

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

(Approved by the Board of Directors 1/11/07)

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

President Tammy Flores called this meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Tammy Flores; Bonnie Bernard; Cheri Blose; Hector Cabrera; Kathleen Clement; Randall Kelly; Nicholas Krall; Louis Perry; Fidel Ramirez; Jeanne Rowe; Jim Schopper; Quyen Vo-Ramirez; Lynn Zekanis

Quorum was confirmed

Excused Absence: Ellie Brooks; Farooq Ghias; Eugene Hernandez; Jan Sandstrom; *George Ortega*

Board Un-excused Absence: Rudolfo Lopez; ~~George Ortega~~

Ex-Officio Present: Maria Ventura (CD 7 Office); LAFD Capt. Kaplan; LAPD Ofcr. Lonergan.

Ex-Officio Absent: Supervisor Yaroslavsky Representative, Mayor Villaraigosa Representative.

Also Present: Leyla Campos (DONE Project Coordinator)

Bonnie Bernard moved, Randall Kelly seconded to adopt the 11/9/06 Minutes with a correction of strike-out "Absent: Mayor Villaraigosa Representative". Following discussion the Board voted – **Yes (9); No (0); Abstained (2) Kathleen Clement; Jeanne Rowe – Minutes adopted.**

Bonnie Bernard provided Housekeeping, identified restrooms and with explanation of Stakeholder comments and Speaker Cards and on the Agenda are the procedures regarding motions for reconsideration and SNC grievance process.

President Flores reminded Board to finish the Conflict of Interest and Budget Survey; Focus Group Survey form distributed to be filled out – Stakeholders may also submit the survey form. Thanked those who participated in the Sex Offender Forum and write-up included in Board packet.

Maria Ventura (CD 7 office) announced that Staff is available until the March '07 Election although Alex Padilla has been elected to California State Senator. Literature distributed regarding applying for The Ernani Bernardi Foundation Spring 2007 Scholarship by 1/19/07, Youth Employment Opportunity Program 12/15/06 and Recycle Christmas trees drop-off locations.

President Flores requested Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee Co-Chair Cheri Blose reported there was an application for a cell site using existing Edison lines that was presented & approved. An Olive View Drive project is being re-presented due to a Hearing & some zone changes.

Commercial/Business Interest Chair Bonnie Bernard reported the Committee has met twice and VEDC, CRA & CD 7 attended. The next meeting will be in January.

President Flores reported for Outreach Committee Chair Ellie Brooks – Committee meeting scheduled for 1/8/06 at the SNC office.

Pres. Flores reported for Treasurer Ellie Brooks: The City Records and the SNC Records do not match and Ellie is going down town next week on this matter.

Paroled Sex Offender Chair Tammy Flores distributed and read a report regarding the 11/16/06 meeting held at Olive Vista Middle School.

Beautification/Grants Committee Chair Quyen Vo-Ramirez advised of a scheduling conflict at the Library causing the last meeting to be canceled. A meeting will be scheduled for January. Six Grants have been located *for which* ~~that~~ the SNC can qualify ~~for~~.

President Flores then requested a report from LAPD Officer Loneragan who reported on current crime statistics and brought Mission Area Profile Concept statistics as requested by Board Member Rudolfo Lopez. Classes are in session for new officers.

Secretary Doris Jacobs reported she will be out of town from 12/23/06 through 1/2/07 but will have her laptop and has purchased a wireless card to check SNC emails.

Public Services Committee Chair Louis Perry thanked all who worked on the Sylmar Clean Up event and all Requests have been handled.

Public Comment:

Kathleen Pondinas spoke on safety issues at Bradley & Roxford and Herrick & Roxford regarding bus stop locations and the lack of standing/waiting area.

Fernando Samaniego stated he has a major concern regarding community lighting and education and would like to get involved with the Committee's to help with these issues.

President Flores **further tabled Item 8** which had been tabled from 10/12 & 11/9/06 regarding LA City Council allotted time for Public Speaking as neither Board Members Hernandez or Brooks were present.

President Flores tabled the appointment of Rental/Manufacturer Homes Protection Committee Chair(s) till further notice due to a lack of a volunteer at present.

Josue Barbosa, 2006 Election Committee Member, presented the Committee's Bylaw recommendations. Following discussion and Public Comment, the Board voted **Yes (11); No (0); Abstained (1) Hector Cabrera** to accept the Election Committee Bylaw amendment recommendation with the following change – Pg. 11 E. **POLLING PLACES:** "within 100 feet of the property line of any polling place" be placed at the end of the continuing sentence. Josue to submit information required for Bonnie Bernard to submit to DONE for Bylaw Amendment approval.

Recess 7:25 – 7:37 p.m.

President Flores moved to Item # 17. "Nominations for Board Vacancy in Youth & Rental Categories." Secretary Jacobs presented ~~two~~ *two* Candidate Filing Forms for the Renter Category – One withdrew due to eligibility and one remained with supporting documentation for the Renter Category vacancy – Fabian Garcia. Following presentation by Mr. Garcia and Board discussion the Board voted to accept Mr. Garcia as a Board of Director – **Unanimously approved.** CD 7 Representative Maria Ventura officiated the swearing in of Mr. Garcia and he moved to a seat at the BOD table.

