

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

(APPROVED by the Board of Directors 12/14/06)

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

Vice President Bonnie Bernard called this meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and advised President Tammy Flores ill. Charles Partello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bonnie Bernard; Ellie Brooks; Hector Cabrera (Excused 7:30 p.m.); Kathleen Clement; Farooq; Eugene Hernandez (Arrived. 7:35p.m.); Clifford Kenny; Randall Kelly (Excused 7:30 p.m.) Nicholas Krall; Rudolfo Lopez; George Ortega; Louis Perry; Fidel Ramirez; Jeanne Rowe; Jim Schopper; Quyen Vo-Ramirez; Lynn Zekanis

Quorum was confirmed

Excused Absence: Tammy Flores; Cheri Blose; Benjamin Cardenas; Farooq Ghias

Un-excused Absence: None

Ex-Officio Present: Luis Sanchez (Mayor's Office); Maria Ventura (CD 7 Office)

Absent: Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative, ~~Mayor Villaraigosa Representative~~; LAFD; LAPD.

Also Present: Leyla Campos (DONE Project Coordinator)

Nick Krall moved, Randall Kelly seconded to adopt the 10/12/06 Minutes with a correction that Cheri Blose had been excused through notification to a Board Member. Following discussion the Board voted – **Yes (12); No (0); Abstained (2) Randall Kelly; Kathleen Clement – Minutes adopted.**

Bonnie Bernard provided Housekeeping with explanation of Stakeholder comments and Speaker Cards and on the Agenda are the procedures regarding motions for reconsideration and SNC grievance process. To receive meeting Agenda's, email can be entered on the Sign In sheet for entering into the SNC database. Time Keeper will monitor time as Secretary must leave at 8:30 p.m.

Maria Ventura (CD 7 office) announced Cascades Fire Station Groundbreaking 11/1/06, San Fernando Road Bicycle Path Dedication 11/2/06 were held; Veterans Day Parade 11/11 & Sylmar Library Book Sale 11/18. Luis Sanchez (LA Mayor's office) distributed flyers regarding the Mayors Day of Service – helping neighbors & presented a second Certificate to Louis Perry in recognition of all his good works.

V.P. Bernard advised Pres. Flores requested she announce the resignation of Board Member & Youth Committee Chair Benjamin Cardenas as he is attending college – **Next meeting Agenda Item: Nominations for Board Vacancy in the Youth Category;** Conflict of Interest Training online must be done by Dec. 31st; 11/16/06 Megan's Law Forum at Olive Vista Jr. High – 6:30 p.m..

Public Comments:

No Public Comment Speaker Cards had been submitted at this time.

Leyla Campos (DONE) announced a round-table at the City Attorney's office regarding Bylaws 11/15/06 – 5-7 p.m., Room 2B, Marvin Braude Bldg., Van Nuys; Fill out Budget Survey online; Conflict of Interest training mandatory by 12/31/06 and can be done online – takes approximately 2 hours; Election Committee training information has been provided Chair Malanie McShane & City Attorney letter regarding the "Expansion of legal advise services by the Office of the City Attorney" was provided to the Board.

Kathleen Clement announced a speaker from the Juvenile Hall will make a presentation at the 12/14/06 Board Meeting.

V.P. Bernard advised she would discuss with Eugene Hernandez, who had not arrived, if he wished to continue with **Tabled Item 9 from 10/12/06** - Discussion and possible board action regarding an SNC recommendation to the L.A. City Council as presented by Eugene Hernandez: "Whereas, Neighborhood Councils were created by the City Charter to give a voice to residents throughout the City of Los Angeles" and "Whereas, as Neighborhood Council Directors, are elected by the Stakeholders as representatives of the neighborhood" and "Whereas, as elected Neighborhood Council Directors representing a constituency of the elected voters of the City of Los Angeles, such Neighborhood Council Directors should be accorded the

same rights and privileges accorded other elected officials when addressing the Los Angeles City Council during Public Comment periods and in Special Hearings, whereby the Los Angeles City Council President suspending the one minute rule for Neighborhood Council Board Members during the public comment period."

