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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting – Draft Minutes  
Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

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

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Funding Vote Eligible*</b>	<b>Category</b>
Bloom, Kathy	Present	YES	CBO
Blose, Cheri	Present	YES	ER
Cabrera, Hector	Absent	YES	At-Large
Cabrera-Miller Kurt	Absent	YES	Business
Dumont, Paul	Present (Left at 9:30PM)	YES	Business
Floresta, Lucille	Present (Arrived at 6:47PM)	YES	At-Large
Gonzales, David	Present	YES	Renter
Grubert, Kathy	Present	YES	Business
Job, Ann	Present	YES	Senior
Montano, Guadalupe	Present (Left at 8:56PM )	YES	Home/Condo
Opperman, Bob	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Ortega, George	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Pacheco, John	Absent	YES	At-Large
Postlmayr, Peter	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Rubalcava, Andres	Absent	YES	CBO
Rubalcava, Christian	Present	YES	At-Large
Silva, Maria	Absent	YES	Education
Underwood, Michelle	Present	YES	Renter
Valencia, Diane	Present (Arrived at 6:48PM)	YES	Recreation
Zelaya, Donald	Present (Arrived at 7:10PM)	YES	At-Large
<b>TOTAL: 20</b>	<b>PRESENT 12 , Absent 8</b>		

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance-The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Mr. C. Rubalcava. There were 47 stakeholders present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. C. Rubalcava

2. Roll Call- The roll was taken by Ms. Underwood there were 12 Boardmembers present and quorum (11) was met.

<b>SNC ITEM 2 Roll Call</b>	
<b>Yes –12</b>	<b>Absent –08</b>
Bloom, Blose, Dumont, Gonzales, Grubert, Job, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Postalmyr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood	Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta , Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva, Valencia, Zelaya

3. Housekeeping: Speaker Cards, Recording, and Timekeeper- C. Rubalcava welcomed the board and community members to Sylmar High. Speaker Cards are available on the table. This meeting is being filmed. There are twenty-one seats on our board. There is a vacant homeowner seat available. If you are interested submit an application to Mr. C Rubalcava at Christian. Rubalcava@sylmarnc.org

**Ms. Floresta joined the meeting at 6:47PM.**

**Ms. Valencia joined the meeting at 6:48PM.**

4. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations:
- a. Representative Esmeralda Marciel, LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez’s office-Absent
  - b. FD Juan Solario, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez’s Office- the City Council approved a motion presented by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez which gives the DWP the authority to turn off water and power to illegal cannabis shops. The Los Angeles Fire Department Youth Development Program provides opportunity for young people, to develop life skills. Ms. Rodriguez was recently appointed to the Public Safety Committee. During the La Tuna and Creek fires she showed her leadership ability. The Councilwoman allocated money for a feasibility study for a new Fire Station in Sylmar. Ms. Rodriguez has a motion pending to authorize the Department of Building and Safety to close down and barricade the illegal cannabis shops. Ms. Rodriguez was able to get 1 Million dollars in funds for debris clean up in the fire burn areas. Seventy jobs were created for this. One of the homeless workers was able to get a job with Cal Trans. Mr. Solario gave further updates on the issues that Ms. Rodriguez is working on.
  - c. Representative Jacqueline Serrano, Office of Mayor Garcetti- Absent-Ms. Serrano has taken a position in Washington D.C. The Mayors’ office is looking for a new East Valley Representative.
  - d. FD Arturo Garcia Mendoza, Assemblymember Luz Rivas- Thanked the Sylmar Neighborhood Council for participating in the STEAM event at Osceola Street Elementary School. Over 90 kids and their parents worked on projects. Ms. Rivas has introduced AB 182 for a new Computer Science Teaching Credential. Real ID, there are changes to the ID system. You need to fill out an application and provide documents to get the new ID you can make an appointment at the DMV. There was a problem with documentation but that has been fixed. You need 2 forms of residency. Mr. Mendoza also spoke about the Freeway Service Patrol it is a congestion mitigation program. It is a free service to keep cars moving. Dial 511 or go to a freeway call box if your car breaks down they will help with simple repairs.
  - e. FD Eveline Bravo-Ayala, Senator Hertzberg’s Office-Absent

- f. FD Lucia Senda, Congressman Tony Cardenas-Absent- Will no longer be the Sylmar representative.
- g. Senior FD Jarrod Degonia, Office of County Supervisor Kathryn Barger-Ms. Barger represents the North East San Fernando Valley. The County Supervisors adopted the new Santa Susanna Trails Master Plan. This phase connects the trails into Sylmar. They are working on a third phase. Supervisors Kuehl and Barger did a joint motion to have the large animal rescue programs of the city and county to create a mutual aid agreement and to coordinate services.

