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Minutes of the SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Sylmar High School / Spartan Hall, 13050 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

All Minutes are a summary, not a transcript, of what was said at a meeting. The only two exceptions to this are the Motions and quotes. Minutes are not a comprehensive record of what was said about an issue or project.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ann Job called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Derek Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call** – Roll Call was taken by Ann Job. The Sylmar Neighborhood Council quorum is 11.

13 of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Peggy Courtney, Laurie Fadness, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, Derek Martin, Patricia Rau, Brenda Resendis, Christian Rubalcava, Chris Shows, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia.

1 arrived later: Roy Smith resulting in 14 board members present.

5 Board Members were absent: Lucille Floresta, Carlos Gonzalez, Carlos Lara, Jackie Mata, and Chardell Powell.

19 of the 21 Board Seats were filled. Vacant Board Seats: one At Large and one Retail.

28 stakeholders and guests signed in.

3. **Housekeeping, Speaker Cards and Timekeeper** – Diane Valencia explained this.

4. **Welcome and Announcements by Board Meeting facility Host.**

Meeting Host Derek Martin of Sylmar High School welcomed everyone and reported that the school is going through the “loss of accreditation” process next week. There will be a big event Friday, 2/27/2015, celebrating Black History Month. Boys and Girls Basketball teams are both in the semi-finals.

5. **MOTION** (by Patti Rau, seconded by Laurie Fadness): The Sylmar Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 22, 2015 General Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION was conducted.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by reverse voting of the 13 board members present with 11 in favor (Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Grubert, Job, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Silva);

1 opposed (Fadness); 1 abstained due to not having been at General Board Meeting in January (Shows).

Board Member Roy Smith arrived at this time (6:41), making 14 Board Members present for the remainder of the meeting.

6. **Public Official and Community Representative announcements and presentations.**

1) Alonzo Menchaca, Senior Lead Officer for the LAPD Mission Division, reported that because crime is down in Sylmar, some of his officers are being sent to other areas. He asked stakeholders to call the police when they see a crime.

2) Abigail Moreno from Councilmember Fuentes’ office, reported: the Foothills Trails Inauguration will be held on Mar 14.

3) Jaqueline Serrano from Congressman Cardenas’ office reported: Covered California has been extended to April 30.

4) Julio Anleu, representing Monica Ratliff - LAUSD School Board Member reported: there will be a fireworks display at Sylmar High School on Independence Day. LAUSD’s Government Relations Office offers to come to the SNC meeting to hold a workshop and explain the Governor’s plan for funding LAUSD.

7. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: the appointment of Christian Rubalcava as Sergeant-at-Arms was announced by the President; Diane Valencia reported that she is tracking completion of training that is required for voting by board members.

Budget Committee: Patricia Rau reported that the Budget Committee has met twice since the last meeting: the quarterly meeting, and a special meeting to consider funding requests.

Outreach Committee: Maria Silva reported that Toni and Mike King, Relay for Life, and others were at the last outreach committee meeting regarding upcoming events in which the board members should participate.

Equestrian Committee: Cheri Blose deferred to later in the agenda.

Bylaws Committee: Roy Smith reported that they have now finished the first pass of the bylaws and will be meeting to go through it again. He said that the committee will be ready to present their report at the March SNC meeting.

Planning & Land Use Committee: Cheri Blose deferred to later in the agenda.

Sediment Placement Ad Hoc Committee: Kathy Grubert announced that the LA County Department of Public Works has announced their Scoping Meetings for March 25, 26 and 28. The committee will be working to get stakeholders to attend. The committee is planning a Town Hall to be held after the scoping meetings.

Government Affairs & Public Safety Committee: Christian Rubalcava reported that the Neighborhood Council Blitz came to Sylmar in January to fill potholes and will be coming back again in July.

Underserved Stakeholders Committee: Peggy Courtney reported that they held their first committee meeting in January. She reported on the Sylmar Homeless Count held on January 29th. Pizzas were provided by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council for the 50 volunteers who assisted in the count. Peggy reported the findings of the count, which are posted on the SNC website. Derek Martin, the homeless coordinator at Sylmar High School, added that there are 74 homeless students at Sylmar High School.

8. Reports by Liaisons to the City

Budget – There was no report at this time

Department of Public Works – There was no report at this time.