V.P. Bernard requested the Secretary provide information regarding obtaining an office cleaning service from the City and/or other – Bid submitted by Mission Carpet Care. Secretary Jacobs advised the bid from Mission Carpet was \$100 per month to clean windows, vacuum & clean bathroom. Board Member Randall Kelly advised he has volunteers who can do this and will provide further information to the Secretary.

V.P. Bernard asked if anyone would like to chair the Rental/Manufactured Home Protection Committee. No one volunteered and **Tabled from 10/12/06:** President's appointment of Rental/Manufactured Home Protection Committee Chair was **further tabled.**

Election Committee recommendations for Bylaw changes was presented by 2006 Election Committee Member, Joshua Barbosa following comments from Stakeholder Terri Croswhite regarding notation "(Source: Los Angeles Election Code Chapter IV Polling Places, Sec.64)". Following further review of SNC Bylaws pages 9, 10, 12 & 13, distributed to the Board, this item was **further tabled** due to errors on these pages – Joshua Barbosa to resubmit, via email to the Board, the SNC Bylaws in their entirety containing the Election Committee recommendations of changes.

V.P. Bernard announced the selection of Fidel Ramirez and Tammy Flores as the two representatives to participate in discussion about the Mayor's Budget to be submitted by 11/15/06. The Board was in agreement with these individuals being selected and no other Board Member requested to be considered as a representative. Leyla Campos to contact the Mayor's office with the selection.

Recess 7:24 – 7:34 p.m.

V.P. Bernard announced Hector Cabrera and Randall Kelly were excused from the remainder of the meeting and the arrival of Eugene Hernandez. – A quorum remained confirmed.

Nick Krall moved, George Ortega seconded the SNC support for reduction to four homes at 15766 Roxford Street. Following discussion, the Board voted – **Yes (6); No (7) Kathleen Clement, Eugene Hernandez, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Fidel Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe, Louis Perry, Jim Schopper, Lynn Zekanis; Abstained (0) – Motion failed**

V.P. Bernard recognized Stakeholder Croswhite's Speaker Card comments regarding this item prior to a motion by Nick Krall, Jeanne Rowe seconded, the SNC support the proposed 60 commercial unites at 15900 Olden St. & 15840-853 Monte St. subject to guarantees of no retail, no wholesale to public, explore western wall design and submit final design to Architecture Design Committee. Following discussion, the Board voted – **Yes (3); No (9) Kathleen Clement, Eugene Hernandez, Rudolfo Lopez, Fidel Ramirez, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe, Louis Perry, Jim Schopper, Lynn Zekanis; Abstained (1) Clifford Kenny – Motion failed**

Nick Krall moved, Lynn Zekanis seconded the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation for the request by Foothill Village, LLC, 15151 Foothill Blvd. a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment for construction of a block-wall and wrought-iron fence of varying heights within the front yard setback. Following discussion, the Board voted – **Yes (5), No (8) Jim Schopper, Louis Perry, Jeanne Rowe, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Fidel Ramirez, Rudolfo Lopez, Eugene Hernandez, Kathleen Clement; Abstained (0) – Motion failed**

Nick Krall moved, Ellie Brooks seconded, the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation for a fencing variance requested by D&S Homes at 13280 Dronfield. Following discussion, the Board voted – **Yes (5); No (8) Jim Schopper, Louis Perry, Jeanne Rowe, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Fidel Ramirez, Rudolfo Lopez, Eugene Hernandez, Kathleen Clement; Abstained (0) – Motion failed**

Nick Krall moved, Rudolfo Lopez seconded the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose the development of a 60 unit family apartment complex at 12129 North El Dorado. Following discussion, the Board voted – **Unanimously opposed – Motion passed**

