

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Tammy Flores

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Administration: Diane Valencia

Communications: Maria Silva

TREASURER: Alex Guerrero

PUBLIC RELATIONS: David M. Rodriguez



P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-1023

Telephone: (818) 833-8737

E-mail: Board@SylmarNC.org

Website: www.SylmarNC.org

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – Minutes

July 28, 2016; 6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Sylmar High School – Spartan Hall, 13050 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

Sylmar Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes are a summary, not an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript of what was said at a Meeting. The only two exceptions are the Motions shown in italics and quotes shown with quotation marks (“ ”) at the beginning and ending of a word or words. The Minutes are not, nor were they ever meant to be, a comprehensive record of what was said about an issue or project.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Tammy Flores called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Housekeeping and Welcome.

Present were Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Tammy Flores, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia. Diana Rodriguez arrived late, at 6:50 p.m. Hector Cabrera was absent. Quorum was met.

3. Housekeeping: Sign-In Sheets and Welcome

Tammy Flores explained Speaker Cards in rear, Maria Silva was introduced as the Minutes Taker. David Rodriguez would be timekeeper.

4. Welcome and Announcements by Derek Martin. Derek welcomed all to Sylmar Charter High School for the first time.

5. Public Comment.

Senator Robert Hertzberg thanked Ann Job for her help in getting mass transit between LAMC and CSUN. When congress is back in session in September, Mr. Hertzberg will be working to get law passed to prevent Californians from losing their driver's license because of inability to pay fines, and will be working on the tax code. Steve List announced that the homeless shelter will be open year round. Patty Lopez' representative reports she is currently working on housing, education and cleanup issues. She invites all to contact her at her office. Toni King reported on the dead trees on Sayre at Wilitz that are destroying sidewalk. Jacqueline Sorano, from Congressman Cárdenas' office, reported that the mobile office will be in Sylmar on September 10th from 12 noon to 4 p.m., there will be a business roundtable in Sylmar and that they are planning a job fair. Cathleen Quinn, representing Melvin Canas from DONE, passed out surveys about a town hall. Joe Shammon stated that he had been certified by the Secretary of State and would be on the November 8 ballot. He will be opening a new office in the Sylmar area. James Lee, principal of Sylmar Charter High School, thanked the Council for recognizing the Magnet school. Harry Callallo, from Patty Lopez' office, introduced Olga Terrejon and she asked the Board to fill out a survey on affordable housing and return it to her by the end of the meeting.

6. Public Comment.

Marti Marshall spoke on and read from the California. Bonnie Bernard announced that there was a job opening with Graffiti Busters and to contact her if anyone was interested. Nancy Woodruff reported that a New York group was planning on putting up a solar farm. Mac Hunter thanked all for the cleanup. David Barron, from the Sunland-Tujunga NC, spoke against SB8 in that it would raise taxes. Karen Smith, from Discovery (formerly Concordia), the 1st Charter High School, reported that the Board could still have their meetings there. Bonnie Corwin, from the Sunland-Tujunga area, informed that there would be a forum on September 16 at 5 pm. about violence and animal abuse.

New Business

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Budget Committee – Alex Guerrero thanks all for their support but he would be stepping down as Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair, as well as, from the Board.
- b. Bylaws Committee – Diane Valencia stated that the 1st meeting was held and that meeting would be at alternating locations,
- c. Outreach Committee – David Rodriguez reported that there were 46 volunteers at the cleanup; that the Community Meet & Greet would be on next Thursday at Coffee & Cream from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; that the Town Hall/Community Resource Fair would be on October 15th and there would be a meeting at Fiddlers on Saturday for planning.
- d. Planning and Land Use Committee – Peter Postlmayr was on vacation, therefore George Ortega chaired the meeting.
- e. Ad Hoc Committee for the Sylmar Sign – no report as Laurie Fadness was not present.
- f. Government Affairs – Ann Job. No report
- g. Homeless Committee – Peggy Courtney reported that their 1st meeting would be next Thursday, August 4. She reported that there was a 36% increase in homelessness, 3% increase in sheltered individuals, a larger increase in single women, and a 40% in unaccompanied minors.
- h. Emergency Preparedness Committee – John Pacheco thanked the firefighters for protecting us during the Sands Fire; that their meetings will be the 3rd Tuesdays at the Sylmar Library – business during first 30 minutes followed by speakers. Greg Hoerner was upset about individuals going into staging areas, stating that those wishing to help should not be active participants.
- i. Equestrian Committee – Cheri Blose informed us that Greg Hoerner came to their meeting and spoke on evacuation of large animals.

