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## SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Sylmar Charter High School – Spartan Hall, 13050 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

**Minutes are a summary of business conducted at a meeting. Only the Motions and Votes are precise. These Minutes are in meeting order, not in item number order.**

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

President Tammy Flores called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Tammy Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Roll Call –**

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council's quorum is 11.

17 of the 20 Board Members were present during roll call:

Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Maria Silva, George Ortega, David Rodriguez, Ann Job, Cheri Blose, Christian Rubalcava, Derek Martin, Diana Rodriguez, Emily Rubalcava, Greg Hoerner, Hector Cabrera, John Pacheco, Kathy Bloom, Lucille Floresta, Peter Postlmayr and Diane Valencia.

2 Board Members were absent: Wilson Bell, Kathy Grubert,

20 of the 21 Board Seats are filled. There is a Home/Condo Owner vacancy.

### **3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper –** Diane Valencia explained meeting protocol.

### **4. Welcome and Announcements** Derek Martin welcomed us to our host facility, Sylmar Charter High School.

### **5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations**

- 1) **Rosemary Jenkins**, former Sylmar Neighborhood Councilmember and now is the representative for Assembly member Bocanegra, came to introduce herself and offer that if anyone has any concerns with this office, please let her know. David Rodriguez thanked her for coming to the meeting and shared that he will be calling often. He is continually hearing from the constituents about the horrible freeways and the need to unify them. Ms. Jenkins shares his concern and reminded those present that there is a website for filing a claim for pothole maintenance. The office number 818-265-2464 and she can be reached directly at [rosemary.jenkins@asm.ca.gov](mailto:rosemary.jenkins@asm.ca.gov)
- 2) **Jaqueline Serrano**, with office of Congressman Cardenas, came to share with us that their office has moved and is now closer to Sylmar. They are in the border of Panorama City and Arleta at 9612 Van Nuys Blvd, Panorama City. Their office is hosting mobile office for people who need assistance from a Federal Department on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm at the Sylmar Library. The library is also hosting free income tax preparation by VIDA every Saturday until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Information on the table. Lastly she pointed out that the Congressman is now a member in the Democratic Leadership Caucus.
- 3) **Steve List**, member of the city's Community Forestry Advisory Committee representing Council District 7, addressed us. There is nothing much to report for this month. They do have a compost and mulch workshop coming up. More information on those events was located on the table.

- 4) **Abigail Moreno**, Field Deputy stationed out of the Sylmar Field Office, had only minor updates for the month. She noted the office is getting smaller as there are only 5 people in the field and 4 at city hall. They have hired 2 new people to be dedicated to the sanitation truck and will work as strike team for large item pick up. She advises people to continue calling 311 and anticipates a faster process for getting items picked up.
    - i David Rodriguez thanked her for attending and mentioned the streetlights are out all around a street (unnamed).
- 6. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items** within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
- 1) **Eugene Hernandez** shared his frustration with the lack on answers regarding the Post Office and Social Security Office closing early and is asking for help from the SNC. He also shared his desire for Congressman Cardenas to be proactive in communicating and listening to the community about the discrimination and cutback coming from the Trump administration. He wants Congressman Cardenas to have an open house meeting to share what will be changing and listen to community concerns.
  - 2) **Connie Saunders**, a captain of the Hanson Hills Neighborhood Watch, is running for City Council District 7. She provided a flyer and FAQs for people to read and would like to hear from people in the community what are the biggest concerns in Sylmar. Wants to help accomplish LA River revitalization and the Pacoima wash effort funded. Planning to establish peer review committee to reevaluate laws, ordinances, or practices, which appear to not be constitutional to be evaluated locally in the Van Nuys office.
  - 3) **Marti Marshall** read from the State Constitution: Article 1, Section 1; Article 3, Section 1
  - 4) **Jose Castillo** is running for City Council District 7. His website is [www.castilloforlacd7.com](http://www.castilloforlacd7.com)
  - 5) **Nicole Chase** is running for City Council District 7. She shared her history, connections to area, and main platform points. Her platforms are basis are homeless, community development, AAH, supporting employment.
  - 6) **David Barron** is running for City Council District 7. His website is [www.barron2017.com](http://www.barron2017.com). His platform is business and employment, crime, electricity/water, housing/homeless
  - 7) **Samantha Stevens** spoke to us about Prop M and urged us to vote Yes on Prop M at the next election in March. The recently passed Prop 64 allowing the recreational use and sale of marijuana dictates that the local municipalities must regulate of businesses for this purpose. Prop M is what begins that process for the area. More information will be available as the election gets closer.
  - 8) **Ricardo Benitz** spoke on behalf of the LAUSD, asking for support of Patty Lopez
  - 9) **Vivian Hartman** spoke in support of Monica Rodrigues who is running for City Council. Ms. Rodrigues was the only politician who helped Ms. Hartman with her 5 year long struggle with overflow drainage situation at the Buffalo Bruce's restaurant, caused by the building of a large gym next door. She is holding an open house discussion & coffee for Monica in a few weeks. She also offered her Buffalo Bruce's to any of the other candidates to use as a place to meet with constituents. Lastly she shared that the Sophie's Angels bill was now in the Assembly.
  - 10) **Cart Bruceman** is running for City Council
  - 11) **Imelda Perdia**, a long time resident and school board member, is running for City Council District 6. She shared her background and platform emphasis on education.
  - 12) **Julio**, in some relationship to Monica Ruby brought to us some follow up regarding previous questions for councilors and breakfast in the classroom. He made available those packets of answers for those in attendance. He also noted that a resolution passed to increase librarians at middle schools. Lastly, he shared that they are looking for Spanish teacher teach classes at East Valley skill center in Sun Valley. The position is part time with benefits. A job description was passed around.
  - 13) **Nina Royal**, editor for north valley reporter [www.northvalleyreporter.com](http://www.northvalleyreporter.com), advocating David Barron for city council