**Mr. Zelaya joined the meeting at 7:10PM**

- 5. Public Comment on non agendized items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.
  - a. Peggy Bennett-Mentioned the need for signs and enforcement for parking and dumping in the alley at Lexicon and Garrick.
  - b. Janet Gibson- CERT Coordinator for Battalion 12, there will be a drill on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. The drills help to build the core group of emergency responders. Ms. Gibson raised concerns about money being removed from the money for the Emergency Preparedness Committee.
  - c. Penny the Homeless. McMillan-Wants other communities to share the burden of homelessness.
  - d. Courtney Leibowitz- Opened a new Marshal Arts Business (Korean Style) in Sylmar Square behind Vons. They will be having self-defense classes and have a fundraising program for schools. Free Self-defense class on March 30, 2019
  - e. Nina Royal – Editor North Valley Reporter will help with election outreach for Sylmar Neighborhood Council. Send her information and set up a liaison for the paper. SB50 (Weiner)- This bill needs to be stopped it will endanger our communities by changing our zoning.
  - f. Marti Marshall presented information from Article 1 Section 6 California Constitution “Slavery is prohibited.” Ms. Marshall then shared information on many different black historic figures and their accomplishments recognizing that this is Black History Month.
  
- 6. City Liaison and Representatives Reports **Item Postponed**
  - h. Animal Services - Leah Blose
  - i. Budget Representative - Donald Zelaya and George Ortega
  - j. City Attorney - Christian Rubalcava
  - k. D.W.P. - George Ortega
  - l. Homelessness - Ann Job.
  - m. Planning - Cheri Blose (Valley) and Guadalupe Montano (City Hall)
  - n. Public Safety - Diane Valencia
  - o. Public Works – Christian Rubalcava
  - p. Resilience – John Pacheco
  - q. Sustainability – Lucille Floresta
  - r. Transportation-Penny Mc Millan
  - s. Equestrian- Cheri Blose Make your horse count event will be on May 20, 2019.
  - t. Beautification- no liaison

7. Presentation by Olive View – UCLA Medical Center relating to preliminary plans for recuperative housing at the hospital. There will be a Community Meeting on the Saturday, March 23 2019, at Olive View Hospital. Representatives: Judith Maass, M.S.N., CEO, Alex Villarruz, COO and Alex Kopelowicz, Director Psychiatric Division representing Olive View UCLA and Erik Matos Health and Legislative Affairs Deputy for LA County Board of Supervisor Kathryn Barger. Ms. Maass: The new master plan was developed about three years ago. It stalled and is now being reintroduced. Proposed project is Restorative Care Units. Homelessness is enormous and is all over LA County. Solutions are not limited to one area. This Restorative Village will address the problem where it exists and provide care associated with this area to get the services they need to get out of being homeless. It is about care including medical and whatever else they need including treatment, outpatient medical and mental health disorders. Provides the care in the communities where it exists and provides for people who don't have access. On March 23, 2019 10:00AM to 12:00PM there will be a Community Meeting. All are invited where more in depth presentations and discussion will take place. They are challenged to meet this problem and will answer and walk through all that is being proposed. There are flyers on the back table. It will be held in the auditorium at the hospital.

General Questions/ Public Comment:

Stakeholder- I have been pushing the county to remove chairs that have wheels on them as they are not good for the handicapped. Thank you to UCLA. Staff is excellent. Care and services have improved 300%.

Diane: Regarding the plan from three years ago; what are the differences in this plan from three years ago? Erik Matos said the additions are the Restorative Care, Urgent Care, Residential Treatment program, Recuperative Care, Wellness Center. These are the additions. They will put the entire proposal in front of the community for input. They want this to be transparent so the community is involved. Restorative Care is a project that the LA County Board of Supervisors has been pushing for a long time. Similar projects are at other hospitals in L.A. County and not just at Olive View.