8. City Liaison Reports:

- a. Animal Services – Amanda Bloom and Kelli Land spoke on being prepared to move animals during an emergency. They announced that on August 6th Long Beach would be holding Beach Basset. Flyers for Flying Chihuahua Fair and kitten rescue – Fur Ball Scurlball – were on back table.
- b. Budget – Ann Job and Christian Rubalcava reported they would be attending Budget Day on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 12 noon, at City Hall.
- c. City Attorney – Diane Valencia spoke on guideline for social media.
- d. Planning – Ann Job and Cheri Blose No report.
- e. Public Safety – Greg Hoerner and Diane Valencia reported that LAFD resources were stretched. The 1st Response Vehicle was a non-budget resource but they were trying to continue it.
- f. Transportation – Wilson Bell had no report.
- g. LA DWP – as yet, no liaison.
- h.

9. Discussion and approval of the Minutes of the June 23, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Motion:

Approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2016 Special Board Meeting. 1st by David Rodriguez; 2nd by Christian Rubalcava. Discussion: None. Vote: 17 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily

Rubalcava and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 3 Abstain (Alex Guerrero, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores); 1 Absent (Hector Cabrera).

10. Discussion and possible action to appoint a new Treasurer for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Tammy Flores put forward Wilson Bell to be the new Treasurer. Motion: Approval of the appointment of Wilson Bell as Treasurer by President Tammy Flores. 1st by Alex Guerrero; 2nd by Ann Job. Discussion: Wilson Bell accepted the appointment and said that he was already scheduled for the training at DONE. Vote: 19 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 1 Abstain (Tammy Flores); 1 Absent (Hector Cabrera).

11. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Parliamentarian for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Tammy Flores put forward Derek Martin to be the Parliamentarian. Motion: Approval of the appointment of Derek Martin as Parliamentarian by President Tammy Flores. 1st by Diane Valencia; 2nd by Maria Silva. Discussion: Derek Martin accepted the appointment. Vote: 19 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 1 Abstain (Tammy Flores); 1 Absent (Hector Cabrera).

12. Discussion and possible action to form SNC Committees.

Tabled.

13. Discussion and possible action appoint SNC Committee Chair/Co-Chairs.

Tabled.

14. Presentation by Dr. Lucy Halligan about Lucy Pet Foundation and educational, adoption and spay and neuter programs.

Dr. Halligan spoke about the foundation and mobile unit. The motile unit will be in the Vallarta parking lot every month, flyers in the back. In an effort to educate the Latino community Telemundo did a segment about the fact that 80% of bites are from unspay/unneutered pets.

15. Discussion and possible action relative to the SNC supporting proposed equestrian trails and staging area at the Lopez Canyon Landfill.

Motion: Approval of the SNC to write a letter in support of the proposed equestrian trails and staging area at the Lopez Canyon Landfill. 1st by Derek Martin; 2nd by John Pacheco. Discussion: President Kelly Decker / Vice President Kit Paull, of the Kagel Canyon Civic Association made a presentation. In 1974 when the Lopez Canyon Landfill was built it was agreed that when the landfill was no longer in use it would become a park. There is money available now for this and they would like a letter showing the SNC support. Vote: 18 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 1 Abstain (Tammy Flores); 2 Absent (Hector Cabrera and Lucille Floresta).

16. Recess.

17. Discussion and possible action to authorize the SNC Vice President of Administration Diane Valencia to pursue a leasing opportunity of office space at 13521 Hubbard Street, with the intended use as an office space for the SNC.

