



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1**  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

**AGENDA**

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NC #1 Chair	Don Diamond
NC #1 Vice Chair	Michael Pucher
NC #1 Secretary	Tim Donis
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

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1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. 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.
6. Informational Presentations
  - a. The Simi Valley Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit
  - b. Coastal Cleanup Day
  - c. The City's Home Rehabilitation Program
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business: None
9. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

10. Executive Board Comments

This is the time 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. Adjournment: Thursday, August 6, 2015

/s/  
Mark Oyler  
Deputy Director/Citizen Services

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Don Diamond called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Secretary Tim Donis confirmed that a quorum was present.

George Apodac	P	Michael Pucher	P
Ro Curry	P	Debbie Thomas	P
Tim Donis	P	Richard Olson	E
Jeff Faulwell	P	Vacant	
Howard Globber	P	Vacant	
Don Diamond	P	Vacant	
Jamie Extract	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

Also present: Deputy Director/Citizens Services, Mark Oyler

2. Agenda Review

Chair Don Diamond requested to move Item 8a. (Review of Proposed Revisions to the City’s Sign Ordinance) before Item 6a. (The Simi Valley Police Department’s Detective Unit). By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as revised.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff Faulwell and seconded by George Apodac to approve the April 9, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

8. New Business

a. Review of Proposed Revisions to the City’s Sign Ordinance

Peter Lyons, Director of Environmental Services, provided an overview of the City’s current temporary sign ordinance and what is proposed once the ordinance sunsets later this year. He noted that the City Council had requested input from the Neighborhood Councils on the proposed revisions. Of particular interest was whether they felt it was appropriate to discontinue the use of feather signs and to increase the size and amount of monument signs.

**Questions and comments from the Executive Board/responses from the applicant:**

**Will feather signs no longer be allowed when the current temporary sign ordinance sunsets later this year?**

Yes, the temporary sign regulations will return to those used in 2010, which do not allow feather signs.

One person expressed concern for small businesses, in that they should be able to continue using the feather signs since they are dependent upon their specific shopping center to increase the size and number of monument signs.

Two people questioned the necessity of adding more monument signs since there is no data to show that an increase in the number of monument signs would increase business in shopping centers.

**Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Debbie Thomas and seconded by Jamie Extract:**

**MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the proposed revisions to the City's Sign Ordinance with a modification to allow feather signs remain an option for businesses.**

**Executive Board vote: 2 Ayes; 7 Noes; 0 Abstentions**  
**Audience vote: None**  
**Unincorporated Area vote: None**

**The motion failed.**

**The following motion was made by Jamie Extract and seconded by Debbie Thomas:**

**MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the proposed revisions to the City's Sign Ordinance as presented.**

**Executive Board vote: 3 Ayes; 6 Noes; 0 Abstentions**  
**Audience vote: None**  
**Unincorporated Area vote: None**

**The motion failed.**

**The following motion was made by Jamie Extract and seconded by Jeff Faulwell:**

**MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission deny the proposed revisions to the City's Sign Ordinance.**

**Executive Board vote: 5 Ayes; 4 Noes; 0 Abstentions**  
**Audience vote: None**  
**Unincorporated Area vote: None**

**The motion passed.**

6. Informational Presentations

a. The Simi Valley Police Department's Detective Unit

The presentation was postponed to a later date to be determined.

b. National Public Works Week

Mark Oyler, Deputy Director/Citizen Services, discussed the Public Works Open House, which will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Simi Valley Public Services Center. The event this year will be free to the public. There will be educational tours of the facilities, and opportunities to learn about the various functions of the Public Works Department.

7. Continued Business: None

9. Executive Board Member Comments

Jeff Faulwell stated that the Simi Valley Cajun & Blues Music Festival will be held on Memorial Day weekend. Anyone who volunteers to work a couple of hours will get free admission that same day.

George Apodac mentioned that some residents living across from the Albertson's shopping center on Madera Road were told that a soundwall was to be built when the shopping center was constructed. The wall was never built and the residents are complaining about the noise from the vehicle traffic and want to know why it was never built. Mark Oyler and Emily Habib stated that they will look into this and get back with Mr. Apodac.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed the next recruitment, which will open at the beginning of June for the terms beginning on November 1, 2015 and concluding on October 31, 2017. She stated that NC #1 is expected to have four openings

11. Adjournment: Thursday, July 9, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.