## New Business

7. **Discussion and possible action** relative to forming additional SNC Committees was skipped.
8. **Discussion and possible action** relative to the President's nomination of new Committee Chair(s), to be ratified by the Board was skipped.
9. **Discussion** related to the findings of the examination by the President and additional individuals designated by the Board, as to the accuracy of the SNC's accounts for Q1 and Q2 of Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This was postponed until likely March.
10. **Presentation of Certificates of Recognition** for Sylmar resident Celeste Rios and the Sylmar Kiwanis Club
  - a David Rodriguez presented a Certificates of Recognition to **Celeste Rios**, an 11-year-old Sylmar resident. Ms. Rios was concerned about homeless and asked family, friends, those on Facebook, and local businesses to donate care bags. She ended up collecting 37 large bags that were turned over to Peggy Courtney of the Homeless Service Committee.

**b** David Rodriguez also presented certificates to the **Distinguished Ladies of Sylmar** of the **Kiwanis Club of Sylmar**. This group meets every week. They raise money for local scholarships and are involved in many causes and local events.

**11. Committee Reports** were made by:

**Executive Committee** – Tammy Flores had nothing to report.

**Budget Committee** – Wilson Bell absent

**Bylaws Committee** – Diane Valencia shared the committee is getting close to wrapping up the bylaws and has not hear from anyone with any issues. She requested that if anyone has any questions or concerns to please let them know. This will allow the issue to be addressed while in committee and not delay passing the bylaws when it comes up for a vote. The committee usually meets at revolving locations, twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

**Outreach Committee** – David Rodriguez shared the Outreach Committee has been busy with community activities with an emphasis on grass roots programs. The committee gave itself an assessment last week on how good they were doing and what could change. Going forward the committee wants to achieve 1) continue with all events hosted last year, 2) identify community leaders around Sylmar in all areas of Sylmar 3) actively solicit participation of each board member on how can the committee can help you reach out to your constituency, 4) reach out to existing community organization and get involved together. Next week they will be having a community walk in the neighborhood around Oceola Elementary. The Outreach Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, however since this lands on Valentines Day, during February they will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

**Planning & Land Use Committee** – Peter Postlmayr saved most of his comments for the 4 items on agenda later in the evening. His committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at Elk Creek Park 6pm. The next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Government Affairs Committee** – Ann Job attended the meeting on street vendors, though she could only hear the audio from another room as it was packed. The city committee voted to decriminalized street vending; it is a misdemeanor. They are currently discussing what this means in practice.

