

Sylmar Neighborhood Council
Outreach Committee Meeting
July 14, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Hiral Bhakta, co chairperson.
2. Self introductions were made. Those present were Hiral Bhakta, Erlin Arellano, Ricardo Ramirez, Gene Gatmattan, Sara Delgadillo, Emilio Vazquez, and Sherry Lincoln.
3. Hiral made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ricardo seconded the motion. PASSED.
- 4a. Previously discussed-Sylmar Health Fair-lots of hits and misses; need more outreach, marketing.
Hiral moved that, as a recommendation, for the future, the Sylmar Neighborhood Council and YPI (Youth Partnership Institute)/Sylmar High School should work together on the health fair. Sherry seconded. Discussion. PASSED.
- 4b. A 1 day workshop for Sylmar stakeholders, to discuss problems in Sylmar was proposed: to deal with such things as water, unemployment, and the Susan B. Anthony building, etc.
- 4c. Hansen Dam Family Event, July 4th weekend-Sylmar Neighborhood council was not listed as involved; the event committee did not prepare for SNC to be there, preventing outreach. Erlin collected materials from many of the group booths. We provided the money for the insurance-why weren't they expecting us? Who was the contact?
Debriefing-the lake was very messy. One positive- although the weather was hot, it was a fun event. Good networking.
5. SNC board meeting stakeholder attendance was addressed. Emilio-theory-language barrier, need a spanish forum. Sara-resources need to be explained to stakeholders. Ricardo-flyers need to be easily understood and bilingual. Sherry-daytime weekend meetings with babysitting provided. Gene-must be issues that concern the residents. Sara-planned meeting to develop community youth activism. Sherry-mentioned the former 20/30 club and other clubs in the area. We plan to continue to discuss these matters.
6. Communication improvement-Sherry showed several other Neighborhood Council publications. Consider using Pennysaver, Smart Shopper, etc.
7. See numbers 5-6 above.
8. Invite Wendy Gruel and City Year to speak at future meeting, perhaps August. Promote on the internet site.
National Night out is August 4th.
October, town hall.
9. Next meeting is August 11th at 6:30 p.m.
10. Meeting closed by consensus at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Felice Lincoln