

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2006
Hubbard Street Elementary School (Auditorium)
13325 Hubbard Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

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

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Richard Yamauchi; Hector Cabrera; Daniel Delgadillo; Nicholas Krall; Eugene Hernandez; Sherry Lincoln; Patty Hug; Louis Perry; Jim Schopper; Cheri Blose; Clifford Kenney; Farooq Ghias; Arminda Torres.

Quorum was confirmed

Excused Absence: Marietta Sue Welch; Eugene Gatmaitan; Josue Barbosa; Benjamin Cardenas.

Un-excused Absence: None

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7)

Absent: Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative, Mayor Villaraigosa Representative; LAFD; LAPD
Also Present: Leyla Campos (DONE Project Coordinator)

President Flores commented on lack of parking due to Back To School Night and new Board will be installed.

Patty Hug moved, Sherry Lincoln seconded to accept the 8/24/06 Minutes as written. Following discussion the Minutes were **Yes (12); No (0); Abstained (1) Eugene Hernandez – Minutes approved.**

Tabled Item from 6/8/06, 7/13/06 & 8/24/06: Land Use Committee Co-Chair Nick requested **remove from Agenda Item 4** 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 & 8/24/06 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.

Tabled Item from 8/24/06: Discussion and possible Board action regarding "closing down Juvenile Hall" – Invitation to Juvenile Hall official to make a 15 minutes presentation regarding the facility. – **Item further tabled**

V.P. Bonnie Bernard read names of public elected outgoing Board members and explained the Board elected members filling vacancies which will not receive certificates.

Prior to outgoing Board certificates being presented, President Flores chose to have Louis Perry announce the efforts to remove sex offenders from Sylmar that had been initiated by Stakeholder Gina Franco Acevedo and Certificates were presented by Maria Ventura (CD 7) and Daniel Delgadillo (Assemblymember Cindy Montanez)

Presentations were then made to the 2005-2006 outgoing Board members from Congressman Howard Berman, State Senator Richard Alarcon, Assemblymember Cindy Montanez, LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Councilmember Alex Padilla. Maria Ventura (CD 7) apologized for the absence of a certificate for Bonnie Bernard. Some presentations were made by Capt. Jorge Villegas in the absence of the official and/or representative.

Secretary Jacobs called the Roll of the 2006-2007 new Board members.

LAPD Capt. Jorge Villegas facilitated the swearing in of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors.

A short recess was had to accommodate photographs being taken of the outgoing 2005-2006 Board of Directors.

The meeting was recalled to order at 7:24 p.m. at which time LAPD Capt. Villegas provided information regarding sex offenders and advised the newly selected Sr. Lead Officer will be on the SNC Public Safety Committee and attend the monthly meetings whenever possible. Clifford Kenny requested participation in obtaining a Community Center, which was acceptable if it was something the community wants.

Maria Ventura (CD 7) announced various events and distributed fliers. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to the 2006 Election Committee. Daniel Delgadillo (Councilmember Montanez) announced the Grand Opening of a new park in San Fernando 9/16/06.

Leyla Campos (DONE Project Coordinator) assumed the position of meeting Chair and distributed some Orientation Books to the new Board Members and instructed them there would be an orientation regarding the book's contents, especially the Brown Act at a date yet to be scheduled and the importance of becoming familiar with documents, including the Brown Act, Bylaws, ADA and the transparency required by all agendas. Explanation was also given regarding the delay of the 2006-2007 Board being seated due to Challenges to the 2006 Election, which is a part of the Election process and the Human Relations Commission has issued a report that is available.

Ms. Campos facilitated the nomination and election of the President, Vice President and Treasurer with a vote selection by Board Members hands being raised. The relative portion of the SNC Bylaws were read along with additional needs of availability to the SNC Secretary, and attending Training Sessions & meetings and signing of office documents often within an hours notice. The duties of each Officer as written in the Bylaws was read. Each Candidate, if desired, would be allowed two minutes to speak

President: Louis Perry nominated Tammy Flores, who accepted; Kathleen Clements nominated Rudolfo Lopez. – Tammy Flores received 12 votes; Rudolfo Lopez declined the nomination. – Tammy Flores was announced as the President.

