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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Concordia Jr / Sr High School, 13507 Eldridge 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 6:45 p.m. Carlos Lara led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

There was not a quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

10 of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Peggy Courtney, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, Carlos Lara, Peter Postlmayr, Patricia Rau, and Maria Silva. There was not a quorum at the start of the meeting.

2 arrived later: Laurie Fadness (providing for a quorum) and later Christian Rubalcava.

The result: 12 board members present for the meeting.

7 Board Members were absent: Carlos Gonzalez, Derek Martin, Dennis Orellana, Brenda Resendis, Chris Shows, Roy Smith, and Diane Valencia.

19 of the 21 Board Seats were filled. Vacant Board Seats: one Home/Condo Owner and one Retail.

6 stakeholders were in attendance: Amanda Bloom, Eugene Hernandez, Bonnie Bernard, Les Aisenman, Sharron Aisenman, and Gernomino Bugarin.

Regarding known absences: Diane Valencia represented the Sylmar Neighborhood Council at the City Attorney's Town Hall that had been scheduled much in advance of this special board meeting. Dennis Orellana was preparing for an important presentation in San Diego on Friday morning. Roy Smith had to work late, and then needs to stay off his broken foot as much as his schedule will allow. Derek Martin was out of town.

Regarding late arrivals: Laurie Fadness is caring for her grandson, who is ill, and attended at great sacrifice. Christian Rubalcava came as soon as his shift at Domino's ended, and brought pizzas for stakeholders and board members. The SNC paid for the pizzas.

3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper – Kathy Grubert explained the protocol.

4. Welcome and Announcements by Board Meeting facility Host – Peggy Courtney welcomed everyone.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. – There not being a quorum at this time, Eugene Hernandez, Bonnie Bernard, and Les Aisenman each spoke several times for two minutes each, until Laurie Fadness arrived at 7:01, creating a quorum.

Old Business:

6. Discussion and possible action on a motion to amend the following motion previously adopted at the special board meeting on June 2, 2015 by striking "\$1,000.00" and inserting "\$1,400.00."

Discussion and possible Board action to move to approve an expenditure of an amount not to exceed (\$1000.00) for a multimedia projector and screen.

MOTION (by Peter Postlmayr, seconded by Laurie Fadness):

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Patti Rau called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 11 board members present: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, and Job.

7. **Discussion and possible Board action** to move to approve an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$150.00 for a countdown timer.

MOTION (by Patti Rau, seconded by Laurie Fadness):

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Patti Rau called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 11 board members present: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, and Job.

8. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$650 for color, three-panel, double sided SNC brochures.

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Laurie Fadness):

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Patti Rau called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 11 board members present: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, and Job.

9. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for a 10'x10' pop-up tent with printing and accessories, roller bags, weight bags, and stakes.

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Maria Silva):

DISCUSSION: toward the end of the discussion Christian Rubalcava arrived at 7:30, making it 12 board members present. Kathy Grubert called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 12 board members present. Yes (11): Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, and Job; No (0); Abstention (1): Rubalcava, not having heard the discussion.

10. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$700.00 for two (2) 6-foot table covers Hunter Green with tan "Sylmar Neighborhood Council."

MOTION (by Laurie Fadness, seconded by Patti Rau)

DISCUSSION: led to a motion to amend the motion. Cheri Blose called for the vote without objection.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED by unanimous vote of the 12 board members present. Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job.

The Amended Motion: To approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$700.00 for two (2) 6-foot table covers in a dark green with tan "Sylmar Neighborhood Council."

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Maria Silva)

DISCUSSION: there being none, and without objection the vote was conducted.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote of the 12 board members present. Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job.

11. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for the purchase of hunter green shirt(s) with tan embroidery "Sylmar Neighborhood Council."

At the outset the motion was amended by unanimous consent to strike "hunter green" and insert "a dark green."

The Amended Motion: To approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for the purchase of a dark green shirt(s) with tan embroidery "Sylmar Neighborhood Council."

MOTION (by Patti Rau, seconded by Kathy Grubert)

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Cheri Blose called for the vote without objection.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote of the 12 board members present. Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job.

- 12. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Sponsorship at the Friend Level for Pacoima Beautiful's Environmental Justice Awards event on June 18, 2015, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

MOTION (by Patti Rau, seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION: was conducted, after which Kathy Grubert called for the vote without objection.

