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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting – Draft Minutes
Thursday, September 27th, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

**Sylmar Charter High School – Spartan Hall
13050 Borden Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91342**

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Bloom, Kathy	Present	YES	CBO
Blose, Cheri	Present (6:42PM)	YES	ER
Cabrera, Hector	Present	YES	At-Large
Cabrera-Miller Kurt	Present	YES	Business
Cabrera-Miller Sheldon	Absent	YES	At-Large
Dumont, Paul	Present (6:35PM)	YES	Business
Floresta, Lucille	Present	YES	At-Large
Gatmaitan, Gene	Absent	NO	Home/Condo
Gonzales, David	Present	YES	Renter
Grubert, Kathy	Present	YES	Business
Job, Ann	Absent	YES	Senior
Montano, Guadalupe	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Ortega, George	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Pacheco, John	Present	YES	At-Large
Postlmayr, Peter	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Rubalcava, Andres	Present	YES	CBO
Rubalcava, Christian	Present	YES	At-Large
Silva, Maria	Absent	YES	Education
Underwood, Michelle	Absent	YES	Renter
Valencia, Diane	Absent	YES	Recreation
Zelaya, Donald	Present (6:40PM)	YES	At-Large
TOTAL: 21	12 PRESENT, 09 ABSENT		

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mr. C. Rubalcava. There were thirty-one stakeholders present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. A. Rubalcava.

2. Roll Call The roll was taken by Mr. A. Rubalcava. There were 14 Boardmembers present and quorum was met.

SNC ITEM 2 Roll Call	
Yes – 12	Absent – 09
Bloom, Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava	Blose, Dumont, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job, Silva, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya

3. Housekeeping: Speaker Cards, Recording, and Timekeeper. Welcome from Facility Host. Mr. C. Rubalcava went over the location of the speaker cards, restrooms, and the refreshments. Mr. List, representing Sylmar Charter High School, welcomed the attendees to the school and repeated of where the locations of the restrooms and the refreshments were.

4. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations:

- a. Steve List, CD 7 Community Forrest Advisory- Mr. list explained his role in CD 7 and how he examines the trees when a tree needs to be removed and also helps stakeholders when they need a tree planted. Mr. List also encouraged residents to attend the Urban Gardening Class on the fourth Saturday of each month at Lopez Canyon which is sponsored by LA Sanitation. Last Saturday 100 people attended the last class. 1700 street trees are available to be planted in the parkway for CD 7. There was a lot of knowledge shared and there is free compost for your garden. In the next coming months there will be free tree and rain barrel giveaways.

Mr. Dumont joined the meeting at 6:35PM.

- b. FD Anna Marie Rodriguez, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez’s Office- Ms. Rodriguez announced that the City is breaking ground on the Lopez Canyon Trail Head. Although there are other trails they will be widening and adding 1.6 miles of trails for hiking and equestrian. The project will be finished in six months. There will be additional car and trailer parking. The San Fernando Road widening is coming to an end and additional parking will be added on the east side along the fence with twenty-five trees planted and the roadway resurfaced. The Council Office has been working with the LAPD Valley Traffic Division to curb street racing. Twenty-three arrests have been made in the last three weeks. Two additional areas have been identified where street racing is being held. If you know of additional areas, please contact the Council Office. There is a \$1 Million wild fire clean-up grant to clean up the area after the La Tuna and Creek fires. McGroaty Arts Center and Lopez Canyon have already been cleaned up and they are identifying other areas like the area behind Mission College. There will be more areas in Sylmar that will be cleaned and the Board will be updated once those areas are identified. There is a new vehicle battery charger installed near Roxford. It is near the McDonalds. Many cars are currently parked there blocking access so a solution will be to install a 15 minute parking sign. A few questions were asked by the Board and the stakeholders in attendance.

Mr. Zelaya joined the meeting at 6:40PM.

Ms. Blose joined the meeting at 6:42PM.