Nick Krall moved, Rudolfo Lopez seconded the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose the requested conditional use permit to permit installation of an illuminated dual pole sign, height of 30 feet and two illuminated pole signs, heights of 6 fiit, in lieu of the two free-standing signs permitted in conjunction with the removal of an existing pole at an existing mini-mart/fuel service station at 11550 N. Laurel Canyon Blvd.. Following discussion, the Board - **Unanimously opposed – Motion passed**

Nick Krall moved, Lynn Zekanis seconded the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose a project of 24 condominium units on 29,256 sq. Ft. at 12739, 12745 & 12751 Bradley Ave. by Civil Land Engineers of Downey which has not made a presentation to the Land Use Committee. Following discussion, the Board voted - **Unanimously opposed – Motion passed**

Nick Krall moved, Jeanne Rowe seconded the SNC support the Land Use Committee recommendation to oppose a possible project by Oscar Ensafi, until properly presented, on 16,500 sq. ft. R1-1 lot at 12659 N. Bradley Ave., between Oro Grande & Sastria, through-lot to Florentine St.. Following discussion, the Board voted - **Unanimously opposed – Motion passed**

V.P. Bernard requested a show of hands to determine if the Board would want a Board of Director Potluck Christmas Party this year with a date selection of 12/2, 12/9 or 12/16 at 6:00 p.m. at the SNC office. The Board voted **yes to have a party** and V.P. Bernard instructed the Board email the office with a date selection.

A selection of Ellie Brooks, Nick Krall, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Eugene Hernandez & George Ortega, **approved unanimously** by the Board, as official representatives to make transmission of official and authorized Community Impact Statements to D.O.N.E. to submit to the City Clerk for the L.A. City Council pertaining to an agenda item on the L.A. City Council Meeting Agenda.

(Secretary Jacobs excused herself from recording Minutes at 8:30 p.m. and Board Member Kathleen Clement continued monitoring the tape recording of the meeting.)

L. A. Mission College Ad Hoc Committee Chair Lois Fife gave a presentation regarding the information pertaining to the DEIR and the Open Comment Period ending December 4, 2006. Following the presentation, Chair Fife read the following request for motion which was so moved by Eugene Hernandez, seconded by Ellie Brooks.

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council endorse the **five points** listed below. That a letter be sent using Council letterhead to the Project Manager and to other appropriate agencies and committees, such as, but not limited to, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Community College District and attach Page ES-10 to the correspondence.

1. That Sylmar Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Mission College alternative for Reduced Buildout on the existing Footprint with an enrollment cap at 13, 000 as described in the October 2005 DEIR and similarly described alternative per the October 2006 DEIR.
2. That the EIR will state that no athletic or ball fields will be considered or planned on LACCD owned parcels in the Pacoima Wash for 20 years.
3. Any building or facility which is not currently funded by already allocated funds, will require that the College adhere to the Sylmar Community Plan that is currently being drafted and come back to the community for input when future funds become available.
4. That LAMC Ad Hoc Committee be advised of, and at least one committee member be invited to attend, the LAMC Citizen Oversight Committee meetings (COCC) as an observer until completion of the LAMC expansion project.
5. That the Los Angeles Mission College, Gateway Engineering, et al, meet bi-monthly with the Los Angeles Mission College Ad Hoc Committee of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council, to cover the significant project impacts and mitigation measures and any other issues of concern impacting our community regarding the EIR and Master Plan.

Following discussion, the Board voted – **Yes (6); No (0); Abstained (7) Lynn Zekanis, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Jim Schopper, Jeanne Rowe, Fidel Ramirez, George Ortega, Rudolfo Lopez – Motion approved**

Item Tabled: Report on police, fire & emergency services versus current & future density, population and development – Discussion of possible remedies.