President Flores introduced the new Sylmar LAPD Lead Officer Charles Chacon from Mission Area Station. Officer Chacon provided information regarding Gang activity.

President Flores recognized Stakeholders who submitted Speaker cards on the Item regarding the issue of police, fire & emergency services versus current & future density, population. President Flores introduced LAFD Capt. Howard Kaplan to speak on this item following a presentation by Kathleen Clement. V.P. Bernard requested that Capt. Kaplan statements be recorded in the Minutes. The Capt. stated that there are more than 100,000 people covered and a document should be prepared with statistics, using other areas population & fire station equipment, to show Sylmar does not have adequate protection in comparison. Response time has been reduced due to the increase of development and traffic.

President Flores requested Kathleen Clement introduce Dave Evans, newly appointed Superintendent of Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall-Sylmar replaced Mr. Dennis Carroll. Mr. Evans introduced Patrick Hammond, Program Service Coordinator who advised of parenting classes being held, Gang Prevention, Friends of the Family program for young teen fathers and arrangements being made to meet with schools. Mr. Evans wants to get to know local Stakeholders and follow-up on delinquents. There are 600 minors in the facility and 196 charged in High Security, which is specific to Sylmar's facility. Mr. Evans & Mr. Hammond fielded questions by the Board. Mr. Evans would like to be a regular presenter at the SNC monthly meetings to keep Stakeholders up to date on the facility. Mr. Evans will contact Kathleen Clement with issues to be placed on the Agenda for future meetings.

President Flores tabled the following items:

- #13 – Discussion and possible Board action regarding D.O.N.E.'s relationship with the SNC and encourage D.O.N.E. to set up meetings in the San Fernando Valley with enough notice to clear (our) calendars;
- #14 – Discussion and possible Board action regarding City Election Clean Campaign Money ordinance; and

#15 – Discussion and possible Board action regarding the Sex Offender Program issue with possible Impact Statement to be submitted.

Bonnie Bernard moved, Jeanne Rowe seconded to re-submit a letter of non support of Pat Barry's Car wash Project on Hubbard and 210 Frwy. off-ramp under the Edison lines. Following discussion & public comments, the Board voted – **Yes (11); No (0); Abstained (2) Hector Cabrera & Quyen Vo-Ramirez – Motion approved**

Cheri Blose moved, Nick Krall seconded the Land Use Committee recommendation in support of Planning Commission denial of General Plan Amendment at 13263 Wheeler Ave. and recommend a zone-Change from A1-1-K to no more density than RD6-1-8 as Spiegel development wanted 32 detached condos on 130,000 sq. ft. site. Following discussion & Public Comment the board voted – **Yes (10); No (1) Lynn Zekanis; Abstained (2) Kathleen Clement & Quyen Vo-Ramirez – Motion approved**

Cheri Blose moved, Nick Krall seconded the Land Use Committee recommendation to support proposed variable height fence up to 9 ft. in front, rear & side yards in lieu of 3 ½ ft. permitted providing it is coated with graffiti deterrent & vines are planted to eventually cover at 12747 & 12751 Norris Ave. requested by Daniel Bernstein & Assoc.. Following discussion & Public Comment the board voted – **Yes (2); No (7) Kathleen Clement, Fidel Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe, Jim Shopper, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Lynn Zekanis, Fabian Garcia; Abstained (4) Bonnie Bernard, Hector Cabrera, Randall Kelly, Louis Perry – Motion failed**

Cheri Blose moved, Nick Krall seconded the Land Use Committee recommendation to support a proposed variable height fence up to 9 ft. in front, rear & side yards in lieu of 3 ½ ft. permitted providing it is coated with graffiti deterrent & vines are planted to eventually cover at 14334 & 14346 Tyler Street requested by Daniel Bernstein & Assoc.. Following discussion & Public Comment the Board voted – **Yes (2); No (7) Kathleen Clement, Fidel Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe, Jim Shopper, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Lynn Zekanis, Fabian Garcia; Abstained (4) Bonnie Bernard, Hector Cabrera, Randall Kelly, Louis Perry – Motion failed**

Motion by Bonnie Bernard, Jeanne Rowe seconded to approve the CD 7 candidate debate to be hosted in Sylmar and sponsored by Neighborhood Council's from within CD 7 – Date to be decided by candidate availability. Following discussion the Board voted – **Approved unanimously**

Leyla Campos advised the next New Board Orientation, 1/17/06 at the IMAN Center, Budget Representatives Meeting 1/27/06 City Hall (tentative) and On Line Conflict of Interest Training for NC Board Member – CA State required AB 1234 must be completed by 12/31/06. Tammy Flores & Fidel Ramirez to attend Budget Representatives Meeting 1/27/06.

Board Member Comment:

Nick Krall commented the need to put together a tour of properties that have blight problems and have a Town Hall meeting regarding this issue.

Jim Schopper commented he would like to thanks individuals who were instrumental in passing out flyers for the Day of Service.

Next Meeting date 1/11/07 – Agenda Item from Nick Krall re discussion of Community Patrols to be provided Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Jacobs SNC Secretary (12/19/06)