- c. FD Arturo Garcia Mendoza, Assemblymember Luz Rivas- Mr. Mendoza reported that there is high anxiety after the announcement of the High Speed Rail Authority’s new route. The Assemblymember does not support the refined SR14 route or any of the prosed routes that

the Authority has announced because there are many unanswered questions on the future impact of the routes to the community. The Assemblymember has written and sent a letter to Brian Kelley who is the CEO of the High Speed Rail Authority opposing SR14 and to delay any action until the concerns of the community are addressed. A copy of the letter can be requested from the office. The Assemblymember is monitoring the developments of the High Speed Rail. If you have any question, feel free to contact the office. The Assemblymember would like to thank the community for coming out to her swearing-in ceremony that was held last Saturday. There were over 350 guests in attendance and for many in attendance it was their first time at the Discovery Cube. There will be a Community Forum on October 6, 2018 with Secretary of State Alex Padilla at Mission College from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Some of the topics will be public education, voting procedures, and an update on the 2018 legislation changes. There will be a community freeway beautification clean-up in partnership with the Sylmar Neighborhood Council on October 26, 2018 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. The phone number for the office is 818-504-3911. A few questions were asked about homeless encampments along the freeway. To report an issue, you can submit a request to csr.dot.ca.gov

- d. FD Benita Trujillo, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office-Absent
 - e. FD Lea Gonzalez, Congressman Tony Cardenas-Absent
 - f. FD Eveline Bravo-Ayala, Senator Hertzberg's Office-Absent
 - g. LAUSD Kelly Goenz- New Representative next month
 - h. NEA Vanesa Serrano, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)-Absent
 - i. FD Jackie Serrano, Office of Mayor Garcetti- Absent
5. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.
- a. Marty Marshall- California Constitution
 - b. Robert Segato- Neighborhood Council election dates
 - c. Andres Rosales- Concerned about having other schools having gardens.
 - d. John Holmes- Concern with an area name change.
 - e. Ricardo Benitez-High Speed Rail and Election Day
6. City Liaison and Representatives Reports
- a. Animal Services - Leah Blose no report
 - b. Budget Representative - Donald Zelaya and George Ortega no report
 - c. City Attorney - Christian Rubalcava no report
 - d. D.W.P. - George Ortega no report
 - e. Homelessness - Ann Job no report
 - f. Planning - Cheri Blose (Valley) and Guadalupe Montano (City Hall) Solar farm was denied.
 - g. Public Safety - Diane Valencia no report
 - h. Public Works - Christian Rubalcava no report

- i. Resilience – John Pacheco met with Carol Parks who is tasked with implementing Hazard Mitigation with the community and the CERT graduates will be trained on the City of Los Angeles Map Your Neighborhood.
 - j. Sustainability – Lucille Floresta
 - k. Transportation – Penny McMillan Metro is proposing to give Sylmar a rapid bus. Metro has \$187 million to spend and has been having meetings in the local area to discuss the issue. There would be a proposed dedicated lane for the route. There are 3000 riders daily from Sylmar, but Metro does not know where those riders are going. The route would be installed by 2023, five years before the light rail. More studies will be performed by Metro before 2019. Mr. C. Rubalcava stated he would place on the agenda a motion to ask for more studies next month. The High Speed Rail had two meeting and 300 people attended both meetings. Information from the meeting stated that engineers will propose to have the underground tunnel built 100 to 400 feet below. At 200 feet you would not feel a vibration on the ground. No vibrations will affect the Pacoima Dam. More studies are taking place, but this current plan is the preferred alternative that will be presented to the CHSR Board on November 15, 2018. If the Board votes to approve, a draft EIR will be completed with a final EIR after. The other two routes that did not make the cut will also be studied in case the SR14 route cannot be completed.
7. Presentation by LA City Controller Ron Galperin on what his office offers to the community. Mr. Galperin talked about the funds of the City and how it is online. There are also maps available of many resources.
8. MEET AND GREET (15 minute Break)
Mr. A. Rubalcava took roll. Fourteen Boardmembers were present after the break.

SNC ITEM 8 Roll Call after the break 8:35PM	
Yes – 13	Absent – 08
Blose, Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Zelaya	Bloom, S. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Gatmaitan, Job, Silva, Underwood, Valencia

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – Christian Rubalcava The treasurer training for the SNC will be held on October 18, 2018 at 6:30PM at the SNC office.
- b. Beautification Committee – Steve List October 2, 2018 6:00PM meeting. October 26, 2018 will host the freeway beautification event on the 5 off ramp. The committee will be redoing the gardens at Phoenix House sometime in October. Working to place a horse statue at the Sylmar sign near Home Depot. San Fernando Road will be receiving trees and ficus vines on the fence to cover the graffiti.
- c. Budget Committee – George Ortega North Valley YMCA asked for an NPG for \$2000. Because of the limited budget, Mr. Ortega offered to have their campaign posted on the SNC website.
- d. Bylaws Committee – Diane Valencia no report
- e. Outreach Committee – Carlos Lara Working on asset mapping and increasing our social media traffic. We are receiving twenty-five likes a week.