**Homeless Services Committee** – Peggy Courtney invited everyone to attend their meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at Church of the Foothills at 6:30pm. This next Thursday (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) will be an important meeting with several guest speakers discussing the Homeless Connect Day, Ken Craft CEO of Hope of the Valley, John Horn from LA Family Housing, and Molly Ricen for Homeless Deputy for Sheila Kuehl. The committee is part of the group looking to extend with National Guard the amount of time Armory is open as a homeless shelter. Currently it is schedule closing down February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee** – John Pacheco reminded everyone that the committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month at Sylmar Public Library. He spoke on the Mapping Your Community project, as Janet Gibson was not able to attend. It's a project to bring communities together for identifying emergency resources and creating a neighborhood emergency plan. The committee has a 90-minute presentation they can bring into people's homes. All it requires is someone to offer their home to host for a night and invite their neighbors. This Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> there is a 2-hour training for those who will do the presenting at these gatherings. It starts at 3pm. The goals for 2016/2017 include a) Preparing the Community and b) Making emergency services available. 2) Greg Warner explained the CERT program (Community Emergency Response Training) and invited people to take the class. Next class is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, more information to follow. He will be proposing to board to offer a translator once he researches the cost. He passed around a signup sheet for the class at the meeting.

**Equestrian Committee** – Cheri Blose getting ready for Make Your Horse Count on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**12. City Liaison Reports** were made by:

**Animal Services Liaisons** – As Kelli Land was absent; Ann Job shared that the Department Neighborhood and Power liaison would be a full position. She attended meeting and they will be staying in touch with us.

**Budget Representatives** – Christian Rubalcava and Ann Job have no updates at this time.

**City Attorney Liaisons** – Tammy Flores and Diane Valencia have no updates.

**Homeless Liaison** – Ann Job met with Homeless Liaisons from 97 districts in December. The group will be meeting every other month. Those liaisons from the valley have decided to also meet together every other "off" month.

**Planning Liaisons** – Cheri Blose and Ann Job have no updates at this time.

**Public Safety Liaison** – Greg Hoerner and Diane Valencia shared Crawford's apologies for missing meeting. Ms. Valencia shared the issue of access for Fire and Police Department to a gated community. She urged people to be aware of how emergency services access their property. Although the Fire Department has a unified system, the police department does not.

**Public Works** - Christian Rubalcava has arranged for the pothole truck to fix things tomorrow and reported that Sylmar has been recognized by LA Works for the Clean Street Initiative.

**Transportation Liaison** – Wilson Bell was absent.

**DWP** – There are no liaisons for this position

- 13. Budget Advocate Report:** Ann Job, one of three Budget Advocates for Region 1, stressed importance of everyone taking of the cards she brought, going to the website listed, and letting the city know what you think. This survey is the best way for people to share their concerns about the city. All neighborhoods will be doing this as well. Taking this survey will identify that your comments are from Sylmar so the issues brought up will be associated with this community.

a Someone suggested email blast with all that information.

- 14. Recess** – 7:51pm – 8:10pm

- 15. Discussion and possible action** relative to holding the Sylmar Neighborhood Council's third community mixer at The Crunchy Crab on Saturday, February 18, 2017, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Presented by David Rodriguez.

He hasn't been able to get ahold of owners despite many attempts. He proposes moving location to The League Pizza on Glenoaks, 12pm to 2pm.

**Moved** by David Rodriguez; seconded by Kurt Cabrera-Miller

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

- 16. Presentation** regarding parking, traffic, and safety issues in and around the Herron Street/Sproule Avenue neighborhood.

Presented by Eloisa Mena, Sylmar Resident

Ms. Mena outlined the issues in neighborhood: 1) Trash day is Monday, so cans must be brought out on Sunday. However due to overcrowding parking there isn't usually room for the trash cans. Residents have taken to putting their own cars out just to save spots for cans, though once the cans are out, people from apartments are moving cans onto the sidewalk and taking the parking spots. When the cans are moved, the trash isn't picked up. 2) Cars are blocking driveways. 3) Litter on the streets. 4) Packages have been stolen, there has been an increase in break-ins, and items have been taken from their yards. 5) When the errant parkers are approached for moving cans or blocking driveways they become defensive and aggressive 6) There is no parking available for their own guests. She and her neighbors have come to the SNC for help. Ms. Mena has already contacted 3 people and has received a response from Captain Moreno.

