



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

**AGENDA**

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NC #4 Chair	Gloria Bowman
NC #4 Vice Chair	Skip Faria
NC #4 Secretary	Karen Thornton
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Glen Becerra

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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 Traffic Unit
  - b. Coastal Cleanup Day
  - c. The City's Home Rehabilitation Program
  - d. Proposed Water Service Rate Increases
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business: None
9. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report



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. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

/s/  
Mark Oyler  
Deputy Director/Citizen Services

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gloria Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Karen Thornton confirmed that a quorum was present at 7:55 p.m.

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

\* Arrived late

Also present: Deputy Director/Citizen Services Mark Oyler

2. Agenda Review

Due to lack of a quorum, Item 8a was moved to before Item 3. By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was modified.

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 audience/responses from the applicant regarding feather signs:**

None.

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

**Has anyone gotten the opinions of business owners and public regarding feather signs?**

Yes, the Chamber of Commerce did a survey in 2013. Businesses were in favor and residents were against.

**Would the regulations banning feather signs apply to smaller tenants in the back of shopping centers?**

Yes, they would. However, they would have the opportunity to have a presence on monument signs.

**Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Hal Bloom and seconded by Bob Powers:**

**MOTION: Recommend that feather signs no longer be allowed except in areas zoned for auto dealerships.**

<b>Executive Board vote:</b>	<b>4 Ayes;</b>	<b>3 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Audience vote:</b>	<b>0 Ayes;</b>	<b>1 No;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b>	<b>None</b>		

**The motion carried.**

**Questions and comments from the audience/responses from the applicant regarding monument signs:**

None.

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

None.

**Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Hal Bloom and seconded by Bob Powers:**

**MOTION: Recommend that the proposed revisions to the Sign Ordinance regarding monument signs be approved as presented.**

<b>Executive Board vote:</b>	<b>6 Ayes;</b>	<b>1 No;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Audience vote:</b>	<b>1 Aye;</b>	<b>1 No;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b>	<b>None</b>		

**The motion carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Ed Abele submitted written corrections to the April 21, 2015, minutes, under Executive Board Comments. Specifically, he stated that he did not express concern about the City continuing to build in spite of the ongoing drought and requested that his name be deleted from that sentence. However, he did ask questions and expressed concern about the 50% increase in sanitation rates. Hal Bloom moved to approve the April 21, 2015, as corrected. Bob Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Police Liaison Report

Officer Ryan Brennan distributed the most recent crime statistics, noting a small increase in theft of auto parts, especially catalytic converters. There have also

been issues with graffiti. Typically, perpetrators are not caught but City staff can usually remove it the same day.

An Executive Board member asked about the IRS scams on the phone, where people are asked to pay back taxes and fees. Typically, very little can be done unless someone becomes a victim and reports the crime.

A member of the public who was a board member of the Stonegate Villas Homeowners Association stated that residents have experienced numerous incidents of theft, vandalism and problems attributed to a next door bar. Officer Brennan noted that the Police Department had not seen any significant increase in reported crimes the area. He noted that it is very important that people report crime, even what they consider to be minor. He also suggested that the HOA contact Jean-Marie Maroshek, Community Services Specialist of the Simi Valley Police Department, to get information on crime prevention.

6. Public Statements/Comments: None

7. Continued Business: None

9. Executive Board Member Comments

Bob Powers reported on the most recent Taskforce on Homelessness meeting. He stated that Ventura County has 1,417 homeless, with Simi Valley having the third highest number. However, he also noted that different cities have different counting methods, so some numbers may be artificially low. Unfortunately, there is very little housing available in Simi Valley, but there are 39 places for them to eat. Mark Oyler added that approximately 95% of Simi Valley's homeless have ties to the city as opposed to people moving into Simi Valley for reasons such as the services offered in the City. He also noted that up to 70% of these people are employed but cannot afford permanent housing.

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 #4 is expected to have six openings.

11. Adjournment: July 21, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

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