Ms. Job: If someone is in the hospital and released with no-where to go will this be a place to go?

Mr. Matos: Yes.

Ms. Job: This community cares about fire stations. A lot of what we wanted was a fire station up there. That's on our radar screen.

Mr. Matos: Will get into that further during the March 23 meeting. This is not only to serve homeless but also to serve residents. Levels of care will be shared at the meeting.

Mr. Dumont - Housing is healthcare. Regarding the money - might look to repurpose funds from the men's central jail. There is a 25% variance in the 3,800 beds. Is it cheaper in the long run to provide these services locally? Are healthier people in homelessness less of a threat?

Mr. Matos - BOS (Board of Supervisors) has identified funds through CHAPA and is committed to this project. In order to use the money, it has to be used by 2021 and serving patients. People go in and out of ERs needing additional care for acute issues where readmission costs taxpayers. This will get them into a sustainable level of care and back into the community. It decompresses our ERs with an alternative for caring for them.

Stakeholder Tom - Don't we have an Urgent Care? That building is being relocated closer to the ER and will help with safety and security.

Mr. Matos - It will be bigger and open 24/7.

Stakeholder - Since the property is in City, what is process?

Mr. Matos - The EIR process will be discussed at the March 23 meeting.

Liliana Sanchez -Sunland-Tujunga is within the 7th district and is a neighboring community. Will these restorative villages serve the surrounding communities?

Mr. Matos - Yes.

Stakeholder - Appreciates the effort of people coming out. Anytime there's something new there's a stressor. As people are discharged is there a commitment. We want to have that reassurance. They will be residing there? Many have potential to start fires.

Ms. Maass -The Case Management, Discharge Planning will be to identify where Patient X will be discharged and this will be on a daily basis. It is reviewed every day with the team. That's a commitment with the hospital. This is the next phase of taking care of this population. We live in the shadows because there's no funding or political will to take care of these patients. We are in this next phase to take care of the patients. Commitment is to take care and to manage through the continuum, not to take care and release only.

Stakeholder - Sees mental problems in people and how can we get them for treatment.

Ms. Maass - They are already coming to the hospital. Once they do come in there will be a place for them and a place for them to go. They will be seen as clients. Discharge placement is a critical part of this project. They have outreach teams that consist of counselors, clinicians and develop a relationship with people. Over time they are successful in coming into the system.

Stakeholder - For those who want help is there a number to call so that they may get picked up?

Ms. Maass - Yes, there will be transportation services. There's an Access call line. They will look at the potential for additional bus stations.

There will be a county wide messaging campaign, with coordinated entry system. The presenters wanted to come to Sylmar NC first.

Stakeholder - Will Housing for Health be involved?

Ms. Maass - Yes. Housing for Health will be involved. They will be linked to continue their new health programs.

Stakeholder - Background Plot Plan

Ms. Maass - Yes, there will be renderings of this project as it relates to the master plan.

Ms. Blöse - Olive View sits right by all the trails. Concerned how this will enhance the trails.

Nina Royal – Spoke about the surgeries she had at Olive View that saved her life.

Mr. Matos - This project is really to serve the community regardless of financial status.

Stakeholder - Neighborhood Watch sees transients involved in programs and they are on the streets. How will this deal with individuals who drop out of the program.

Mr. Matos - Discharge coordination and case working will still be going on. LAPD has been briefed on this and they are supportive of the project and ensuring people are on board with this project. There will be more opportunity to go into more detail on how it will be implemented at the community meeting on 3/23.

