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**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SNC)  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Thursday, May 23, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Sylmar Park Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342**

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 Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342; 4) Ross Liquor, 12643 San Fernando Rd., Sylmar, CA 91342, 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. Agendas may also 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. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper. (5)**
- 6:40-6:45 p.m. **4. Welcome and Introduction by Board Meeting Host. (5)**
- 6:45-6:50 p.m. **5. Approval of Minutes of the January & February General Board Meeting (5)**
- 6:50-7:05 p.m. **6. Public Officials, Community Representative's Announcements & Presentations. (15)**
- 7:05-7:10 p.m. **7. Board Member Community Announcements. (10)**
- 7:10-7:20 p.m. **8. Reports. Two minutes each by Committee Chair(s) (10)**  
Please submit all reports in writing to the Secretary or V.P. of Administration within 10 days after the Board Of Director's meeting. Additional Reports – As requested by the President.  
Secretary – David Levin  
Treasurer – Richard Perry  
Land Use – George Ortega and Roy Smith, Co-Chairs  
Outreach – Kristin Mills, Deidre Campbell-Jones and Diane Valencia, Co-Chairs  
Government Affairs, Public Safety & Services – Chris Shows, Chair  
Equestrian – Cheri Blose and Laurie Fadness, Co-Chairs  
Bylaws – Derek Martin, Chair.  
Education - Don Neal, Chair.
- 7:20-7:30 p.m. **9. Public Comment.** Comments from the public on non-Agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker. *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. This period is for comments from the public, on other matters not appearing on the Agenda, but is within the SNC Board's subject matter jurisdiction and purview.*

**Old Business**

- 7:30-7:35 p.m. **10. Discussion of SNC remaining budget and next year's SNC budget priorities of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. Presentation by Richard Perry, SNC Treasurer. Further discussion of revision of SNC By-Laws. (5)**

- 7:35-7:45 p.m. 11. Discussion and possible vote to write a letter of support for Assembly Bill AB5, the "Homeless Bill of Rights and Fairness Act". Under the bill, they could not be forced into shelters, but would have access to them. It also mandates that public bathrooms be available around the clock, and protects the "basic human right" to panhandle. They could sit, sleep, move about and engage in "life-sustaining activities that must be carried out in public spaces because of homelessness." Presentation by Eugene Hernandez. (10)
- New Business  
7:45-7:55 p.m. 12. Presentation on the 1971 Sylmar Tunnel Explosion in which 17 miners were killed, to support the development of a Memorial and/or a pocket park at the site on Maclay and Fenton. Ralph Brisette, the lone survivor, will be in attendance. (10)
- 7:50-7:55 p.m. 13. Presentation and possible vote to purchase walkie talkies for Sylmar NC outreach and community events (i.e. community clean ups, Olive Festival, Sylmar Parade, etc.) in an amount not to exceed \$200. (5)
- 7:55-8:00 p.m. 14. Discussion and possible vote to approve \$30 overage on the Relay for Life food costs. (5)
- 8:00-8:05 p.m. 15. Discussion and possible vote to purchase 2 picnic tables for Herrick Elementary sustainable garden/campus beautification project in an amount not to exceed \$400. (5)
- 8:05-8:10 p.m. 16. Discussion and possible vote to purchase additional Sylmar NC banners, purchase safety vests, and develop a Sylmar NC Seal for letterhead and outreach materials in an amount not to exceed \$500. (5)
- 8:10-8:15 p.m. 17. Discussion and possible vote to purchase additional Sylmar NC banners, purchase safety vests, and develop a Sylmar NC Seal for letterhead and outreach materials in an amount not to exceed \$500. (5)
- 8:15-8:20 p.m. 18. Discussion and possible vote to financially support the Sylmar Olive Festival in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for porta potties, hand washing sinks, 3 compartment sinks, permits fees, etc. (5)
- 8:20-8:25 p.m. 19. Appointments and/or vote to name new board members. Open seats: Community Based Organization (CBO) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Retail Representatives, Committee Chairs, and Sergeant at Arms (5)
- 8:25-8:35 p.m. 20. Board Member Comments - Comments from Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (10)
- 8:35-8:38 p.m. 21. Future Agenda Items, Meeting date - Write to Executive Board at [executiveboard@sylmarnc.org](mailto:executiveboard@sylmarnc.org), or mailed c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, Sylmar Recreation Center, Sylmar Park, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342. The next General Board meeting will be on June 27, 2013. Location TBA (3)
- 8:38-8:40 p.m. 22. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment. (2)

#### 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 Boards 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 (DONE) 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. Board and Committee Meeting Minutes are available on the SNC website [www.SylmarNC.org](http://www.SylmarNC.org) or in the Public Records Notebook in the SNC office located at 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar.*