

**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 28, 2007
Hubbard Street Elementary School (Auditorium)
13325 Hubbard Street
Sylmar, CA 91342**

Present: Tammy Flores, Bonnie Bernard, Cheri Blose (late), Hector Cabrera, Rick Donnelly, Fabian Garcia (late), Eugene Hernandez, Randall Kelly, Nick Krall, Rudolfo Lopez (late), Louis Perry, Jeanne Rowe, Jim Schopper, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Lynn Zekanis (late), Chris Castro (late)

Quorum was confirmed

Excused Absence: Ellie Brooks, Fidel Ramirez

Unexcused Absence: Farooq Ghias, George Ortega, Jan Sandstrom

Adoption of 5/31/07 BOD Meeting Minutes

Tammy Flores: Minutes from the last meeting are not ready for this meeting. They will be ready for the next meeting.

Lori from Zev Yaroslovsky's Office speaking on El Cariso park capital improvements project: parking lots, pavilions, restrooms, sidewalks and pool are being redone. Swimming pool opened on this Saturday for the summer admission is free for all community members; there may be a small fee for adults. Free Concerts in the park series is in its sixth year. Sundays from 5:30-7:30 pm, there will be 6 this summer. One will be sponsored by Friends of El Cariso Parks. Sylmar Neighborhood Council welcomed can have a table talk to people about the NC. Saturday July 14th, World of Water event, kids and family and lots of water events all day happening at El Cariso Park. Annual Government Day cleanup July 14 at Panorama Mall- questions can be asked at the Panorama Mall of local departments.

Manny from the office of Councilman Richard Alarcon event coming up next week is the 4th of July at Hansen Dam, enjoy the fireworks with your family and friends. All city pools are open and the Sylmar pool is open for community members to enjoy. You can get in free with a Library Card. This Last Sunday we had the 60th Anniversary of St Didacus Church. A great event that many people attended including Cardinal Mahoney. Thank our Chief of Staff and Richard Alaracon to allow Doris Jacobs to help out at the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Luis from the Mayor's Office: Fire station fireworks for the 4th of July behind Home Depot sponsored by Council Member Tony Cardenas

Melinda Kelly from Tree People: We're a non-profit organization that's founded on creating and inspiring people to take responsibility for their urban forest, and training people how to organize planting events in their own community. We want to dove-tail projects that we have in the community with the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. We do training, one free all day workshop is in September teaching the community how to organize planting and care for the trees. We do work all throughout Los Angeles. We've been around for 30 years. We have helped communities plant 2 million trees. We are hoping to partnership with Mayor Villariagosa on Million Trees for LA initiative, Recs and Parks, and Schools and all kinds of good stuff.

Leyla Campos, SNC's DONE NC Advocate - The Department is holding a work group of neighborhood council leaders to plan the Congress of Neighborhoods sometime in October. It's made up of NC leaders and stakeholders who are setting up an agenda for the Congress. Work groups are still open for participation. Next meeting is July 9th at 6:30pm. There have been 3-4 meetings at DWP building 111 N. Hope St. in Los Angeles. If you want to participate email them, or please attend the meeting. There is also a Million Tree campaign. The Mayor wants to plant one million trees in LA. Bring The Mayor will be looking at the Neighborhood Council system to partner up with the community and other organizations like Tree people to fulfill some of that task to make LA greener and healthier. Neighborhood Council review commission is holding meetings all over the city. Please check the website. Cindy can help with more information. DONE has new leadership- a new General Manager Carol Baker-Tharp, and new Assistant GM Bong-Wan Kim. They are taking the department in a new direction towards a regionalization model. The model that we currently have there is one project coordinator assigned to work with a number of Neighborhood Councils. What's being proposed is a regionalized approach, so instead of having one person working with us, we will have a team of people working with us, - one accounting, admin, etc. servicing us. We can give feed back. The management team wants to hear how this is going to impact us. We can call the downtown office (213) 485-1360 ask for Carol or Bong-Wan Kim.

Cindy Cleghorn (912 Commissioner)-First 912 commission workshop was held this past Tuesday at Fairfax High School and next one will be held this Saturday at Pierce College at 10:00 am for the South Valley. The North Valley which is for this area that she hopes everyone will attend will be on Tuesday July 17, tentatively scheduled for Panorama High School for 6:00pm. Format of the hearing is an over view and break out for pizza and drinks and then there are recommendations around the building you'll have an opportunity to make recommendations by putting post its, green dot, red dot if you don't like it or blue dot for more discussion, then after that you go into a workshop environment where a number of us will break up into subjects that interest us like Brown Act, funding, Neighborhood Council appeals and other things where can express our opinions one on one with the commissioners, talk with them it will be very interactive and this will be aired on channel 35. Save the date Tuesday 17 and she will see us there as well.

Nick Krall announced: The Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society Research is this Saturday from 9:00 am to Sunday 9:00am - a 24 hour event. Purple is the color. Their services are numerous and as a charity they have received many awards. They spend \$0.89 of every dollar on services. Its not too late to participate or to make a donation if your have a business hasn't donated and you want to be listed at the event and on the website for the next year contact me there is a stack of information on the side table or you can contact Guillermo Reyes.