### **Short break (5 min) due to technical difficulties**

8. Discussion and Possible Action relating to 12667 San Fernando Road – Meta Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Development consisting of 56 total units: 53 studios and 3 1-bedroom units of which 1 is a managers unit; 44 are for homeless; and, 11 are for low income. Support services provided by LA Family Housing, are provided to help residents maintain housing and to become more productive members of the community, services including case management are onsite Project amenities include; 55 bike parking room; 27 parking spaces; open central courtyard; support service offices; community and computer rooms; secured vehicle and pedestrian entry; and, on-site property manager. Meta Housing held a number of community meetings. The project does not anticipate any variances or code modifications. PLUC recommends approval provided project elevations are consistent with Option B attached. Meta Housing Project Manager: Ara Kim - [akim@metahousing.com](mailto:akim@metahousing.com) Peter Postlmayr introduced the project: Project has come before the Planning and Land Use Committee a number of times and held meetings regarding this project at the Library, the PLU Committee. They have a similar project on San Fernando Rd and it is completed and fully occupied. It is PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing), an apartment building with supportive services. Chris Mathers - Exec with Meta Housing. Have done a number of presentations and through a mix of those and door knocking met with 150 community members. They are grateful for the feedback and time. Feedback is extremely important and led to significantly improved project. For those they haven't met, the project team is present and will walk through the project and hope for support. There are many local partners, LAFH, Pacoima Beautiful dedicated to health and sustainability, Y&M Architects, a local Sylmar resident and working with the City of Los Angeles. They are very much interested in being good neighbors. Photos of completed projects were shown. Ada Kim, Development Lead discussed context - CA has housing cost and highest poverty rates. LA County has highest poverty in all of CA. Renter incomes are decreasing. 400 million people living on a financial edge. Number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time is because of high rents. About 4,500 people are rent burdened. They pay more than 80% of their income in rent. They are stretched for food, transportation and healthcare. The foreclosure crisis is also at issue. Housing is not secure for homeless. 400 people are experiencing 1 homeless in Sylmar. There are over 1,000 homeless in CD7. Spa 2 has over 5,000. There really is a need for affordable housing for people homeless. Supporting the homeless saves the taxpayers. They spend less time in the hospital. Research shows that 1.20 saved for every dollar spent. Project will be located on Polk and San Fernando and is a vacant site, in between a Motel and Auto Repair business. It is close to Metrolink bus stops nearby that lead to grocery and other shopping. They are able to fit 56 units. One for manager -- 45 will be for previous homeless, rest for low income tenants. It is important that the building be well maintained. This project is critical for the neighborhood. There will be a full time manager, a maintenance management, a regional supervisor, and regular maintenance for the interior and

exterior. There will be graffiti cleanup, Security, and a preventive maintenance schedule. John Stewart Company is the property management company will be provided 24/7. Los Angeles Family and Housing Services - Daniel Huynh, VP Real Estate - LAFH has been around 35 years. They have served 7,200 people. The homeless crisis is real. PSH is a good solution. LAFH is happy to partner with Meta Housing. There will be good property management to provide good services. This site will have social workers MSWs to work with the tenants who will be executing leases and paying rent, individual service plans to take to the doctor, mental health care, employment, and education services. Serve the specific prospective tenants. We have held 6-7 meetings with the community. How do they lease and make sure individuals benefit? Through CES - County has a database in which they intake people homeless and find out those with the most need and pair them with housing. Some units are for low income and go through outreach marketing to local churches and applications are going to be accepted and others go through a lottery system. LAFH is an Affordable Housing (AH) developer. The Fiesta Apts. leased in one day. It took six months in advance to get individuals off the streets. Made sure they got paperwork ready. In Fiesta they came from encampments in the vicinity. 80% of the people were local to the units and because of the case workers heard concerns about whether housing was going to benefit LA County residents or those within Sylmar. The presentation had statistics that homeless people lived in the area for more than 20 years. We needed an architect that listens. Manuel Salazar at Y&M Architects - has dedicated 20 years of his career to Affordable Housing (AH). They've figured out a formula that works. He is a 17 year resident of Sylmar and it is his home and this project is important for community outreach. They are making sure to put together a design that works. Parking - make sure to provide for the residents and it will be covered. First level is within the property and within a closed space. Entry has a main lobby with lots of glass and community space. There will be bike parking. Interior spaces photo were shown of actual projects. Spaces need to be aesthetically pleasing. This is housing for homeless for non-auto residents as well. There will be a tech room, computer center and have access to computers. The lobby design has windows and opens up to the sunlight. Strive to exceed the minimum. The project requires 20 vehicle parking spaces, they will be providing 27 spaces. Above the parking there are three levels of apartments. The apartments will be surrounded by an open air courtyard. There will be plenty of landscaping. The space will be inviting and something the residents come to. Service providers centrally located to the residents. Landscaping -all of the plants will be CA native drought tolerant. There will be an efficient drip irrigation system so that there will be no water waste. The apartments are designed with warm materials, not cold. Look at the flooring it is light, there are also plenty of windows. Psychology of being in a dark space is prevalent and this will be a space with natural light. Handicap access will be 100% adaptable and start with 10% of units as Handicapped. Amenities: laundry on all floors, 3rd floor sky deck that looks over San Fernando. Behind are people's homes. This is a 3 story structure and they didn't want it overwhelming so they tiered and terraced it down. On the front of San Fernando it is up, but as you go back you get to a two story structure. Being a good neighbor and maximize how the space is used important. The designs are sensitive to the space overall and will be making the space green for the courtyard and the ground level. For people who have pets, there's a dog park. Trying to be sensitive to who's going to live there and responsive to their needs. Design always starts with a process. Started with three designs and have developed to what they are now. First design started as an industrial building and no one liked it. A later design was presented to make the project look more like a home. Introduced warm colors, brick and large windows and landscaping. Olive colors. From the rear making sure the aesthetic carries through. Guidelines for Sylmar made sure to address. Design is sensitive to height, drought, exterior equipment will

