

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

**Thursday, July 26, 2007  
SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICE  
13515 ½ Hubbard Street  
Sylmar, CA 91342**

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Flores 6:40pm. Edmundo Del Gadillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call members present: Tammy Flores, Bonnie Bernard, Cheri Blose, Eugene Hernandez, Randall Kelly, Nick Krall, George Ortega, Louis Perry, Fidel Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe, Jan Sandstrom, Jim Schopper, Quyen Vo-Ramirez, Lynn Zekanis

**Quorum was confirmed.**

Not Present: Hector Cabrera, Rudy Lopez, Fabian Garcia

Excused: Ellie Brooks, Rick Donnelly, Farooq Ghias

**Approval of Minutes** - Bonnie Bernard moves and Jeannie Rowe seconds to table accepting the minutes until next meeting. **Board voted: YES (10), NO (1) Eugene Hernandez, ABSENT (1) Nick Krall – motion passes**

**Public Officials Comments** – none present

**Announcements**

Tammy Flores announced about some of the upcoming local events. Zero Waste Plan, and the Sylmar Community Plan – next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00-7:30 pm at the Sylmar NC office. Cheri Blose will be Co-chair of the Land Use Committee. Thank you to the Youth Task Force for the beautiful job on the wall mural. A moment of silence for Jean Mahonen who passed away last week.

**Public comment**

Edmund Del Gadillo reported on a proposed new school project – Valley Regions Bank K number 2 at Bledsoe and Dronfeld . Kindergarden through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It will serve approximately 1046 students with about 41 classrooms. Update on Valley Region H.S. #5 - the “swap meet” high school. Pacific Theater owns most of the property and should vacate 9/1/2007 so that construction can commence.

Mark Seigel announced that the city pools are open to all, and that you can get in for free with a public library card.

Charles commented about 18 wheelers parking along El Cariso Park and along Eldridge.

**Old Business**

Jeanne Rowe reported about the Boundary Committee meetings. They are well received by the community. The goal is not to split, but enhance and bring attention to our area.

**Motion:** Bonnie Bernard moves and Jan Sandstrom seconds to allow the Secretary to make phone calls related to the business of the council. After board discussion, **the board voted: YES (11), NO (0), ABSTAIN (0) – motion passes.**

#12 Speaker not present. Item tabled.  
#13 tabled

Gavel passed to Bonnie Bernard.

**Motion:** Tammy Flores moved and Eugene Hernandez seconded to hold a Community Workshop, to be held in about 3 weeks, at the Library, with food available, sometime during the week, about 3 hours long, to determine some goals, needs, and concerns of the community to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council to work on. This is an outreach activity. Not on a Wednesday night. After board Discussion the **board voted: YES (12), NO (0), ABSTAIN (0) – motion passes.**

Gavel passed back to President Tammy Flores.

**Motion:** Bonnie Bernard moved and Jan Sandstrom seconded to support the Land Use Committee's recommendation to support the project to replace and enhance the shade structure at the SHGA Landing Zone. Joe Grebel spoke about the project. The project will include lighting, electrical, and irrigation. They have signatures of the neighbors that support the project. After discussion the **Board voted: YES (12), NO (0), ABSTAIN (0) – motion passes.**

**Motion:** Nick Krall moves and Eugene Hernandez seconds motion that the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board of Directors support the City Council motion in the Education and Neighborhoods Committee that they allow the Neighborhood Councils to appeal certain land use decisions.

Gavel is passed to Bonnie Bernard.

After some Board discussion, the board started to vote. More discussion was accepted from a stakeholder. The official wording will be found to be read to the Board.

A 5 minute break was taken.

After reading the notice sent out by the Valley Alliance and Sherman Oaks NC describing the motion, the board voted: **YES (12), NO (0), ABSTAIN (0) motion passes**

**Motion:** Eugene Hernandez moves and Nick Krall seconds to accept all the recommendations of the Grievance Committee. Waldo Romero, a stakeholder, had some questions. There was discussion from the board and stakeholders about the following of bylaws, about this issue being procedural, and that the grievance panel did their job appropriately. There was discussion from Maria Townsend of Holy Cross, Elaine

Kaufman, a Sylmar stakeholder, Dan Lash, SEIU representative talks about efficiency vs. democracy, Terry Crosswhite stakeholder.

Lynn Zekanis wants to reject the first recommendation, and accept the second and third recommendation.