Legal / City Attorney – Diane Valencia reported that she has put through two Public Records Act requests.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction:

- 1) John Holmes is handing out more announcements for the LA County DPW March scoping meetings.
- 2) Rosemary Jenkins asked to be on the next agenda to ask the board to write a letter supporting the El Supra boycott.
- 3) Eugene Hernandez complained about the agenda and the performance of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sediment Removal.
 - a) Richard Perry relinquished his two minutes to David Levin.
 - b) David Levin asked that George Ortega be recognized before him.
 - c) George Ortega relinquished his two minutes to David Levin.
- 4) David Levin made a more than 6 minutes statement beginning each comment with "Who.....?"

Unfinished Business

10. MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Roy Smith): The Sylmar Neighborhood Council to reconsider Item 23 on the January 22, 2015, General Board Meeting regarding the Small Lot Houses project at 13245 Hubbard St.

DISCUSSION: To provide context the President said that "on February 4, 2015, David Spiegel, the developer on this project requested that this item be reconsidered at our February meeting. In order for us to be able to do so, at least one board member on the prevailing side had to ask for reconsideration. At our Executive Committee meeting Kathy Grubert ask for reconsideration and the executive board voted unanimously in favor of reconsidering this item. We are reconsidering it in an attempt to be fair to all parties." Maria Silva interpreted the discussion in Spanish. Stakeholder Eugene Hernandez objected to the fact that it was being reconsidered.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Blose, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Shows, Smith, Valencia and Job); one opposed (Bloom); 2 abstained (Silva and Courtney). Maria Silva interpreted the vote results in Spanish. Stakeholder Rigo Garcia volunteered to interpret for the rest of the meeting.

11. MOTION (by Cheri Blöse, seconded by Roy Smith): to approve the Planning & Land Use Committee's recommendation "To approve at 13245 Hubbard St. 21 units Small Lots project with four units entering through Cranston St. and seventeen units entering through Hubbard St."

DISCUSSION: Peggy Courtney says she will recuse herself since she lives in the impacted area. Parking and traffic were discussed. Cheri Blöse emphasized that the developer could have asked for more units, and that this is the best we can hope for. Stakeholder, Maritza Gonzalez's questions about outreach done by the developer were translated by Maria Silva and Rigo ????. Dan Rosales, representing the developer, responded to her question in Spanish. She asked that they come back to the community to do more outreach. Stakeholder, Bonnie Bernard noted that unlike at last meeting, Cheri Blöse was able to complete her presentation.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 9 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Blöse, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Rubalcava, Smith, Valencia and Job); 2 opposed (Bloom and Silva); 2 abstained (Resendis, Shows); 1 recusal (Courtney).

After the board voted a poll of the stakeholders was taken. The results: 11 against the development; 4 for the development.

12. REPORT on Casa Torres restaurant (at 14117 Hubbard St.) Cheri Blöse reported that they have withdrawn their request to sell their private label liquor at the restaurant. They are expanding, but are not likely to come back to the board.

13. REPORT on Starbucks restaurant (at 3673-13589 Foothill Blvd.) Cheri Blöse reported that stakeholders and some board members were present and spoke in favor of Starbucks being allowed to move ahead. The North Valley Area Planning Commission (with a quorum of 3) moved it forward unanimously.

14. REPORT on solar farms being considered for Sylmar. Cheri Blöse reported that efforts are being made to oppose solar farms (which are solar panels on the ground, as opposed to being mounted on roofs, etc.). She emphasized that we need to be vigilant regarding this issue. Kathy Grubert pointed out that our Councilmember Felipe Fuentes is to be thanked for his leadership on this issue.

15. RECESS – Featuring Girl Scout Cookies

New Business

16. Discussion and possible Board action to approve Sylmar Neighborhood Council monthly expenditure report (MER) for February, 2015

FUNDING MOTION (by Diane Valencia, seconded by Laurie Fadness): The Sylmar Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for February 2015.

DISCUSSION: the motion was discussed.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (Bloom, Blöse, Courtney, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Silva, Valencia and Job); 3 opposed (Fadness, Shows, and Smith); none abstained.

17. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Patricia Rau made the report. The form has been improved by the Budget Committee.