Motion: Approval to authorize the SNC Vice President of Administration to pursue a leasing opportunity for office space at 13521 Hubbard Street, with the intended use as an office for the SNC. 1st by Christian Rubalcava; 2nd by Wilson Bell. Discussion: Diane stated that the space would be \$1,400.00 per month which is less than market rate. It is move-in ready and ADA compliant. They could possible share the space with the LAPD. Ann Job was opposed to the amount or would like a large space. Kathy Grubert thanked Diane for working for 2 years to find us a space. Kathy said the price was in line with what we must have, not with what would be nice to have. Maria Silva wanted it to go to committee for more transparency as she was unaware of this development. Wilson Bell stated that he was new to the Board and had known of the search for 7 month. Vote: 10 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Frank Hughes, Derek Martin, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Diane Valencia and Tammy Flores to break tie); 9 No (Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Gregory Hoerner, Ann Job, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez and Maria Silva); 0 Abstain; 2 Absent (Hector Cabrera and Lucille Floresta).

18. Discussion and possible action relative to accepting the Outreach Committee's recommendation that the Board recognize a business and/or individual as the General Board Meeting beginning August 25, 2016, and every other month thereafter.

Motion: Approval to accept the Outreach Committee's recommendation that the Board recognize a business and/or individual as the General Board Meeting beginning August 25, 2016, and thereafter, at the discretion of the Outreach Committee. 1st by Wilson Bell; 2nd by John Pacheco. Discussion: None. Vote: 18 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 1 Abstain (Tammy Flores); 2 Absent (Hector Cabrera and Lucille Floresta).

19. Discussion and possible action to set a date in August for a Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board Member "Precinct Walk/Day of Action" where Board Members, paired in twos, walk designated areas of Sylmar and pass out the new brochures and 311 flyers. The goal is to reach 40 households. Presentation by David Rodriguez. Motion:

Approval of August 20, 2016, as the date for an SNC Board Member "Precinct Walk/Day of Action" where Board Members, paired in twos, walk designated areas of Sylmar and pass out the new brochures and 311 flyers. The goal is to reach 40 households. Discussion: David will create a script to get the discussion going. The pairs should consist of 1 English speaking and 1 Spanish speaking person. Vote: 18 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 1 Abstain (Tammy Flores); 2 Absent (Hector Cabrera and Lucille Floresta).

20. Discussion and possible action to establish an Ad Hoc Committee regarding City Council File 13-1493 (Street Vending/Special Sidewalk Vending District Program) for the purpose of the development of an SNC Community Impact Statement (CIS) and any additional purposes relating to street vending. The Ad Hoc Committee shall recommend for Board discussion and approval a CIS for one of the following regarding the Council File: For; For If Amended; Against; Against If Amended; No Position; Neutral.

After discussion this item was referred to the Government Affairs Committee.

21. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Chair for the Ad Hoc Committee pertaining to a CIS for City Council File 13-1493 (Street Vending/Special Sidewalk Vending District Program) and request the Committee to consider possible investigation and implementation of a Sylmar pilot program and/or address City enforcement concerns/policy impacting Sylmar relating to LAMC Ordinance 42.0 - Street Vending/Special Sidewalk Vending District Program as it is currently written. The Committee shall remain in place until the Committee satisfies its purpose during this Board's term.

After discussion this item was referred to the Government Affairs Committee.

22. Treasurer's Report.

Alex Guerrero reported that after all bills paid, the SNC had to return to the City less than \$100.00.

23. Review and Adoption of the June Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Motion: Approval of the June Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). Discussion: After some discussion regarding how some of the money was spent, the vote was called. Vote: 15 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Frank Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John Pacheco, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia); 0 No; 3 Abstain (Peter Postlmayr, Maria Silva and Tammy Flores); 2 Absent (Hector Cabrera and Lucille Floresta); 1 Ineligible (Emily Rubalcava).

24. Board Member Comments.

None.

25. Future Agenda Items.

Write to Executive Committee by email at executiveboard@sylmarmc.org or mail Executive Committee c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-1023

26. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements and Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.