

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
August 24, 2006
Dyer Street Elementary School
14500 Dyer Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Charles Partello, was recited.

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Nicholas Krall; Sherry Lincoln; Patty Hug; Louis Perry; Eugene Gatmaitan; Cheri Blose; Clifford Kenney.

Quorum was confirmed

Excused Absence: Richard Yamauchi; Hector Cabrera; Daniel Delgadillo; Marietta Welch; Eugene Hernandez; Josue Barbosa; Jim Schopper; Farooq Ghias; Arminda Torres; Benjamin Cardenas.

Un-excused Absence: None

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7); Lori Wheeler (Supervisor Yaroslavsky office)

Absent: Mayor Villaraigosa Representative; LAFD; LAPD

President Flores recognized Lori Wheeler - LA County Supervisor Yaroslavsky's office, Edmundo Delgadillo – LAUSD and Maria Ventura – Councilmember Padilla's office and '06-'07 Board Elect member present – Randall Kelly, Ellie Brooks and George Ortega - explained challenges have been made to the election which delays installation of the '06-'07 Board.

Bonnie Bernard moved, Clifford Kenny seconded to approve the 7/13/06 Minutes as written. Following discussion the Minutes were **approved unanimously**.

V.P. Bonnie Bernard explained location of restrooms, procedure regarding submitting a Speaker Card and procedure regarding motions for reconsideration and SNC grievance process, all instructions provided on the Agenda.

President Flores requested Public Official's announcements and presentations:

Maria Ventura (CD 7) distributed fliers and announced upcoming events – First annual Youth4Unity 8/26/06 Sylmar Recreation Park & Prayer & San Fernando Valley Fair & Gospel Fest 9/9/06 Hansen Dam - non denominational; Arts Commission grants available.

President Flores announced a family community breakfast supporting the hungry at Mission Allemeny Queen of Angels Chapel 8/7 and Fundraiser benefiting St. Didicus Youth Ministries Outreach Program 9/24.

Lori Wheeler (County Supervisor Yaroslavsky) distributed fliers, etc. and announced updated Community Guide on display & Concerts in the Park 9/10/06 El Caruso Park – a special tribute for 9/11; Many park improvements to begin in September (2006) – picnic pavilion, restrooms etc..

Bonnie Bernard announced LA City Grant Workshops available.

Edmundo Delgadillo (LAUSD) advised he has been assigned to replace Rick Pulido and gave update on Valley Region Span K-8 #1 – new school construction project; Map distributed with potential sites. Bonnie Bernard advised individuals complained to her about one of the site locations.

Patty Hug reported the last MOU Planning Department meetings covered discussion and ironing out some details to be presented to Gail Goldberg.

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nick Krall moved, Patty Hug seconded that the **tabled from 5/11/06, 6/8/06 item** regarding 12900 Harding (at Eldridge St.) proposed 44 small-lot homes Land Use Committee recommendation to approve this project, as it stands, be approved by the Board as the developer has made many changes to comply with the neighborhood's requests. Following discussion the Board voted: **Yes (7); No (1) Bonnie Bernard; Abstained (0) – Motion approved.**

Tabled Item from 6/8/06 & 7/13/06: Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nick requested **Item further tabled** regarding the project on 16,500 sq. ft. R1-1 lot at 12659 No. Bradley Ave. between Oro Grande & Astoria, through-lot to Florentine St. as no recommendation from Land Use Committee - further presentations by developer to be heard by Committee.