18. Discussion and possible Board action to move \$5,700.00 from Category 100 – Operations Line Item Facilities Related and Space Rental (FAC) and to reallocate it in the following manner:

- a) \$1,000.00 to be added to Category 100 – Operations Line Item Audio and Visual Equipment (AUD);
- b) \$1,640.00 to be added to Category 100 – Operations Line Item Translation and Transcription (TRL);
- c) \$ 340.00 to be added to Category 200 – Outreach Line Item Equestrian Committee (EQU)
- d) \$2,720.00 to be added to Category 200 – Outreach a Line Item Earmarked (EAR)

FUNDING MOTION (by Derek Martin, seconded by Diane Valencia) to approve moving \$5,700.00 from Category 100 and reallocate it in the manner specified above.

DISCUSSION: the motion was discussed.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 8 in favor (Blose, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Valencia and Job); 5 opposed (Bloom, Fadness, Rubalcava, Shows, and Smith); 1 abstained (Courtney).

19. MOTION (by Cheri Blose, seconded by Patricia Rau) to approve the Planning & Land Use Committee's recommendation regarding a permit for the conditional use (CUP) for the sale of beer and wine for onsite consumption in conjunction with a new restaurant at 13213 Gladstone Ave.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Shows, Silva, Smith, Valencia and Job); none opposed; no abstentions.

20. MOTION (by Cheri Blose, seconded by Brenda Resendis) to approve the Planning & Land Use Committee's recommendation regarding renewal of the existing Helistop Conditional Use Permit (CUP) on a building located at 13291 Ralston Ave.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Shows, Silva, Valencia and Job); none opposed; 1 abstention (Smith)

21. MOTION (by Diane Valencia, seconded by Roy Smith) to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the renewal of two web domains (sylvannc.org and sylvanneighborhoodcouncil.org) and email hosting through Go Daddy.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Shows, Silva, Smith, Valencia and Job); none opposed; 1 abstention (Fadness).

22. MOTION (by Roy Smith, seconded by Christian Rubalcava) to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant requested by Relay for Life.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present. The 14 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Shows, Silva, Smith, Valencia and Job); none opposed; none abstained.

23. MOTION (by Derek Martin, seconded by Cheri Blose) to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant requested by Graffiti Busters.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Rubalcava, Silva, Smith, Valencia and Job); 1 opposed (Shows); none abstained.

24. MOTION (by Derek Martin, seconded by Laurie Fadness) to approve an amount not to exceed \$200.00 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant requested by Pacoima Beautiful for the 2015 "Adelante Hombre," an event for San Fernando Valley youth.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, Valencia and Job); 3 opposed (Resendis, Shows, and Smith); none abstained.

25. MOTION (by Cheri Blose, seconded by Patricia Rau) to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the equestrian outreach event, "Make Your Horse Count."

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Silva, Valencia and Job); 3 opposed (Fadness, Shows, and Smith); 1 abstention (Rubalcava).

26. MOTION (by Ann Job, seconded by Derek Martin) to approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for the VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council) Mixer, to be held on March 12, 2015.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Shows, Silva, Valencia and Job); 2 opposed (Rubalcava and Smith); none abstaining.

27. MOTION (by Kathy Bloom, seconded by Laurie Fadness) to request that Apple One provide the Sylmar Neighborhood Council with temporary staffing services.

DISCUSSION: resulted in a motion to reword the motion.

27. MOTION to reword the motion:

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Shows, Silva, Valencia and Job); none opposed; 1 abstained (Resendis).

27A. MOTION (by Kathy Bloom, seconded by Laurie Fadness) to request that a city-approved employment agency provide the Sylmar Neighborhood Council with temporary staffing services.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion.

MOTION to CALL FOR THE QUESTION by Ann Job without objection.

ADMMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (Bloom Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Martin, Rau, Resendis, Shows, Silva, Valencia and Job); 1 opposed (Rau); 1 abstained (Resendis).

28. DISCUSSION led by Diane Valencia regarding her continued attempts to locate appropriate office space for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. The board members expressed that \$1,200 or more a month was not appropriate use of the city's money. She will continue to search.

29. Board Member Community Announcements. Peggy Courtney announced the March 7 event at Concordia for shredding documents and disposing of electronics.

30. Board Member Comments. Time did not allow for comments.

31. Future Agenda items suggestions. Time did not allow for suggestions.

32. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment:

The next General Board meeting will be on March 26, 2015 at Concordia Jr / Sr High School.

President Ann Job adjourned the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Minutes by the Executive Committee