

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2006
Hubbard Street Elementary School (Auditorium)
13325 Hubbard Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:37 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Ellie Brooks; Lynn Zekanis; Nicholas Krall; Jan Sandstrom; Eugene Hernandez; Jeanne Rowe; Cheri Blose; Randall Kelly; Louis Perry; Fidel Ramirez; Rudolfo Lopez; Jim Schopper; George Ortega; Clifford Kenney; Quyen Vo-Ramirez; Kathleen Clement.

Quorum was confirmed

Excused Absence: FARooq Ghias; Benjamin Cardenas

Un-excused Absence: Hector Cabrera

Ex-Officio Present: Officer Knopp (LAPD)

Absent: Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative, Mayor Villaraigosa Representative; CD 7; LAFD.

Also Present: Leyla Campos (DONE Project Coordinator)

Ellie Brooks moved, Jan Sandstrom seconded to accept the 9/14/06 Minutes with the following amendment and correction: Jeanne Rowe moved, Kathleen Clement seconded to amend the 9/14/06 Minutes to include names of all '06-'07 Board members – Tammy Flores, Bonnie Bernard, Ellie Brooks, Hector Cabrera, Lynn Zekanis, Nicholas Krall, Jan Sandstrom, Eugene Hernandez, Jeanne Rowe, Cheri Blose, Randall Kelly, Louis Perry, Fidel Ramirez, Rudolfo Lopez, Jim Schopper, George Ortega, Clifford Kenny, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Farooq Ghias, Kathleen Clement, Benjamin Cardenas. **Approved unanimously.**; Correction regarding absent Ex-Officio to remove "LAPD".

Following discussion **Minutes approved unanimously.**

Bonnie Bernard provided Housekeeping with explanation of Stakeholder comments and Speaker Cards, procedures regarding motions for reconsideration and SNC grievance process.

President Flores announced Neighborhood Watch Community Policing meeting 10/7/06 – 10:00-Noon at Sylmar Park Auditorium and welcomed first time Stakeholders in attendance.

Tabled Item from 7/13/06, 8/24/06 & 9/14/06 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); **President Flores further tabled** 2. For discussion and possible BOD action regarding a resolution to the DWP rate hike – Resolution letter to be presented at BOD meeting. – President Flores read letter dated 7/20/06 to Mayor of Los Angeles and letter was included in BOD packets.

Tabled Item from 8/24/06 & 9/14: 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** awaiting response from Juvenile Hall official.

Secretary Jacobs presented bid submitted by Clean Palace Housekeeping. Following discussion, Bonnie Bernard moved, Jan Sandstrom second not to accept the bid from Clean Palace Housekeeping. – **Motion approved unanimously**

President Flores submitted suggested Committee selection of Land Use, Public Services, Beautification/Grants and Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness, Commercial/Business Interest. Jan Sandstrom moved, Jeanne Rowe seconded to accept the suggested Committee selection. Following discussion, the Board voted **Yes (16); No (1) Kathleen Clement; Abstained (0)** - Ellie Brooks moved, Kathleen Clement seconded to add an Education Committee. Following discussion, **Motion approved unanimously**; Clifford Kenny moved, Ellie Brooks seconded to add a Rental/Manufactured homes Education & Protection Committee. Following discussion, the Board voted **Yes (13); No (2) Kathleen Clement & Lynn Zekanis; Abstained (2)** **Randall Kelly & Rudolfo Lopez – Motion approved**

President Flores appointed the following Chairs:

Land Use – Nicholas Krall; Public Services – Louis Perry; Beautification/Grants – Quyen Vo-Ramirez;

Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Co-Chairs Hector Cabrera & Rudolfo Lopez; Commercial/Business

Interest – Bonnie Bernard & Stakeholder Barry Sylvan; Education Committee – Fidel Ramirez;
Rental/Manufactured Homes Protection – Chair not selected

President Flores moved to Item 16. – ".....paroled sex offenders placed in our community.....an Ad Hoc Committee to work with these agencies (City, County, State) and report monthly as to the progress and suggestions for a future Resolution. Numerous comments were made by the Stakeholders and Flores passed the gavel to V.P. Bernard and presented a chart breakdown of sex offenders in various valley communities and read letter addressed to Public Service Chair Louis Perry regarding the termination by Super 8 Motels, Inc. of the Sylmar franchise. Tammy Flores moved, Lynn Zekanis seconded to put an Ad Hoc Committee together to work on legislative changes re Prop. 83. Following discussion, a second motion was made by Jan Sandstrom, Quyen Vo-Ramirez seconded the addition to the first motion of all items proposed by the Board during discussion – **Approved unanimously**

President Flores called for a recess prior to Chair appointment for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Recess 7:50 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

President Flores announced that Stakeholder Gina Franco-Acevedo would Co-Chair with her for the Ad Hoc Committee regarding paroled sex offenders.