**Discussion:**

There was some discussion of specific location and various parking permit solutions, which have worked for other neighborhoods in the past. George Ortega was identified as the expert in this area and appointed as the point person to help these residents. More information was requested so the council could drive the area and check it out.

- 17. Discussion and possible action** to agree upon General Board 2017 meeting dates, specifically November & December 2017.

Presented by Diane Valencia, SNC Vice President of Administration

Diane Valencia shared that according to our bylaws the dates need to be chosen at this meeting, though the dates can be changed later. She proposed November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved** by Diane Valencia; seconded by Kurt Cabrera-Miller

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

- 18. Discussion** related to various training and administrative topics, including but not limited to, agendas, minutes, records, the Brown Act, and other topics, which may be of benefit to the SNC's Directors.

It was suggested by Diane Valencia to move this item to the end and coming back if there is time.

(There was not time at the end of the meeting and this item was skipped for this month.)

- 19. Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter from the SNC relative to the UPS Facilities project located at 12745 Arroyo Street, Sylmar.

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

In the package describes the email from UPS and plans for their improvements. Hoping they could add life to the front of the buildings and landscape to the front of the area. Our letter drafted was not included in the package.

**Moved** by Peter; seconded by **Name**

**Discussion:** Ann Job clarified that even though the letter was not in the package and available for review tonight, it should be sent and not held back for another vote.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

- 20. Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter of support from the SNC for The Bottle Shoppe's plans to renovate and reuse the Chalet Liquor & Smoke Shop location at 14040 Hubbard Street.

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

Owners of property are going to take over the store rather than having a 3<sup>rd</sup> party run it. They want to update the store format to their existing brand of stores, The Bottle Shoppe. The Bottle Shoppe was described to Mr. Postlmayr as "Better than a BevMo", and the owners hope to incorporate wine and beer tasting. They are planning to work with close businesses to bring up the retail in the area. Further information was included in the packet.

**Moved** by Peter; seconded by **Name**

**Discussion:** Diane Valencia asked if the footprint would be changing and Peter shared that the footprint would stay the same and the owners would not be taking over the business located next door even though they own that property as well. It was also confirmed that the Smoke Shop would be gone and noted that there is no relationship with the lawn mover shop near by. Someone from the assembly noted that if the owners do add tastings to their store, they would have to apply for a change of use permit to allow consumption on premises.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

- 21. Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter from the SNC relative to preliminary plans for a Harbor Freight Store at 13767 Foothill (former El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant).

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

Harbor Freight submitted a land use plan, which Peter and the committee were overall not happy with. Harbor Freight did make some changes by moving the building back a bit, adding some landscaping, and adding a door on one street. Although the letter was already sent, SNC needs to approve letter so it's official. Peter will continue working with the planning department on this.

**Moved** by Peter; seconded by Cheri Blose

**Discussion:** Kurt Cabrera-Miller shared his approval of the letter while expressing his concerns over the huge white building with the very big and very bright red letters. Both Cheri Blose and Diane Valencia expressed that while the exterior is unappealing, at least they made some changes and noted that the SNC has limitations. Ann Job suggested Peter work with Herb Wesson's planning person, Tony Wilkinson, on this, as the city council member has expressed concerned with things that don't match the city plan. Someone on the council talked about enhancing surface and possible suggestions for making a concrete attractive. Tammy Flores expressed her concern about the small shops that are already struggling, but David Rodriguez informed her that local businesses are not concerned since Harbor Freight does not sell materials.

A woman in a dark striped shirt asked why the area could not be used for public parking instead on a new retail store with an unappealing storefront. Peter explained that area has been designated as retail zone.

A man in blue jacket pointing out that many people order harbor freight online so this could help other local businesses get their supplies.

Eugene Hernandez asked if there would be the same amount of parking as El Chaparral. Peter was unsure at the exact comparison, but assumed that they will have as much as required by code. In their current plan there are 32 spaces, plus 2 handicap spots.

The man with beige jacket and American flag sweater was glad to hear about the business coming in but was concerned for parking and the access for deliveries and large item pick up. He also expressed concerns about traffic at that intersection.