MOTION FAILED by vote of the 12 board members present. Yes (2) Silva and Job; No (10) Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava; Abstention (0).

New Business:

- 13. Discussion and possible Board action** to reallocate funds in the following manner:

In 100 Operations, \$1,731.04 from AUD Audio and Visual Equipment, \$936.58 from FAC Facilities Related and Space Rental; in 200 Outreach, \$263.16 from EQU Equestrian Committee, \$1,500.00 from WEB Web Maintenance/Enhancement/Creation; and, in 400 Neighborhood Purpose Grant, \$750.00 from GRT Neighborhood Purpose Grants to be reallocated in 100 Operations, \$636.58 to OFF Office Equipment and Supplies, \$300.00 to TAC Temporary Staff; and in 200 Outreach, \$1,763.16 to ADV Advertising, and \$2,481.04 to MEE Meeting Expense.

Carlos Lara left at this point. 9:00

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Christian Rubalcava)

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Kathy Grubert called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 11 board members present: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job.

- 14. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant application submitted by Southern California Preparedness Foundation in the amount of \$750.00.

MOTION (by Peggy Courtney, seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Laurie Fadness called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 11 board members present: Yes (10) Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job; No (1) Bloom; Abstention (0)

- 15. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the purchase of equine reflecting safety bands for horses inscribed with "Courtesy of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council-- Because We Care."

A presentation of the safety items was made by Cheri Blose, Chair of the Equestrian Committee, and Geronimo Bugarin, member of the Equestrian Committee.

MOTION (by Maria Silva, seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Kathy Grubert called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 11 board members present: Yes (9) Bloom, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job; No (1) Postlmayr; Abstention (1) Blose.

- 16. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the purchase of pencils for all the students in the 21 schools in Sylmar inscribed with "Sylmar Neighborhood Council" along with something like, "Study Hard." (10)

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Kathy Bloom)

DISCUSSION led to a motion to amend the motion. Laurie Fadness called for the vote without objection.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED unanimously by vote of the 11 board members present. Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job.

The Amended Motion: To approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the purchase of pencils for all the students in the 9 elementary schools in Sylmar inscribed with “Sylmar Neighborhood Council” along with something like, “Study Hard.”

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION: there being none, and Peggy Courtney called for the vote without objection.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by vote of the 11 board members present. Yes (10) Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Lara, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job; No (1) Bloom; Abstention (0)

- 17. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for use of Concordia Jr / Sr High School for Sylmar Neighborhood Council committee meetings that met and will meet in this fiscal year.

MOTION (by Christian Rubalcava, seconded by Cheri Blose)

DISCUSSION was conducted, after which Laurie Fadness called for the vote without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 11 board members present: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Rubalcava, Silva, and Job.

Laurie Fadness left at this point. 9:30. The Quorum was lost.

All items requiring a vote had been completed.

Kathy Grubert asked for everyone to look at the remaining items, especially Item 18, which will be on the next General Board Meeting.

- 18. Funding Items to be considered at the June 25, 2015, GBM.**

Sylmar Park
Pioneer Cemetery
Food Pantry

- 19. Possible Resumption** of Item #5 - Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. – There was no reason to resume Public Comment.

- 20. Board Member Community Announcements** – there were none.

- 21. Board Member Comments** - Comments from Board members on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Kathy Grubert announced that progress was being made by Diane Valencia regarding our long search for an office. She thanked Bonnie Bernard for her tireless effort on the SNC’s behalf.

- 22. Future Agenda item suggestions from public and Board members** – item 18 was pointed out.

- 23. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.**

Kathy Grubert announced with deep regret that Patricia Rau has decided to step down from her position as Treasurer. She asked board members who were interested in the position to let the President know.

Several board members spoke admiringly of Patricia’s extraordinary capability and dedication as Treasurer. It was generally acknowledged that the task is a daunting one that requires long, tedious hours of exacting work. Patricia said that she will remain as Treasurer through June 30, 2015.

Patricia Rau, upon questioning from stakeholder Bonnie Bernard, stated that she was staying on as a board member. All were pleased that she would continue as a valuable member of the board.

The board gave Patricia Rau a well-deserved ovation.

President Ann Job adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:38.

The next General Board Meeting will be on June 25, 2015, at Sylmar High School, Spartan Hall.