A request for a motion to reconsider was made by Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe seconded. - **Approved unanimously**; A third motion was made by Quyen Vo-Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Bernard to remove "Prop. 83" from the motion. Following discussion, Ellie Brooks moved Bonnie Bernard seconded to rescind any previous motions relative to the Ad Hoc Committee on sex parole/s/offender. **Yes (11); No (2) Kathleen Clement & Lynn Zekanis; Abstained ((4) Fidel Ramirez, Eugene Hernandez, George Ortega, Jeanne Rowe – Motion approved**; Ellie Brooks moved, Randall Kelly seconded SNC establish an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with registered sex offenders, paroled and otherwise, and to work with City, County & State officials, departments, commissions as well as legislation to improve the conditions of Sylmar and the number of sex offenders housed in our community. **Motion approved unanimously.**

President Flores moved to Item 14. – "Discussion and possible Board action regarding office Lease renewal on 10/14/06, including rental amount, manner of rental payment and selection of SNC Board representative authorized to transact business with Mr. Frank Mushmel dba FM Enterprises." – Treasurer Ellie Brooks provided extensive research regarding office space costs, DONE requirements and to allow better cash flow the Lease be made in quarterly payments (\$1,485 monthly, a \$43.00 increase). Following extensive discussion by Board Members and Stakeholders on a Non-Agenda item regarding looking for another office location, Ellie Brooks moved, Cheri Blose seconded the office Lease renewal be accepted on a quarterly payment basis to help cash flow and research other locations in May (2007). The Board voted **Yes (11); No (2) Kathleen Clements & Quyen Vo-Ramirez; Abstained (4) Lynn Zekanis, Jim Schopper, Rudolfo Lopez & Fidel Ramirez.**

Secretary Doris Jacobs excused herself from the meeting at 8:45 p.m. and Stakeholder Cat Bartik-Sweeney assumed the position of recording the Minutes.

Nick Krall /SNC NC Liaison Committee Member, reported the DONE audit by Laura Chick will take 4-6 months. The audit to consist of Performance & Financial audit. Financial audit was not taken up at the 9/6 meeting. The Performance audit was discussed regarding the purpose of DONE as a City Department to assist NC's and BONC's involvement regarding setting of policies, creating leases etc..

President Flores requested any information obtained regarding additional posting locations that will allow posting in window 72 hours prior to meeting. (Individual not announced) named 7-11, Arco, Shell, Mobil, Union 76 – (2) corner Hubbard & Foothill & (2) corner Glenoaks & Hubbard. All are open 24-7 and in addition, Jack In The Box; Cat Bartik-Sweeney had checked with 7-11 at Polk & Foothill and received contact information but phone calls have not been returned; Pioneer Cemetery & Denny's restaurant were also suggested. Ellie Brooks announced that she will be attending a BONC meeting 10/3/06 and would like to address this issue at the meeting. Leyla Campos requested VP Bernard summarize the previous happenings involving this issue with the City Attorney & BONC. Kathleen Clement moved, Bonnie Bernard seconded that Ellie Brooks represent the SNC requesting relief at a BONC meeting. Following discussion, Kathleen Clements rescinded the motion. **President Flores instructed that this item and the remainder of the Agenda be tabled due to the late hour.**

Louis Perry stated that an LAPD official had been present for 2 ½ hours and not afforded the opportunity to speak while numerous items were addressed and the officials attending should be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Public Comments:

Stakeholder Pam Hutson advised of her contacting LAPD & the Health Department regarding illegal vending creating trash and very unhealthy and receiving no assistance in resolving the issue. Requested to be advised of any committee to be involved to address this issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Jacobs SNC Secretary (10/3/06)

To Be Approved by Board of Directors 10/12/06