- f. Planning & Land Use Committee – Peter Postlmayr Meeting was scheduled for this month, but due to a pipe break the meeting was canceled. For the October meeting we are scheduled to hear about the update on the Clipper Beards housing development which is an affordable housing project on Foothill. The McClay House Care facility will be giving an update on their expansion.
- g. Homeless Services Committee – Paul Dumont Had a productive meeting last month and will be providing locations for the homeless next month. Clean Streets, Clean Starts has had a change of management. The Board has voted for funding and they will be back next month due to the different fiscal years.
- h. Emergency Preparedness – John Pacheco Please come out to the SNC booth at the Valley Preparedness fair this Saturday. If you register, you will get a starter emergency preparedness backpack. The event is from 9:00AM-1:30PM. The second CERT class has started with 51 students with all but six students are from Sylmar. ARC preparedness class will be October 29, 2018 from 5:00PM-8:00PM at the SNC office. The class will certify you to be an instructor for emergency preparedness and will include materials and a DVD. The committee will be offering one hour classes starting in November on emergency preparedness.
- i. Equestrian Committee – Cheri Blose A trailhead had opened last week.
- j. Public Safety Committee – Diane Valencia no report
- k. Youth Affairs Committee – Donald Zelaya Update on the youth and teacher recognition will be moved to January 2019. Mr. Zelaya has reached out to UCLA to create a mentoring program for minority schools. Their meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month. Please send any connections to Mr. Zelaya.

10. Discussion and possible action on Council File 14-1057-S2, which instructed the LAPD to report on the net effect of LAMC 85.02 on communities. The SNC Homeless Services committee recommends supporting the LAPD report and its accompanying recommendations.
 Motion to table by Mr. Gonzales. Motion failed due to no second.
 Call to Question by Mr. K. Cabrera-Miller. Objection by Mr. Postlmayr.
 Public comment: Stakeholder, Penny Mc Millan

SNC ITEM 10 Motion to approve language of CIS for Council File #14-1057-S2 Moved: Ortega Second: Cabrera				
Yes – 11	No – 1	Abstain– 1	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 08
Blose, Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, Zelaya	Gonzales	C. Rubalcava	NONE	Bloom, S. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Gatmaitan, Job, Silva, Underwood, Valencia

- 11. Discussion and possible action on reconsidering the June 28th, 2018 Minutes to clarify wording on Item 14, which relates to LAFD access into gated communities. **NO ACTION TAKEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.**
- 12. Discussion and possible action on removing the following Board Members from the Sylmar NC for violation of Bylaws Section 7: Absences. Ann Job: June 2018, July 2018, August 2018. Ms. Job has been in Oregon taking care of personal business.
 Public comment: Patty Raft

SNC ITEM 12 Motion to approve removal of Ann Job. Moved: Ortega Second: K. Cabrera-Miller				
Yes – 01	No – 11	Abstain– 1	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 08
Ortega	Blose, Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, Zelaya	C. Rubalcava	NONE	Bloom, S. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Gatmaitan, Job, Silva, Underwood, Valencia

13. Discussion and possible action on approving the August 23rd, 2018 General Board meeting minutes.
Public comment: no comment **POSTPONED**

14. Discussion and possible action on approving the August Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
Public comment: no comment

SNC ITEM 14 Motion to approve August 2018 MERS. Moved: Pacheco Second: Ortega				
Yes – 12	No – 0	Abstain– 0	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 08
Blose, Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bloom, S. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Gatmaitan, Job, Silva, Underwood, Valencia

15. Board Member Comments / Announcements Ms. Grubert announced that this Saturday is the Sylmar Hang Glider Festival and they start landing at 12:00PM with a BBQ. Mr. C. Rubalcava announced that the Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair is this Saturday at 9:00AM. Ms. Montano announced that a professor from Mission College is being recognized by Los Angeles County Human Relations on October 9, 2018. Mr. C. Rubalcava asked all the committees be more active. Ms. Montano asked that people do not spend money at Walmart because of how they treat their workers. Ms. Grubert asked about the support that Web Corner gives to the SNC website. Ms. Valencia is working on it.

16. Future Agenda Items Write to Executive Board by email at ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392

17. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment

Public comment: no comment

SNC ITEM 17 Motion to adjourn Moved: Valencia Second: Postlmayr 9:04PM				
Yes – 13	No – 0	Abstain– 1	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 07
Bloom, Blose, K. Cabrera-Miller, S. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Floresta, Gonzales, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya	NONE	C. Rubalcava	NONE	Cabrera, Gatmaitan, Grubert, Job, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva

The Next Sylmar Neighborhood Council General Board meeting will be:

October 25th, 2018 at 6:30 pm

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