Roy shared insight that the property owner got pushback for wanting to put a McDonalds in that location and noted that Harbor Freight is at least better than that. His only concerns would be if they only had one entrance/exit, but the plans show there are two. He also asked if the exterior elevation if they will be higher or lower than Rite Aid. According to the plans, it will be lower.

Someone else mentioned that MTA is moving bus stop up there.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

22. **Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter from the SNC relative to a concept development and site plan for 13104 Glen oaks. The two development options discussed are 15 condominium units with no commercial fronting and 13 condominium unit with commercial fronting on Glen oaks. The site consists of 26,478 sf. The proposed development would require a General Plan Amendment and zone change. The property is currently zoned Very Low I with an Equine keeping “K” district overlay.

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

Peter Postlmayr spoke of keeping the Very Low 1 and K overlay and noting to the developers that any proposed changes to that would be not warmly welcomed. The Planning & Land Use Committee does not want development on those properties where horses can be kept. Peter Postlmayr also noted that they have only asked for our opinion not a zone change or anything other official. In that light he has kept the letter informal.

**Moved** by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Name

**Discussion:**

Cheri Blose stated that as these are the first developers attempting to change the community plan, a strong stance should be taken to not let that happen. Both Diane Valencia and Ann Job urged Peter Postlmayr to bring this up with Herb Wesson CD7 when you talk about the other issues.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

23. **Approval** of Minutes of October 27, 2016 General Board Meeting

Presented by Diane Valencia, SNC Vice President of Administration

**Moved** to approve, as written, by Ann Job; seconded by Kurt

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

24. **Approval** of Minutes of November 17, 2016 General Board Meeting

Presented by Diane Valencia, minutes are not ready so item has been tabled.

25. **Treasurer’s Report** – Wilson Bell stuck in traffic and will not be able to make it.

26. **Review and Adoption** of the November, 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Presented by Ann Job

**Moved** to approve, as written, Ann Job; seconded by Name

**Discussion:** A community member asked why the NPG is still negative \$1,000 and when it will be corrected. Ann Job showed her it was already corrected in December MER.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

27. **Review and Adoption** of the December, 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Presented by Ann Job

**Moved** to approve, as written, by Ann Job; seconded by Name

**Discussion:** A community member asked why there was nothing allotted funded for elections. It was explained to her that elections would be in the next fiscal year.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

28. **Discussion and possible action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 to purchase emergency/ disaster supplies to be used by the community of Sylmar. Also, included in this proposal is a storage bin (i.e. shipping container) to be used to

house these emergency items. Funding of this item is contingent on obtaining D.O.N.E approval and finding a suitable storage location. This item represents the first step in a larger plan titled "A Prepared Sylmar" and was approved unanimously by the emergency preparedness committee.

Presentation by John Pachecho, Chair – SNC Emergency Preparedness Committee

**Moved** by John; seconded by Ann

**Discussion:**

Patty in green jacket, who is not in opposition in to the effort, expressed concerned over the shipping container and liability over time. The questions of location, accessibility, lighting, and insurance need to be answered. She the vote be postponed so board can answer these questions. Ann Job responded that emergency prepared committee would be meeting soon and discussing these things. The conversation will also include the topics of bins (storage facility) and the city responsibilities. Diane Valencia read the passage that was sent to all of the Neighborhood Councils relating to the upcoming meeting on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Greg echoed Patty's concerns and asked her for an email of all of them so he could seek out answers. He pointed out that there are many hills for this to die on later and confirmed that spending money won't be happening for many months. Kurt Cabrera-Miller echoed Patty and Ann Job's point. He agrees with program but not spending money yet Lady in red puffy jacket Bonnie expressed concern that this item hadn't been moved onto the budget committee and didn't see it in the budget. Ann Job responded that this was discussed in the August meeting regarding strategic plan, brought to the budget committee in special meeting, and the board approved \$7k for Community Improvement Project. A community member asked if the city and county would be involved in funding this. John pointed out that the city now recognizes this should not just be a neighborhood council thing, but a more coordinated effort. It was also shared that having money in earnest would show the city council that we are committed to this

Roy pointed out that the motion, which was read, did not include all the written details.