Tabled Item from 7/13/06 Supplemental Agenda Item 1: Discussion and possible board action on a letter addressing traffic issues arising from Mission College expansion plans; the letter to be distributed to Mission College, Gateway Science & Engineering, URS Corporation and Leo A. Daly, Board of Trustees of the L.A. Community Collect District, Councilmember Padilla, Mayor Villaraigosa and the head of the L.A. Dept. of Transportation.– Ellie Brooks advised awaiting draft of EI Report. President Flores instructed – **Item tabled till further notice.**

Tabled Item from 7/13/06 Supplemental II Agenda Item 1 & 2: 1. Discussion and possible BOD action a request for SNC to join and appoint a Board member to the L.A. Neighborhood Council Congress (LANCC).; 2. For discussion and possible BOD action regarding a resolution to the DWP rate hike – Resolution letter to be presented at BOD meeting. – **Item further tabled** – President Flores advised Speaker unavailable.

Issue to be **placed on all future Agendas, until accomplished, discussion for a Senior/Community Center in Sylmar.** Following discussion, President Flores appointed Cheri Blose to Chair Senior/Multipurpose Center Ad Hoc Committee and research centers throughout the valley. '06-'07 Board Elect Randall Kelly suggested checking LA Parks website regarding funding – Dept. Recreation & Parks funding; Marie Ventura (CD 7) to assist regarding funding; Lori Wheeler made additional suggestions as to current valley Senior Center locations. President Flores requested a meeting at the SNC office to further discuss this issue.

Tabled for 9/14/06: Discussion and possible Board action regarding "closing down Juvenile Hall" – Invitation to Juvenile Hall officials to make a 15 minute presentation regarding the facility. – Cat Bartik-Sweeny advised she spoke to Christine at Juvenile Hall who will locate the proper individual, regarding this matter, to contact the SNC office.

Copy of Richard Yamauchi letter written over President Flores signature which was mailed to L.A. Mayor regarding "Illegal raising of trash fees" and approved by the Board 7/13/06 – President Flores requested letter be sent to the Board.

Secretary Doris Jacobs provided information regarding approved 7/13/06 agenda item “obtaining an office cleaning service from the City and/or other.” Various cleaning services have been contacted without estimate being obtained; Leyla Campos to obtain name of service used at DONE offices. – Item to be **continued on future agendas.**

LAMC Ad Hoc Committee member Ellie Brooks distributed document containing Committee points to submit regarding the EI report, including population density/land use ratio, light, noise, traffic & pollution, maps updated etc. and request a statement in the DEIR why listed items were not addressed. Committee will begin meetings again in October (2006).

Requested Agenda Item presentation by John Paul Vera regarding San Fernando Greens program in Sylmar was not presented.

Nick Krall volunteered and was selected to work with Laura Chick on auditing DONE as a member of the Neighborhood Council Liaison Committee – Meeting 9/6 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.) at LA City Hall. President Flores to forward Laura Chick letter to entire Board & Board elect.

Following discussion regarding changes to posting requirements as suggested by L.A. Deputy City Attorney Darren Martinez, Patty Hug moved, Sherry Lincoln seconded to add two (2) more posting locations that will allow posting in window 72 hours prior to meeting – **Yes (7); No (0); Abstained (1) Bonnie Bernard – Approved**

Recess 7:45 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

President Flores recalled the meeting to order.

Public Comments:

Charles Partello commented regarding a 1970 promise of Federal Dollars to develop for beautification of Sylmar an amphitheater to be at Veterans Park. This could also be done at El Caruso Park.

Stakeholder Mack Hunter commented on health and safety issues on Encinitas Ave. (12700 block) regarding pot holes and standing water being a breeding place for mosquitoes. Public Service Chair Louis Perry to meet with Mr. Hunter following meeting. Announced LAPD Mission Station Quarterly Breakfast 8/31 – 7:30 p.m. at Odyssey & Officers Appreciation Day 6 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at LAPD Mission Station 10/12.

Anne Krall sent a comment that she wants to, with no disrespect to the BOD elect member's, thank the challenge filer for their respect of the current Board of Directors.

Reports:

Secretary Doris Jacobs reported for Treasurer Richard Yamauchi that the current Credit Card will expire next month. A new card will be issued and upon resolution of election challenges and the election of 2006-2007 Treasurer, Mr. Yamauchi will transfer card to new Treasurer.

