has not been a decision as to the location and input for more sites are being sought.

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nicholas Krall reported on presentation to Land Use Committee re 2 ½ acres of land in the Rancho Cascade area to be divided into 4 equestrian properties and Committee supports and will request Board support; Presentation was also made for a piece of land at the end of Eldridge – dead-ends at Harding for 44 attached condos – issue pending for additional information.

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nicholas Krall reported on opposition presented to the Land Use Committee regarding Mark Alvarez & Mereux-Maddox Development presentation for a mixed-use project on the site of the old ICEON skating rink on San Fernando Rd.. The Committee is split and no recommendation will be made to the Board.

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nicholas Krall reported on Sylmar Flyaway at 13503 San Fernando Road, previously approved for DWP office-space expansion. Various groups are challenging this project. Land Use Committee recommendation to the Board will be to request additional information/options.

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nicholas Krall reported Union Rescue Mission providing Land Use Committee with update on project to address some of the concerns relating to this project. (SNC Board previously approved support for the project)

Land Use Co-Chair Nicholas Krall reported Committee opposes 3 sites selected for a proposed K-8th Grade school in the area of Dronfield & Bledsoe or Borden & Cobalt equestrian properties. Committee is requesting Board support the recommendation to oppose.

Land Use Co-Chair Nicholas Krall gave update regarding Land Use Committee issue regarding a Conditional Use Permit, to serve beer & wine and a variance to have pool tables within 500 feet of an A or R Zone at 13031 No. Glenoaks Blvd. at an existing 2400 Sq. Ft. restaurant. – Tabled Item removed from Agenda.

Land Use Co-Chair Nicholas Krall gave update regarding Land Use Committee issue regarding a proposal for a small-lot subdivision at 13454 Dronfield Avenue, replacing 1 home in RA-1-K zone with 4-6 RD-6 home-lots. Tabled Item removed from Agenda. – Tabled Item removed from Agenda.

Land Use Co-Chair Nicholas Krall gave update regarding Land Use Committee issue regarding plans to subdivide approximately 2 acres at 13242 No. Glenoaks Blvd. into 4 equestrian lots. – Tabled Item removed from Agenda.

Tabled: Discussion and possible Board action of the Land Use Committee recommendation regarding proposal of a dental office on Hubbard St. at Glenoaks Blvd., above the Ultra Mar gas station. The proposal needs a Conditional Use Permit.

Tabled: Discussion and possible Board action of the Land Use Committee recommendation regarding proposed four-parcel, single family sub-division of a 87,400 Sq. Ft. site in the RA-1-K zone at 13443 Bradley Avenue – Hearing April 20th at 2:00 p.m. at Marvin Braude Bldg. in Van Nuys.

Tabled: Discussion and possible Board action regarding participation in the upcoming Senate Debate between Alex Padilla & Cindy Montanez, to be used as a Special Event.

Election Committee Chair Cat Bartik-Sweeney announced the Election will be 7/22 and presented time-line of events preceding the 7/22 Election of 2005-06 Board of Directors and seats available; Commendation was given to Stakeholder Josue Barbosa who is preparing an online fill-out Candidate's Application to be automatically emailed to Election Administrator. Next meeting 4/21 – 7:30 p.m. at the SNC office.

There were no Speaker Cards submitted for **Public Comment**.

President Flores requested any Public Comments or questions for the Board by the Stakeholders.

Stakeholder commented on beautification of Sylmar being needed and freeway island landscaping.

Board Member Comment:

Louis Perry requested the Public Official presentations be an early Agenda Item due to Official's needs to attend additional meetings. President Flores requested Public Official presentations be standard Agenda Item # 6; Need more volunteers for the 5/7 Mayor's Day of Service event.

Eugene Hernandez commented on the So. Central Farmers trying to purchase gardening land. Developer has sued the farmers and although the Councilmember for this area is supporting the Developer, the farmers are hopeful the Mayor will help as he promised when campaigning.

Next meeting scheduled for 5/11/06 Hubbard Street Elementary School Auditorium. President Flores advised she may call a Special Meeting due to some urgent items. Any items requested for the next Agenda are to be submitted to Doris Jacobs (SNC Secretary) who will also advise of proper Committee for individual requests by Stakeholders.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Doris Jacobs
SNC Secretary (4/21/06)

Approved by: BB 42406