not be visible. It has been a collaborative effort. Ada Kim - Status: Right now at community engagement. We are wrapping up the design. Next we will work on getting the financing. We are hoping to start construction by Jan. 2020 and complete construction by August 2021. The last thing to work on is to having all of the paperwork ready. Mr. Postlmayr - Planning & Land Use Committee recommends the Sylmar NC approves draft support letter. There will be 56 units consisting of 53 studios, 3 -1 bedroom units (one for the manager); 45 homeless, 10 low income.

#### Q&A:

Stakeholder -Will there be a buffer and gray water recycling?

Mr. Salazar - Yes. Building is set back 15 ft. from property line. In addition there's an open space 50 ft. wide. Have 65 ft. buffer to someone's home.

John G -Is a new resident to Sylmar, works for City of L.A., commented that the reality of these housing units are that there are a lot of criminals. Biggest problems are burglary. A lot of it is transient whether they are housed or not. It is hard to break those habits. Security cannot take action. It is big business. City of Sylmar has Olive View to worry about. You cannot legally put someone into a car and send them. You can't sugar coat this. Do research. First responders should come out and give reality. Motels and Hotels are getting LA Housing funding. This doesn't benefit. Homeless are demanding of businesses. Santa Clarita police can take action but LAPD can't. He doesn't want property values to go down. He says Monica Rodriguez wants to dump transient housing here. We have the bullet train to worry about. We already have low income housing. Councilmember Ryu was fought off by the Sherman Oaks residents but Sylmar gets more. It is always homeless housing and we have to fight it off. Do your research.

Tom - Is neutral about the project. Architect made significant changes. We have to look at Perception vs. Reality. There's a lot of perception that Sylmar is being dumped on. Juvenile Hall people walked out without permission. There are 1,000 now. It appears we are getting more than our fair share. Support is needed in general. We need these things. May not be the reality. He would like to see list of all projects in CD7 on the books. Is Sylmar getting 1/8 or 1/2 of these types of projects to see if we are getting equal share. Can we please get corrective information otherwise the perception becomes fact. Need global list from Councilmember.

Ms. Blose - Is a property supervisor, had low-moderate income property and most recently the apt. building across from Olive View. She recently finished program and 60% is of those housed are gone. Now no more low income in the building she managed. Rents can now be market rate. These are families that can't afford the normal rents out there. People who moved in want to stay in their home. They live on Social Security, a fixed income. Our community just lost a huge percentage of affordable housing. We need to also know what affordable housing units like this we are losing.

Ms. Underwood - Asked about the parking. 27 parking spaces is not a lot. Will there be overflow parking? What about storage of vehicles? Vehicles must be currently registered and legal.

Mr. Salazar responded that the less parking is justified by the use. Less than 25% of the residents will have vehicles. He also stated that the units will be non- smoking units. There will be a smoking area. Local transitional facility referrals will have to go through HUD specific rules. Outreach has to be open

and transparent and it has to be a lottery system and has to be approved by the LAHD. Church advertising, PennySaver are their outreach tools. City approves the plan in advance. Units designated as PSH goes through CES with the County. Meta Housing also does a lot of outreach to get people ready to apply.

Kathy - Agrees need for statistics with respect to this type of facility. Does Councilwoman Rodriguez have this type of data?

