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**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SNC)**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 9:05 p.m.**

**Sylmar High School (Spartan Hall) 13050 Borden Ave., Sylmar CA 91342**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. The Agenda is posted for public review at: 1) Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342; 2) Sylmar City Library, 14561 Polk St., Sylmar, CA 91342; 3) Mission College, Office of the President posting location, 13356 Eldridge St., Sylmar, CA 91342; 4) Ross Liquor, 12643 San Fernando Rd., Sylmar, CA 91342; 5) Roxford Veterinarian Clinic, 13571 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, Ca 91342; and 6) Sylmar Neighborhood Council Office, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, Ca. 91342. As a courtesy and as time permits Agendas may be emailed to Stakeholders if requested and may be found on the SNC website at [www.SylmarNC.org](http://www.SylmarNC.org).

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6:30-6:32 p.m. **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** (2)

6:32-6:35 p.m. **2. Roll Call.** (3)

6:35-6:40 p.m. **3. Approval of Minutes** of the February 23, 2012 General Board Meeting. (5)

6:40-6:42 p.m. **4. Housekeeping, Stakeholder comments, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper.** (2)

6:42-6:45 p.m. **5. Welcome and Introduction by Board Meeting Host.** (3)

6:45-6:55 p.m. **6. Public Officials, Community Representatives and Board Member announcements and presentations.** (10)

6:55-7:05 p.m. **7. Public Comments.** Comments from the public on non-Agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. (10)

7:05-7:23 p.m. **8. Reports.** – Two minutes each by Chair(s) (18) {Please submit all reports in writing to the Secretary or VP of Admin. within 10 days after the BOD meeting};

Secretary – David Levin

Treasurer – Randall Kelly

Land Use – George Ortega and Roy Smith

Outreach – Jeanne Rowe and Don Neal

Election – Martin Laufer

Public Safety and Services – Chris Shows

Green - Rosemary Jenkins

Equestrian – Cheri Blose and Ricardo Benitez

Bylaws - Quyen Vo-Ramirez

Additional Reports - Requested by the President

**Unfinished Business**

7:23-7:28 p.m. **9. Report and discussion on possible action** to fill vacant seats on the SNC Board of Directors (Industrial Rep.; Renter Rep. and Retail Rep.) (5)

7:28-7:33 p.m. **10. Presentation** of California High-Speed Rail Project update by consultant. (5)

**New Business**

7:33-7:43 p.m. **11. Special presentation and recognition of Fire Station 91, Captain Kennington of LAFD and State Assembly member Felipe Fuentes** for directing and assisting in the Fireman's Fund Grant, which gave the opportunity for the SNC to purchase Emergency Kits for the Community of Sylmar. (10)

7:43-7:53 p.m. **12. Presentation and report** on preliminary findings on the Sylmar bus trail connectivity Transit Survey by California State University of Northridge Transportation Team. Discussion on potential positive impact to community of extension of hours and bus service to Sylmar. Presentation by Bart Reed or Sonja Tristan of CSUN Transportation TIGER Team. (10)

7:53-8:03 p.m. **13. Discussion and possible action** to support Los Angeles Mission College's "Springfest" Wine & Food Festival on Saturday, May 12, 2012, not to exceed \$500 for food, event supplies, and banners, with the stipulation that the SNC be allowed to set up an Outreach booth and SNC banners. (10)

**Recess:** 8:03-8:13 p.m.

8:13-8:23 p.m. **14. Discussion and possible action** to support the following recommendations by the SNC Land Use Committee: **Approve 13570 Eldridge Avenue** Conditional Use Permit to install a new wireless telecommunications facility in the form of a flagpole, 50' in height, with equipment in a block wall enclosure. (10)

8:23-8:33 p.m. **15. Discussion and possible action** to rename the Public Safety and Services Committee to the Government Affairs and Services Committee, maintaining Committee membership with Chris Shows as the Chair. (10)

8:33-8:38 p.m. **15. Discussion and possible action** to approve SNC purchasing card expenditures for January and February 2012. Presentation by Randall Kelly, SNC Treasurer. (5)

8:38-8:41 p.m. **16. Appointments of Committee Chairs by the President** (3)

8:41-8:51 p.m. **17. Board Member Comments** - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (10)

8:51-8:53 p.m. **18. Future Agenda Items, next Meeting date** - Please submit in writing to the Executive Board. (2)  
The next General Board Meeting will be on April 26, 2012 at 6:30 at Church of the Foothills, 13425 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar.

8:53-8:55 p.m. **19. Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements and Adjournment.** (2)

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### **Grievance Procedure**

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted to the Secretary who will forward the grievance to the Board. The Board of Directors shall then refer the matter within fifteen calendar days to an ad hoc grievance panel. The ad hoc grievance panel will be comprised of five Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved within fifteen calendar days of forwarding the grievance to the panel.

Thereafter, a panel Member shall prepare a written report within three days to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors will receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations within ten (10) days prior to any meeting of the Board. But, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board Members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.

### **Bylaws Article VIII: Meetings**

Reconsidering of Agenda items: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the Agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall (1) make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the Agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. For a Board Member to submit a motion for reconsideration the Board Member must have previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then the Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

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Approved By: QV, HB, RK