Secretary reported correspondence mainly in the form of emails from Board Elect individuals displeased with challenges being filed against the 2006 Election and their belief that these individuals should accept election, stop the delays of swearing in the 2006-2007 BOD to enable the SNC to continue its good works. Efforts to obtain copies from the Human Resource Commission of the, Public Records, challenges has been to no avail and it may be due to a report will be issued by HR as was done for the 2004-2005 election. The HR Report will be distributed to the SNC Mailing List.

Public Service Chair Louis Perry reported all resident's requests have been responded to; working on setting up a Clean Up Day in October, getting flags back on Foothill Blvd. and lighting on Welcome To Sylmar sign.

Pres. Flores reported Emergency Preparedness Task Force for the City of LA meeting downtown had been canceled. Efforts being made to establish a program for Sylmar and Senior Citizens regarding emergency preparedness.

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nick Krall reported the Committee continues to face challenges from City Planning and the Council office; One project involves 250 condos on land that should have been but was not grandfathered in and trying to give some input; Letters being sent to the Council office regarding their "wait and see" and lack of taking a stand on various issues which has become embarrassing for the Committee; (Inaudible on tape); L.A. River project being scheduled for an upcoming presentation to the Committee; Next meeting 9/7/06 at the SNC office.

Outreach (Senior & Youth) – President Flores reported meeting scheduled for 9/8/06 – 6:30 p.m. at the SNC office – Stakeholder Saul Gonzalas getting involved regarding Youth - (Inaudible on tape). Senior Issues Chair Clifford Kenny re-advised of the deficiencies of the Local Home Task Force Committee regarding no Agenda & Minutes not being taken at meetings thwarting "transparency" for the public. Refused to become a member due to the manner of operation.

Business Development – No Report

Bonnie Bernard reported upcoming Bylaw changes/additions being requested by Election Committee.

School Issues Chair Sherry Lincoln reported on Mayor's Council of Neighborhoods event she and Josue Barbosa attended in June. Louis Perry reported Foothill Bapstist School has been closed.

2006-2007 Election Committee Chair Cat Bartik-Sweeney reported suggestions have been submitted for next year's Election Procedures and Bylaw Amendments; Melanie McShane has volunteered to Chair the 2007-2008 Election Committee. Louis Perry, Cheri Blose & Clifford Kenny commented on the great job done by the Election Committee.

President Flores advised a new individual will be assigned to the DWP Ad Hoc committee as Marietta Welch has moved from the area.

President Flores advised Outreach to work on obtaining Spanish Translation for Agendas, Minutes, etc..

President Flores reported Edison Project hearing had again been postponed till 9/12/06.

Board Member Comment:

Nick Krall commented challenges did a favor to SNC in supporting the 2005-2006 Board to continue.

Eugene Gatmaitan announced his resignation from the Board due to personal business involving the health of a family member.

Louis Perry commented that the SNC has a good system and the 2005-2006 Board has made an impact and gained the respect of other Neighborhood Council's.

Bonnie Bernard commented on complaints she and the office have received regarding the use of the SNC mailing list for announcements that are not part of the SNC business and any other public information can be displayed at the meetings..

Sherry Lincoln presented a motion to accept the resignation of Eugene Gatmaitan, seconded by Patty Hug. There was no discussion and President Flores stated it would be accepted at the next meeting as Mr. Gatmaitan had left the meeting.

President Flores requested items for the next Agenda to include:

- Motion of Letter of Resolution for Proposition R;
- Motion of Resolution for Speaker time at the council;
- Address the ICO;
- Election Committee recommendations for Bylaw changes.

Next meeting scheduled for 9/14/06 – 6:30 p.m. at Hubbard Street Elementary School (Auditorium)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Jacobs SNC Secretary (8/29/06)

To Be Approved by Board of Directors 9/14/06