V.P. Bernard requested Nick Krall state the SNC position regarding the Edison project. Nick Krall stated that the SNC opposes the Edison project in its entirety and moved to re-affirm the SNC position, Eugene Hernandez seconded. Following discussion, the Board voted – **Yes (12); No (0); Abstained (1) George Ortega – Motion passed** – Nick Krall will email the notice of the time of the PLUM Hearing November 28th. V.P. Bernard advised that Pres. Flores is working on having

interaction with all the LA City Councilmember's as CD 7 will be temporarily without a representative due to the elections – Nick Krall will write a letter regarding the SNC position.

V.P. Bernard provided correspondence received and made available.

Treasurer Ellie Brooks provided a revised 2006-2007 Budget to contain the office rent adjustment.

Outreach Committee Chair Ellie Brooks advised 12/6/06 is the first meeting and will be for the purpose of obtaining input from the Board & Stakeholders as to what they would like the Committee to accomplish and the building of a database of Stakeholders & organizations. Flyers for the 11/16 Megan's Law Forum was distributed – 2,000 have been distributed to the schools, etc. - Would like people going to the Veterans' Day Parade to take & distribute the flyers. Individuals needed to man a desk at the 11/16 event.

V.P. Bernard excused herself as meeting Chair – Gavel to Treasurer Brooks.

V.P. & Commercial/Business Interest Chair Bonnie Bernard advised of Committee meeting with 2 Board Members & 3 Stakeholders in which mission, goals and action plans were discussed.

V.P. Bernard resumed as meeting Chair.

Public Services Committee Chair Louis Perry acknowledged Pastor Bob from Light & Life School and advised that all requests have been responded to and the cleanup project will be on Foothill Blvd. and will be working with CD 7; involved with Mayors Day of Service this year and has created communication with L.A. City Services to accomplish more. He has received word that of all the Neighborhood Council's, the SNC meetings are the most professional. He is hosting and financing, for the City Department officials, a lunch at Taylor's Restaurant, downtown L.A. on behalf of the SNC in appreciation of all the services provided for Sylmar. Astoria St. cul-de-sac project by the freeway to have someone there to educate the individuals who do the graffiti there – Graffiti Busters cleans every Wednesday. Louis acknowledged Jim Schopper, Cat Bartik-Sweeney and his Committee for his receipt of the certificate from the L.A. Mayor.

Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair Rudolfo Lopez reported he met with Co-Chair Hector Cabrera and discussed the objectives & goals and are planning to work on 2 or 3 projects; Put a training session together for the community; Committee meeting date to be established following more contact with Stakeholders.

V.P. Bernard reminded all to give support to the Committees by attending and/or participating in the Committee(s).

Kathleen Clement advised to call Karen Kisiatha 818-353-3382 regarding illegal dumping etc.

Clifford Kenny submitted his resignation as a Board of Director and complimented the Executive Board for all they do, although often with adverse reaction, and his support of the SNC. He further commended the SNC for the assistance he has regarding mobile home parks problems. Mr. Kenny requested the Board challenge city government on issues that are not beneficial to the SNC and his "thank you" for allowing him to serve as a Board of Director.

Nick Krall commented that he encouraged all Board Members to be involved more than just attending a monthly meeting and commended Kathleen Clement on her added efforts to obtain information to bring to the Board. There are 2 Land Use Committee openings, possibly a third – Contact him if interested in serving on that committee.

Unidentified Board Member thanked the audience for staying and another commented "Great Meeting".

V.P. Bernard advised the next meeting is December 14th and possible agenda items should be submitted to the Secretary.

Ellie Brooks: Discussion and possible Board action regarding DONE's relationship with the SNC, encourage DONE to set up meetings in the valley and with enough notice to clear our calendars & the SNC to "way in" for what goes on the LA City Budget ballot for the entire city to vote.

V.P. Bernard requested names of those available for the Retreat 11/13 at the SNC office. Response: Lynn Zekanis, Jim Schopper, Louis Perry, Jeanne Rowe, Fidel Ramirez, Ellie Brooks, Bonnie Bernard, Rudolfo Lopez, Eugene Hernandez.

Kathleen Clement called for adjournment at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Jacobs SNC Secretary (1/17/06) - Approved submitted 12/15/06