Felicia Orozco and Juan Solorio with Councilwoman Rodriguez s' office- Homelessness crosses a variety of subject areas. Something she focuses on. There's a perception that Sylmar is getting dumped on. 3 PSH in pipeline - 1 in Sylmar – Metamorphose (40 units) and one in Lake View Terrace (48 units). The difference is the process. In CD7 we do not have city owned properties developable for PSH. All are driven by the market. That is what dictates where. There is a lot of state legislation. The ability to use a Letter of Acknowledgement to leverage HHH bonds was taken away by the state. These projects are allowed if in zoned areas. All have been great partners, meeting with the community. Have been at the table of what the community wants to see. She's there to hear from the community itself.

Kathy was trying to get to the equitability. Sylmar will have total of 93.

Felicia Orozco - PSH existed before HHH. Every CD has PSH. CD7 is not in the lead. Of the PSH CD2 has 51 PSH units; CD3 has 13; CD6 91; CD7 has close to 150. United Way has a PSH tracker, existing and in the queue (CD 13-271; CD 14 - 423).

Ms. Grubert doesn't feel prepared to vote.

Ms. Valencia - Agrees that equity is an issue. It is in CD7 and what are we shouldering across the district. There is one project. The others we already have (predated) doesn't count. Doesn't mean the project doesn't exist. For CD7 what does that look like?

Felicia Orozco - We cannot dictate where a project can or can't be built if it fits the zoning. There are incentives that the City is considering. We have to look at the overall picture. Sylmar Armory will allow additional public safety.

C. Rubalcava said to focus on if we support the letter. Meta Housing has done a lot of outreach. This has been talked about and Peter's points of supporting the project.

Mr. Dumont - Voters voted the H initiative. PSH takes care of the neighborhood. Do not be discouraged by NIMBYs that have invaded our Neighborhood Council.

Ms. Job - Thanked presenters. It is not appropriate to divide the community. People who don't share my position have a right to disagree with me. Applaud you for doing what you're doing and don't want us divided against each other.

David - Took a poll gauging the feeling and in 24 hours, 80% opposed this type of housing in Sylmar.

Stakeholder - saw the survey with 90 responses. 80% that answered were against but that comes out to .008% of the total population.

Stakeholder - How many people per unit? Some families need homeless. Where is there help for people who are not homeless, but struggling? Why do they have to be homeless first? Housing situation should be able to help people get housing, not being homeless first. These units are not for families.

Ada Kim - Family Housing is needed. Homeless individuals are the highest population.

Tom - Interested in the adjacent property for additional parking. Did reach out and they said no. The cost per unit is \$400,000. The total cost will be 24 million

Stakeholder - We already have the Armory it is important that Sylmar residents vote on this.

Stakeholder - We don't get to choose. Most of the homeless are from our community. As far as crime, the homeless are outdoors and they are constantly in survival mode. They're traumatized.

Mr. C. Rubalcava moved the meeting to Item 9 for the presentation to take a break.

#### 9. MEET AND GREET 8:56 PM

Meeting was called to order at: 9:06PM. Mr. C. Rubalcava took a physical count and 13 Boardmembers were in attendance. No verbal roll call was taken.

#### **Mr. C. Rubalcava returned the meeting to Item 8.**

Stakeholder - when you are homeless you are in survival mode. Homeless are in trauma. Who are we to say who gets housing and who doesn't? These are our neighbors. We should be thinking about how it benefits the homeless, not ourselves. Don't complain about how it will affect our home values. Have compassion.

Stakeholder - Understands there's a crisis. Doesn't understand there is no way to be sure the people are from Sylmar. Will our Sylmar homeless get housing? I want to make sure we take care of people from Sylmar. She cares about property because she pays taxes.

Ms. Kim - a lot of Federal and State laws restrict to only place Sylmar people in the building. As much as we'd like to say all Sylmar people can live here they will do as much possible to get Sylmar homeless placed. LAFH can help with the outreach in this partnership.

Stakeholder Jonathan, Sylmar resident - does homeless outreach in the area. He works with Democratic Socialist America and LACAN. The Camp on Bradley has been in Sylmar three times longer than him. They are close by because they have family in Sylmar. To think crime will go up because of putting in homeless housing is mind-blowing. If this project moves forward you have people willing to do the outreach and get Sylmar homeless housed.

Ms. Kim - Block Captain reports that crime has not gone up. The new building has contributed positively to the area.