Public Comments

Martin Laufer: I'm a resident of Sylmar and local Real-estate Broker active in the community. I'm disappointed to see that nothing on the agenda that is exciting, creative, helpful to Sylmar other than the two items regarding the Holy Cross. There are important things that need to be addressed within Sylmar. Our Sylmar Neighborhood Council should be pressuring the City Council to take care of them. Probably 80% of the streets in Sylmar are basically un-drivable; either old broken up pothole ridden streets or dirt roads or trails that should be paved according to the AQMD. The Council should be petitioning the city to get those paved get the streets repaved and make this a safe community for our people to drive on and kids to ride bikes on. Why don't we have any sound walls on any freeway in and around Sylmar? And I know this is a Caltrans issue, but without the pressure of the city and community, we will never have sound walls. And if a community like Pacoima can have sound walls, why can't we? We need to get these items on the agenda so that we can get something done. Maybe starting next month, if everyone submitted just one item, we would have 21 items that would improve the community. Let's get started with one or two or three. One example is the traffic signal that is not finished at Foothill and Yarnell.

The streets have been torn up for over six months now, there is yellow caution tape, pipes sticking out of the ground, and open holes in the side walk. The question is why?

Tammy Flores: No other comments. Moving on to the next item.

Tabled Item

President Flores tabled: #7 - Implementation of methodology of Secretary. - Executive Board requests an extension for review until July 26 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

President Flores **tabled** the following items:

#8 - Discussion regarding additional Executive Board members to be elected as soon as the bylaws amendment is approved by D.O.N.E.

#9 - Ongoing discussion regarding SNC Boundaries Adjustment

NEW BUSINESS

#10 - Presentation by Maria Townsend and Providence Holy Cross consultants regarding the Holy Cross Hospital Extended Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and amendments discussed at the 6/18/2007 Land Use Committee meeting.

Lynn Zekanis moves, Tammy Flores seconded that SNC supports the expansion of Providence Holy Cross and to approve the CEQA process and the Expanded Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Lynn Zekanis moves, Randall Kelly seconded to amend the motion to read: SNC to support the expansion of Holy Cross Hospital and to approve the CEQA process, and the extended Mitigated Negative Declaration to the planning commission and to continue dialogue with Holy Cross Hospital regarding parking, air quality and other issues addressed in the MND.

Rick moved to amend the amendment to include the resolution of the discussions to be resulted in the conditions for the conditional use permit regarding parking. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

Following community and Board discussion, the Board voted on the amendment **YES (8); NO (1) Rick Donnelly; Abstain (4) Chris Castro, Eugene Hernandez, Randal Kelly, Rudolfo Lopez; RECUSE (1) Nick Krall**

Following community and Board discussion, the Board voted on the Motion **YES (11); NO (0) ; ABSTAIN (3) Chris Castro, Eugene Hernandez, Rudolfo Lopez; RECUSE (1) Nick Krall**

Gavel goes back to President Tammy Flores.

Cheri Blose moved, and Hector Cabrera seconded that we do a letter to the Archdiocese that they make provisions to sell the land or maybe donate it to the Holy Cross Hospital for additional permanent parking.

Following community and Board discussion, the Board voted **YES (6); NO (7) Fabian Garcia, Eugene Hernandez, Randall Kelly, Rudolfo Lopez, Louis Perry, Jeanne Rowe, Jim Schopper; Abstain (2) Lynn Zekanis, Chris Castro.**

#8 - Discussion regarding additional Executive Board members to be elected as soon as the bylaws amendment is approved by D.O.N.E. Item addressed by President Flores. **No action taken.**

#9 - Discussion regarding SNC Boundaries Adjustment

Jeanne announced “We had our first meeting at the Library. I thought it was a great opportunity to dialogue with our stakeholders. I’m look forward to this Saturday from 10:30-12:00 for another meeting at the Library. You are all invited and open discussion is what we’re all about and reaching out to our stakeholders.” **No action taken.**

#11- Los Angeles Vital Research LLC presentation of survey regarding HIV/AIDS and Prevention Services. Mikala Cook and David Zimmer gave a presentation and administered a survey regarding HIV/AIDS in our community. Board members filled out the survey.

#13 - Outreach Committee: Presentation of campaign for the coming fiscal year '06-07

The gavel has been passed to Bonnie.

The Board discussed Outreach and Budget issues.

The gavel was passed back to President Tammy Flores.

Bonnie Bernard moved and Randall Kelly seconded that we accept the **Treasurers Budget 2007-2008** as submitted to the board. - which includes the website.

Following discussion, the Board voted **YES (13); NO (0); Abstain (1) Chris Castro.**

Committee Reports

LAND USE

Cheri Blose: The Las Lomas project is bringing its head back up. For those of you that don’t know that’s 5,800 homes going in between Interstate 5 and the 14. Our Councilman and Bernard Parks are encouraging this project to go forward. It will greatly impact all the freeways. This will be brought up at our next land use meeting, which moved because of the 4th July weekend. We’re trying to plan a town hall meeting, talk to Gail Goldberg, planning directly a lot of developments are slowing down, so what were trying to look at now is illegal building in the neighborhood.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Lynn: I’m about to file the reconciliation with DONE for the first ¾ of this year. I’m missing receipts for credit cards and petty cash. This is going to go to DONE will ask for affidavits to verify that we spent the money properly. That will probably be happening at the next meeting. I just didn’t want it to be a surprise. Also, stakeholders, you can place an item on the agenda.

Cristopher Castro resigned from the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Tammy adjourned the meeting.

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