Concerning logistical questions on the bins, the following ideas and questions were brought up:

- Bins should be located on both sides of freeway as the 210 divides Sylmar

- Some of the bins that are available are are big and on wheels. People who are certified have access to them. Nina Royal has a bunch of the packets and information another community used if anyone would like to look at them.

- David Rodriguez brought up Lake Balboa and what they have done in the past

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (12): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, and Christian Rubalcava; No (2) Peter Postlmayr, Diane Valencia; Ineligible (1) Emily Rubalcava; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

- 29. Discussion and possible action** for the SNC write a letter to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl in support of the item on the Board of Supervisors' January 31, 2017, agenda regarding making the Winter Shelter at the Armory in Sylmar a Year-Round 24-hour permanent shelter. Also, to submit letters to our representatives requesting that they contact the Board of Supervisors in support of this January 31, 2017, agenda item. Recipients of the SNC letter possibly including, but not limited to, Mayor Garcetti, President Herb Wesson, Homelessness and Poverty Committee Chair - Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Meg Barclay - Homelessness Coordinator, Alisa Orduna - the Mayor's Homelessness Policy Advisor, Congressman Tony Cardenas, Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, and State Senator Robert Hertzberg. The letters to include the signatures of Peggy Courtney, SNC Homeless Services Committee Chair, and Ann Job, SNC Homelessness Liaison.

Presented by Ann Job

Ann Job shared that prior to this meeting she learned that this item would not be on the Board of Supervisor's January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. Letters would then be mailed rather than hand delivered at the meeting.

**Moved** by Ann Job; seconded by Christian Rubalcava

**Discussion:**

David Rodriguez acknowledged the support given by people on the council and in the neighborhood. Peggy Courtney anticipates the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be important as the Armory shuts down on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Ronnie with Valley in Action spoke about the urgency of this issue. Janelle shared the information that San Fernando Valley homeless has increased by 35%. The shelter staying open will help keep them off the street. Kimberly further pressed the urgency of this issue and being a voice for the homeless. Victor Sandabar, a high school student with Valley in Action shared the importance of taking action for the people who are less fortunate than us and David shared his experiences with being homeless. Cristian Ramirez expressed his pride in being a Sylmar resident and dismay at the number of homeless; he hopes we vote yes.

Rosemary Jenkins commended the committee who has been working on this for months in coordination with Nation Guard. She also suggested adding Sheila Kuehl's name to list to receive letters.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, George Hoerner, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Tammy Flores

- 30. Discussion and possible action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,500 to hold a Council District 7 Candidate Debate on February 21, 2017, to be held at Los Angeles Mission College, or alternate location.

Presented by Tammy Flores, SNC President

This Candidate Debate would give the community a chance to really question the candidates. It would also form the beginnings of community liaison meetings to hold the CD candidate accountable. Ms. Flores doesn't think anyone who was a councilmember for Sylmar should be allowed to run elsewhere until the term is finished. If approved the money would go towards outreach materials and paying the College (though at a discounted rate). Some of these costs include \$40 hour to custodian load in to load out, \$60hr audio video, \$150hr to sheriff. As this would be a serious business meeting and not a social event, simply coffee with minor snacks would be available rather than a meal.

**Moved** by Ann Job; seconded by David Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

David Rodriguez had some logistical questions on how do we do this with 20 candidates. Ms. Flores responded that if the motion passes, a group will gather to work that out. Derek Martin had a questions regarding whether or not this item went through the budge committee. Ms. Flores responded that if it were approved tonight, it would go to the budget committee.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. For (12): Kathy B., Cheri, Hector, Kurt, Lucille, Greg, Ann, George, John, David, Diana, Christian, Against (3): Derek, Peter, Diane, Abstain (1): Tammy, Ineligible (1): Emily, Absent (4): Wilson, Kathy G., Frank, Maria

**31. Board Member Comments / Announcements**

**Many with glasses on board** – Amazed that LAPD isn't in attendance and hasn't been there in a while. They are not communicating with the community and the council, especially following the recent local murder.

**Peter Postlmayr** would like the bylaws committee to make a determination whether or not items with financial implications must be submitted to the budget committee first before going to the board for a vote.

**32. Future Agenda Items**

Write to Executive Board by email at [ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org](mailto:ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org) or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-1023

The next General Board meeting will be on February 23, 2017, location to be determined

- 33. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** Adjourned at 9:57pm.
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