**Motion is replaced:** Eugene Hernandez moves and Randall Kelly seconds to accept the grievance panels finding that the 6/28 action be deemed invalid, and to reject recommendation 1, and accept recommendations 2 and 3. **A vote of the board was taken: YES (7), NO(1) Nick Krall, ABSTAIN (4) Cheri Blose, Jeanne Rowe, Jan Sandstrom, Quyen Vo-Ramirez. Motion passes.**

Discussion about the possible action to rescind the January motion about the Holy Cross expansion. Wade Hunter suggested that this topic is moot because the North Valley Planning Commission ruled on this earlier today for an EMND. He is concerned that the impacts have not been addressed. He wants to protect the health, welfare of the community and children. Irma Carranza asked that the EIR be required. Waldo Romero says that the MND is enforceable. Maria Townsend from Providence Holy Cross Hospital asks why is SEIU involved in this? Cheri Blose stated that the land use committee voted to not have anything to do with this issue anymore because it is in Mission Hills, outside of our area. Elaine Kaufman stated that the planning commission meeting, MHNC supports the MND as submitted 100%. The docs have been available to the public since May 24<sup>th</sup>. She says the documents have not changed. Terri Crosswhite has traffic concerns, and that the project does affect Sylmar and our traffic. The traffic study on 4/19 and 4/20 was conducted when the students were out of school. Need to check cumulative affects.

Kim Thompson from Granada Hills says we need the EIR to enforce mitigations, and there is a serious parking issue. Nick Krall mentioned groups concerned about this issue. The Chair asks Nick if he is recusing himself. Leyla says that if he has a conflict of interest, he should recuse himself. Nick affirms that he does not have a conflict of interest, and addresses the board. He says PHC is not truly meeting with the community. Randall asks, why not an EIR? Why is PHC against it? Waldo says PHC is not opposed to the EIR and that the city suggested the MND instead of an EIR. Tammy says if we are so concerned about our students health, where was the SEIU when they built the condos across from the High School? Dan with SEIU states they follow the hospital industry in California, saw this project and thought that it was enormous.

**Motion:** Moved by Randall Kelly and seconded by George Ortega that the board reaffirm the January 2006 motion that a complete EIR be required to support the PHC expansion project. After discussion the **board voted: YES (6), NO(3) Tammy Flores, Jim Schopper, Lynn Zekanis, ABSTAIN(3) Cheri Blose, Jan Sandstrom, Quyen Vo-Ramirez.**

**Motion:** Randall Kelly moves and Nick Krall seconds that the Sylmar Neighborhood Council supports the Coalition that supports the EIR. After clarification of the motion the **board voted: YES(4), NO (2) Cheri Blose, Lynn Zekanis, ABSTAIN (6) Tammy**

**Flores, Fidel Ramirez, Jeanne Rowe, Jan Sandstrom, Jim Schopper, Quyen Vo-Ramirez**  
**Motion passes.**

Gavel given back to President Tammy Flores.

### **Committee Reports**

Treasurer – Lynn Zekanis - Budget approved by DONE, assigned to DONE . She intends to have a budget committee meeting in the next two weeks.

Secretary - Mark Seigel thanks the grievance committee.

Land Use – Nick Krall – July 9<sup>th</sup> Sylmar Hang Glider plans, July 23 – a representative of the Sylmar Square Shopping Center, the Vons Shopping center presenrive through restaurant and and an attached eat-in restaurant in the middle of the front parking lot of the shopping center. The committee believes that the plan is completely unworkable, and the committee suggested design changes, and pointed out security concerns.

Outreach – Tammy Flores - meet next week for the board brainstorming session, breakout groups. And this committee will be working with the Elections Committee.

Election – Leyla Campos - Dec 8<sup>th</sup> is the new election date. Next committee meeting is Monday, Aug 6 at 7pm at the SNC office. Tammy tried to get 5 BOD members to be on the Elections Committee.

Public Services – Jim Schopper - reestablished drive alongs , Working plans to hang flags on local streets , Sylmar cleanup oct 6<sup>th</sup> , Caltrans will get offramps cleaned on a regular basis – Next meeting is Aug 29, 6:30 pm at the SNC officde

Beautification – Quyen Vo-Ramirez - drive along sidewalks fixed; curb cuts; Glenoaks Blvd near schools replace asphalt with concrete; want to participate in million tree initiative-talk to home depot; beautification grant, want to work in conjunction with outreach committee.

Website – Tammy Florez - Wendy Moore presentation for next Thursday meet.

### **Board Member Comments**

Eugene Hernandez attended the 912 commission meeting.

Randall Kelly would like to see one email that sends to the whole board. Addressed by Lynn.

Board and attendees like the snacks. Thank you Lynn.

Where can we meet in the future? Each Quarter a different School? Existing stakeholdership knows to go to Hubbard Street School.

Erlyn Arianno – prospective youth representative presented by Tammy Flores.

Adjourned at 9:42pm

Next meeting date 8/23/2007