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Minutes (to be approved) of the
SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SNC)
Joint Outreach and Public Services Committees Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Sylmar Recreation Center, Children's Room, 13109 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

1. Call to Order and self-introductions of Stakeholders and Committee Members.

Outreach Committee Co-Chair Jeanne Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Outreach Committee Members present: Board Members Jeanne Rowe, Esteban Tabarez and Ricardo Benitez. Public Services Committee Members present: none at this moment. Public Services Committee Co-Chair Guillermo Reyes arrived later. Committees' Members absent: Don Neal and Enrique Segura.

Also attending: 12 Stakeholders and Guests. A quorum is five, consisting of two Board Members and three Stakeholders, so the Committees could make Motions and take binding votes.

Nick Krall announced that the SNC Town Hall Meeting will be September 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Olive View Hospital Auditorium.

2. Adoption of Minutes from August 10th, 2010. (Outreach and Public Services.)

Mr. Reyes arrived at this time.

MOTION (by Mr. Reyes, seconded by Mr. Tabarez): to approve the Minutes of the SNC Joint Outreach and Public Services Committees August 10, 2010 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a unanimous hand vote.

Discussion: new information on previously discussed Agenda items. (Outreach and Public Services.)

A. Enrique Segura – Report on Sylmar News Flyers.

Mr. Segura was not present and there was no report.

B. Esteban Tabarez – Report on Pens

Mr. Tabarez said that the pens should arrive in around three to four weeks.

C. Jeanne Rowe – November 18th Race for Youth Committee / Volunteers.

Ms. Rowe announced a Race for Youth organizing meeting Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Millie's Restaurant.

D. Ricardo Benitez – Spread the word regarding Clean Up Sylmar, including your own yard and parkways, share with your neighbors.

Mr. Benitez encouraged cleaning up yards and parkways, and invited Stakeholders to visit the SNC booth at the Farmer's Market co-sponsored by the SNC and L.A. Mission College at the College Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

3. **Discussion and possible action** to have Juan Diaz-Carreras and the DWP explain the Sylmar Ground Return Replacement Project. (Public Services.)

Juan Diaz-Carreras, Lead Supervising Environmental Scientist for MWH Americas, Inc., on behalf of the LADWP, distributed a "Sylmar Ground Return System Replacement Project Fact Sheet" and Project maps showing both the entire and Sylmar-only part of the Project, which he described. It "ensures the reliability of the power system . . . [that was installed] in the 60's [and] needs to be replaced . . . It is an overhead line in this area . . . It's going to look essentially the same as today . . . [They'll] have to close some roads [and] lanes during the Project." They're "doing a full traffic study . . . [Construction will begin] in 2012 . . . The [SNC] will receive a document . . . Comment is welcome . . . [The Environmental Impact Report] will include all the studies." He encouraged contacting him and "any comments you provide will be taken into account." The DWP's Mark Fleming added that "there're not going to be any street closures [in Sylmar] . . . It's not going to have any impact on public roads . . . The 5 Freeway might be closed for one night from midnight to 4:00 a.m."

4. **Discussion and possible action** [see below Motion]. (Outreach)

MOTION (by Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Tabarez): The SNC Outreach and Public Services Committees recommend that the SNC Board write a letter to State 39th District Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes requesting landscaping and planting along the 210 Freeway from Roxford Street to the 118 Freeway interchange.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

5. **Discussion and possible action** [see below Motion]. (Outreach)

Evan Nakamura, Coordinator, Sylmar Recreation Center (818-367-5656; Evan.Nakamura@LACity.org) introduced himself and described the Halloween Carnival, which "serves 300-500 people . . . in one day . . . Volunteers are needed . . . It's a big event . . . Teens . . . help out." Mr. Reyes was concerned that many adults take candy, too; "it's not right." Ms. Rowe encouraged Mr. Nakamura for the Recreation Center to also seek funding from local businesses.

MOTION (by Mr. Tabarez, seconded by Mr. Benitez): The SNC Outreach and Public Services Committees recommend that the SNC Board support the Sylmar Recreation Center's annual Halloween Trick or Treat City in an amount up to \$250.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

6. **Discussion and possible action** [see below Motion]. (Outreach)

Mr. Tabarez explained that the Resource Fair would include blood, blood pressure and diabetes testing. He and Hector Cabrera will organize the Fair, with the date to be determined. "Other non-profits are willing to participate." Volunteers are needed.

MOTION (by Mr. Tabarez, seconded by Mr. Benitez): The SNC Outreach and Public Services Committees recommend that the SNC Board appoint a Resource Fair Committee with Esteban Tabarez and Hector Cabrera as Co-Chairs.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

Mr. Tabarez will request that it be Agendized for and present it to the full SNC Board. The Fair date may be Sunday, January 30, 2011.

7. **Discussion** of January 29, 2011 Meet and Greet Presentation by Esteban Tabarez (Outreach)

Mr. Tabarez described that the event would include music and food and "this would be the beginning of a Resource Fair." He's working with the Sylmar Neighborhood Partnership, the Youth Club, the Optimists and others.

MOTION (by Mr. Tabarez, seconded by Mr. Benitez): The SNC Outreach and Public Services Committees recommend that the SNC Board sponsor a Meet and Greet event on January 29, 2011 at either El Cariso Park or Sylmar Recreation Center.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

8. **Discussion and possible action** to support the Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley for the "Teens Take Action" program with a "Teen Visionaries Summit" in an amount not exceed \$1,000.00. Presentation by Nicole Chase (Outreach). Ms. Chase did not attend and no action was taken.

9. **Comments and requests for future Agenda items** from Committee members or Stakeholders.

Mr. Tabarez introduced Stakeholders Robert Rubio (Pacoima NC Board Member) and Franklin Montiel (Arleta High School Dean of Discipline) (818-686-4107; FGM2040@lausd.net). They described the Adelante Hombre Latino Summit. Mr. Montiel described that the event is in its 17th year and is for any youth, not only public school. It will be held October 23rd at Panorama High School, which will

charge money for the space. Transportation for some youth will also cost money. There's "no limitation" on how many Sylmar attendees there can be and there's "no cost to the students . . . The goal is to have it in each community" in different years and it got "close to 500 attendees" last year.

MOTION (by Mr. Reyes, seconded by Mr. Tabarez): The SNC Outreach and Public Services Committees recommend that the SNC Board support the Adelante Hombre Latino Summit on October 23, 2010 at Panorama High School in an amount not to exceed \$500.

DISCUSSION: The SNC logo would be on all event materials and a booth and banner space will be available. Mr. Montiel would report on how many Sylmar students attend.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

Ms. Rowe noted Stakeholder requests for Charter School Meeting information and encouraged checking the www.SylmarNC.org website for more information. Mr. Benitez said that, at the Charter School Meeting, most attendees were "opposed to the Charter School [proposed] location," not the School itself.

Paul Landavazo, Acting Director, Sylmar Recreation Center (818-367-5656; Paul.Landavazo@LACity.org), introduced himself and announced the following Recreation Center events: a September 18th oil and electronic waste recycling collection; a September 23rd 10:00 – 12:00 Girl Scout drive; a September 27th 12:00 – 4:00 Job Fair for teens; and an October 6th Smoking Cessation Meeting. He's interested to start a "Movies in the Park" program. They need the screen, which typically costs \$2,000 - \$10,000 depending upon the setup; City Council District Seven would supply the projector. The event(s) can be inside or outside.

10. Set next meeting date and adjournment

The next SNC Joint Outreach and Public Services Committees Meeting will be held on the usual second Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sylmar Recreation Center, Children's Room, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar.

Ms. Rowe **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without any objections at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.