Vice President: Jan Sandstrom nominated Bonnie Bernard, who accepted; Randall Kelly nominated Rudolfo Lopez, who accepted – Both nominees received 10 votes each – Chair Campos requested a coin toss which is in the Election Procedure and there is no determining factor in the SNC Bylaws. This was acceptable and Mr. Lopez chose "heads". Chair Campos tossed the coin and it was observed by three Board Members where it landed on the floor that it was "tails" – Bonnie Bernard was announced as the elected Vice President.

Treasurer: Cheri Blose nominated Eleanor Brooks, who accepted; Lynn Zekanis nominated Jeanne Rowe, who accepted – Eleanor Brooks received 13 votes; Jeanne Rowe received 7 votes. – Eleanor Brooks was announced as the elected Treasurer.

Ms. Campos announced that former SNC BOD Josue Barbosa is involved with the Granada Hills Neighborhood Council and needs volunteers for their election on Sept. 30th.

As 2005-2006 President, elected 2006-2007 President Tammy Flores retained the gavel.

Public Comments:

Richard Yamauchi requested Ellie Brooks meet with him to collect the SNC Treasurer paperwork and he will be available to assist her as needed and the name change on the SNC credit card, etc..

Nina from Sunland-Tujunga NC congratulated the new Board and requested community activity be given her for her Valley Reporter newspaper.

President Flores chose to skip the agendized recess.

Board Member Comment:

Louis Perry commented Rudolfo Lopez would be a good Chair for a Public Safety Committee.

Eugene Hernandez commented on left turn signal being installed at Hubbard and Eldridge; City Council adheres to limits on public speaking at meetings and NC should do the same; Lack of NC's being allowed to put items on the LA City Council agenda.

Clifford Kenny commented on problems involving mobile home parks and the lack of proper procedures of the Task Force and hopeful that the SNC will take action on these types of issues.

Eleanor Brooks commented on lack of attention to individuals speaking by LA City Council Members at an LA City Council meeting she attended.

Board member, name not announced, commented on the hosting of HSES of the meeting and exciting about working with the Board.

Bonnie Bernard requested all interest attending City Planning Focus Groups to submit name to the SNC Secretary or herself.

Jan Sandstrom requested any additional information be made available regarding the City Planning Focus Groups.

President Flores made comments regarding working with the previous Board and looks forward to working with the current Board and her attempts to attend as many meetings as possible.

President Flores appointed Eleanor Brooks to Chair the standing Outreach Committee – Ms. Brooks accepted and requested she be addressed as "Ellie"; President Flores announced she would like to appoint Melanie McShane to Chair the standing Election Committee as she had shown an interest but would do so at the next meeting as Ms. McShane was not present; To allow for the continuance of the Land Use Committee and with no objection being heard, President Flores appointed Nicholas (Nick) Krall to Chair the Committee. - Additional Committees to be determined at the next meeting by the Board.

President Flores advised the BOD packets contain a "Confidential Board Member List" which is to be kept private. Secretary Jacobs requested the list be individually checked for correctness and to email her the information for the Public Contact List which will also be published on the website. Also, a phone number must be made available to the Public for each Board member.

Leyla Campos advised that she will contact the Human Relations Commission/Gary De La Rosa regarding a date for the Board Retreat which is normally on a Saturday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. or Noon or 1:00 p.m.. Following discussion, Jan Sandstrom moved, Randall Kelly seconded to schedule the Board Retreat for October. – **Yes (15); No (0); Abstained (0); Not Voting (5) names not announced– Motioned approved**

Discussion was had regarding scheduling regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month and scheduling of an additional meeting in September. Bonnie Bernard moved, Farooq Ghias second the additional meeting be on Thursday, Sept. 28th, location to be determined. **Yes (17); No (0); Abstained (0); Not Voting (3) names not announced – Motion approved**

President Flores advised BOD may submit Agenda items and some BOD's (names not announced and not auditable on recording) submitted items – Eugene Hernandez to email Secretary with his item. President Flores congratulated everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Jacobs SNC Secretary (9/19/06)

To Be Approved by Board of Directors 9/28/06