Stakeholder - We try to work to build permanent treatment facilities so there are things that can be done. Property values won't drop unless there's an earthquake.

Stakeholder Les - Is sick and tired of being sick and tired. People want to know answers. Statistics were given but questions were not answered. He expects out of the Council District office is a commitment to get the information. To tell us that we can go online and search for it is not acceptable. We don't know where to start or what to do with it. We don't have the ability to get it out to the public. There are good questions and he supports the project because it is good for people. Humanity is what counts. We need the Council office help. He asks that CD7 commits itself to find out the answers by people who he opposes because their questions are legitimate. We have a division produced by a lack of information. Understand that your job is to serve the people. He knows it is hard because they serve Monica. Please return with that kind of information and communicate it publicly.

The president announced that anyone who signed the sign- up sheet will receive the statistics being requested.

Stakeholder -SFV NAACP serves the entire SFV. Understands people's concerns, the reality is why are we here. Why is homeless so prevalent, because of capitalism and greed. People are raising rents. Human lives have to take priority over money.

Stakeholder - This is not charity. This is government getting involved in producing housing. This isn't charity. Housing isn't a right. You are not entitled to someone else's labor. Majority of homeless are from here. Finds that if homeless are on the street and they have family here, why are they on the street. Capitalism is not the cause.

#### **Ms. Montano left the meeting at 8:56PM**

Bonnie Bernard - Did any one read the letter? It is not about whether they can build the homes. The letter is simply asking to support the project with conditions. The only issue is the parking and the land use and zoning designation. It is not about whether it is going to go through. It is a by right project. What happened tonight was horrible. We don't need a board member terrorizing stakeholders. We vote board members, not appoint by the board. It is not about the numbers of units. It is about all of it. Is Sylmar being treated differently than Mission Hills? We don't have a second fire station. Homeless are causing fires in my area.

Reminder from Mr. C. Rubalcava- This motion is about approving the letter.

Mr. C. Rubalcava did a Straw Poll of the audience of Sylmar residents, followed by a Straw Poll of the whole audience.

An attempt to amend the motion was declined as the roll call already underway.

<b>SNC ITEM 8 Motion to support the letter for the Meta Housing project. Moved: Postlmayr Second: Blose</b>				
<b>Yes – 11</b>	<b>No –01</b>	<b>Abstain–02</b>	<b>Not Eligible –00</b>	<b>Absent – 06</b>
<b>Bloom, Blose, Dumont, Floresta, Grubert, Job, Opperman, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Zelaya</b>	<b>Gonzales</b>	<b>Underwood, Valencia</b>	None	<b>Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Montano, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva</b>

**Mr. C. Rubalcava made a motion to postpone the rest of the Items. There was no second.**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS **ITEM Postponed**

11. Motion of Reconsideration by Christian Rubalcava on Item 18 of the January 24th, 2019 agenda. This item is related to the purchase of specialized “No Trespassing” signs for areas bordering brush in Sylmar. A motion of reconsideration requires a majority vote of the board and allows the board to continue discussions. The maker of the motion requests a limitation of \$1750 consistent with Article 9A of the SNC Bylaws. **Item Postponed**

12. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$1750 from Community Improvement Projects for specialized “No Trespassing” signage to be purchased and posted in Stetson Ranch and other areas bordering brush in Sylmar, within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. **Item Postponed**

13. Discussion and possible action on reallocating \$1750 from Outreach (Public Safety) and moving it into Community Improvement Projects. **Item Postponed**

**Paul Dumont left the meeting at 9:30PM.**

14. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$750 from Outreach (Public Safety) for SNC activities in collaboration with the LAFD, including Station 91’s 2019 Fire Service Day community event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May, Fire Station Open house

Public comment: no comment

<b>SNC ITEM 14 Motion to approve up to \$750.00 for Station 91’s Fire Service Day Moved: Underwood Second: Blose</b>				
<b>Yes – 13</b>	<b>No –00</b>	<b>Abstain–00</b>	<b>Not Eligible –00</b>	<b>Absent – 07</b>
<b>Bloom, Blose, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Job, Opperman, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	<b>Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Montano, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva</b>

15. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$4500 from Outreach (Make Your Horse Count) for the annual Make Your Horse Count scheduled in May. The objective of this event is to raise awareness about properly registering and microchipping horses in Sylmar.

