



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #4 Interim Chair	Sean Smollen
NC #4 Interim Vice Chair	Skip Faria
NC #4 Interim Secretary	Karen Thornton
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Police Liaison Report
6. Public Statements/Comments
This is the time allotted for public statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Executive Board not on the agenda. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
7. Informational Presentations
 - a. Proposed Sanitation Service Rate Increase
 - b. The City's Development Review Process
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business:
 - a. A request to allow Artificial Turf for Multi-Family and Non-Residential Properties
 - b. Election of Executive Board Officers



10. Executive Board Comments

This is the time allotted for Executive Board member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Councils, to request a future agenda item, or to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

/s/

Mark Oyler

Deputy Director/Citizen Services

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Interim Vice Chair Skip Faria called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Interim Secretary Karen Thornton confirmed that a quorum was present.

Ed Abele	P	Reggiena Abaca	P
Hal Bloom	P	Gloria Bowman	P
Isaac Burleigh	P	Skip Faria	P
Mazal London	P	Bob Powers	P
Lisa Morrison	P	Sean Smollen	E
Manuel Alvarez	P	Gregory Yacoubian	P
Karen Thornton	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent; L=Leave	

2. Agenda Review

By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gregory Yacoubian and seconded by Hal Bloom to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Police Liaison Report

Officer Chapple gave the Executive Board an overview of crime trends in the Neighborhood Council #4 area. The biggest problems are property crimes. The Police Department requested the public's help to curb this problem. Good exterior lighting around people's property is an important deterrent of crime. They also recommended that people lock their cars and houses, close their garages and lock their gates. Half of the vehicle crimes occurred because the cars were unlocked.

They anticipate an increase in crimes committed by school age children during spring break and as the end of the school year draws closer. Most are curfew violations.

6. Public Statements/Comments

A resident asked for information on the use of artificial turf in Simi Valley. Executive Board members were able to direct him to www.bewaterwise.com and suggested he also check with the Environmental Services Planning Department and his Homeowner's Association for their requirements.

7. Informational Presentation

a. The City's Youth Employment Services Job and Career Expo

Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator, and Gloria Bowman provided an overview of the Simi Valley Youth Employment Service (YES) program and what they offer the youth in Simi Valley. They offer one on one employment counselling, interview preparation, resume assistance and job referrals. The 29th Annual Job and Career Expo is scheduled for April 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Typically, 400-600 youth attend and there are 50 to 60 different companies in attendance. In addition, there are job postings for those companies that can't attend. The Youth Employment Service is still looking for employers, non-profits, and more to participate in the Expo. For more information, call 805-522-HIRE.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Executive Board Comments

Gregory Yacoubian commented how great the YES program is and how much it is helping the youth in Simi Valley. He will follow up with Ms. Tignac about perhaps participating in the Job and Career Expo.

Gloria Bowman gave the Joint Chairs report for March. The various Chairs gave updates on activities in their respective districts. Ms. Bowman also announced that the City's Arbor Day celebration would take place at Rancho Tapo Community Park (Lemon Park) on April 25th.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib welcomed the new Executive Board members. She also discussed the duties of the position of Flyer Distribution Coordinator prior to the next month's election of officers.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

Neighborhood Council Development Project Overview

Project No. Z-S-721
Neighborhood Council Nos...... 1, 2, 3, and 4
Tentative Planning Commission Meeting Date.....May 6, 2015
Tentative City Council Meeting DateJune 15, 2015
Case Planner Cynthia Sabatini

Request:

To allow artificial turf in up to 25 percent of the required landscape area for Multi-Family and Non-Residential properties.

Applicant:

City of Simi Valley

General Plan/Zoning:

Applies to multi-family, commercial, and industrial zones, including RH, RVH, MU, CO, CN, CR, CC, CPD, CI, BP, LI, GI

Location: City-wide

I. Project Description

The Simi Valley Municipal Code and the Simi Valley Landscape Design Guidelines would be amended to allow for the placement of artificial turf that meets certain materials, installation and maintenance standards in up to 25 percent of the required landscape area in Multi-Family and Non-Residential zones in Simi Valley.

The property owner of an existing developed property in a multi-family or non-residential zone would be required to submit a revision to their approved landscape plan for review to determine that the location, area and amount of artificial turf meets City standards.

The existing process of landscape plan review for proposed development in multi-family or non-residential zones would be unchanged, and the City's contract landscape professional would evaluate whether the proposed artificial turf conforms with City standards.

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II. Project Design

Not applicable.

III. Project Compatibility

The proposed amendments to the Simi Valley Municipal Code and the Simi Valley Landscape Design Guidelines to allow artificial turf in multi-family and non-residential zones will be similar to existing provisions for artificial turf in the front yard area of single-family residences. The City Council directed staff to prepare such an amendment, determining that the use of artificial turf that meets City standards for materials, installation and maintenance would provide an additional water conservation option for owners of large properties, and a benefit to the community.

IV. Issues

No issues have been raised by staff.

V. Environmental Review

Under the provisions of Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed amendment to the Simi Valley Municipal Code regarding the use of artificial turf in multi-family and non-residential zones, with negligible expansion of the existing approved use of the associated structures, is categorically exempt from CEQA.

VI. Exhibits

None.