The money for this event will be paying for generators, portable toilets, sound system, tents, stick horses and hats for the kids. The City of Los Angeles does not recognize horses unless they are licensed. The event will be May 19, 2019 at Stetson Ranch.

Public comment: Stakeholder Tom -mentioned that horses need to be counted otherwise it could affect zoning. We need to maintain our rural community.

Marti Marshall- Are the people who attend involved in our community? Where are they?

Stakeholder- What is the impact of equestrian property on the overall value of homes in Sylmar? It does increase property values.

<b>SNC ITEM 15 Motion to approve up to \$4,500.00 for Make Your Horse Count Moved: Blose Second: Valencia</b>				
<b>Yes – 13</b>	<b>No –00</b>	<b>Abstain–00</b>	<b>Not Eligible –00</b>	<b>Absent – 07</b>
<b>Bloom, Blose, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Job, Opperman, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	<b>Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Montano, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva</b>

Mr. C. Rubalcava moved the meeting to Item 22.

22. Discussion and possible action on approving the January Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Public comment: no comment

<b>SNC ITEM 22 Moved: Motion to approve the January MER Moved: Job Second: Ortega</b>				
<b>Yes – 13</b>	<b>No –00</b>	<b>Abstain–00</b>	<b>Not Eligible –00</b>	<b>Absent – 07</b>
<b>Bloom, Blose, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Job, Opperman, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	<b>Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Montano, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva</b>

Mr. C. Rubalcava returned the meeting to Item 16.

16. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Tia Chucha Centro Cultural Anniversary Celebration. This event will take place in front of the Tia Chucha Bookstore located at 13197 Gladstone Ave. This is a public event, scheduled for March 23, 2019. Ms. San Vicente- gave a background on the organization and the event. They provide classes, open mic nights and services related to the arts. The funds will be used to help artists it helps to pay for a sound system and stage. The NPG has not been submitted yet

Public comment: Marti Marshall- Has this gone to the Budget Committee. Bonnie Bernard- Follow the Bylaws take this through the proper process. You are setting precedent.

Mr. C. Rubalcava mentioned the same thing happened at the last meeting.

**Motion was withdrawn**

17. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from Outreach (Homeless) for Homeless Connect Day in Sylmar. The SNC would provide a light breakfast for over 150 people and assist at the check in table, for the event. The event will take place on March 23, 2019 at El Cariso Park. (The date may need to be corrected to March 21, 2018) The light breakfast will be coffee, cookies, pastries, and fruit. Lunch will be provided by Councilwoman Rodriguez.

Public comment: Bonnie Bernard- Supports it

<b>SNC ITEM 17 Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for Homeless Connect Day Moved: Job Second: Zelaya</b>				
<b>Yes – 13</b>	<b>No –00</b>	<b>Abstain–00</b>	<b>Not Eligible –00</b>	<b>Absent – 07</b>
<b>Bloom, Blose, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Job, Opperman, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	<b>Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Montano, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva</b>

18. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$6000 from Elections for the SNC elections scheduled for April 27th, 2019. This budget request primarily will support voting day activities and voting day outreach.

Public Comment: Stakeholder Tom- is questioning the 1,000 lunches to be provided by a food truck at the election. Is the number of lunches too high? He feels that it feels like bribing people to vote.

Item Postponed

19. Discussion and possible action on reallocating \$6000 from Outreach and moving it into Elections. \$4000 would come from the Homeless committee and \$2000 would come from the Emergency Preparedness Committee. **Item Postponed**

20. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$250 for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council’s 16th Anniversary Celebration. This event will take place on March 14th at CBS Studios in Studio City. **Item Postponed**

21. Discussion and possible action on reallocating \$250 from Operations and moving it into Neighborhood Purpose Grants. **Item Postponed**

23. Board Member Comments/Announcements: No comments

24. Future Agenda Items **Item Postponed**

25. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment (1 minute) Mr. C. Rubalcava will poll the Boardmembers for a Special Meeting date.

<b>SNC ITEM 25 Motion to adjourn Moved: C. Rubalcava Second: Ortega 10:06PM</b>				
<b>Yes – 13</b>	<b>No –00</b>	<b>Abstain–00</b>	<b>Not Eligible –00</b>	<b>Absent – 07</b>
<b>Bloom, Blose, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Job, Opperman, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	<b>Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Montano, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, Silva</b>

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