



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1**  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Traffic Unit
  - b. The Simi Valley Senior Center
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Transit Fares and Senior Service Age
  - b. Election of Interim Officers
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, October 8, 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	A
Jeff Faulwell	A	Vacant	
Howard Globber	P	Vacant	
Don Diamond	P	Vacant	
Jamie Extract	A	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Howard Globber and seconded by Tim Donis to approve the July 9, 2015, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None.

5. Public Statements/Comments: None.

6. Informational Presentations

a. The Simi Valley Police Department's Traffic Unit

The presentation was postponed to a later date.

b. Proposed Water Service Rate Increase

Joe Deakin, Assistant Public Works Director, gave a presentation about the need to increase water rates. Specifically, the service rates will increase by 16 percent. It is also recommended that customers pay for 100 percent of the "Pass Through of Purchased Water Costs" from Calleguas Municipal Water District (or Metropolitan Water District) for the cost of water. Since 2010, the cost to purchase water from Calleguas Municipal Water District has increased by 29% and the County of Ventura Water District #8 has only increased its water rates by 5.2%. Currently, District #8 is utilizing its reserves to offset the increased costs. Even with the proposed rate increases that would take effect January 2016, it is estimated that it will take three years to break even and five years to replenish the reserves. Without the rate increase, District #8 will eventually run out of funds. After the rate increase, Simi Valley will still have the second lowest water service rates compared to neighboring cities.

An Executive Board member expressed concern that it could be very difficult for some customers to pay for 100 percent of the "Pass Through of Purchased Water Costs", especially with a significant increase in the cost of water. The Executive Board member suggested that it would be more appropriate for customers pay a lower percentage.

7. Continued Business: None.

8. New Business

- a. Request to construct a ready-mix and precast concrete facility at 400 W. Los Angeles Avenue

**Questions and comments from the audience/responses from the applicant:**

**Will the existing recycling center be removed from the property?**

Yes, it will be relocated to another site by the seller of the property.

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

**How will the dust from the operation be managed?**

The technology is state of the art. Specifically, materials will be transported in sealed trucks and pumped into underground tanks through tubes. The tanks will have filters to absorb dust. It is anticipated that the new operation will reduce the amount of dust currently produced on the site.

**Can the silos be shorter?**

No because they are designed to be gravity fed, with no pumps. This is the functional height to accomplish the successful operation.

**Where will the new silos be visible from?**

They may be partially visible from the mobile homes in Moorpark, approximately one mile to the west, and they will be visible from passing trains. However, the site is lower than the surrounding properties and will not be visible from Madera Road or other homes.

**What color will the silos be?**

They will be a neutral light grey color.

**How many new jobs will the project create?**

It will create 15-20 jobs and the new owner will hire locally.

**Is the new owner concerned about graffiti on the silos?**

Concerns are minimal since the facility will be open 24 hours a day with onsite staff.

**How many truck trips per hour do they anticipate?**

During peaks hours (early morning), they anticipate a maximum of 36 trips per hour and for a 24 hour period, they anticipate approximately 300 trips, which is less than the current number of daily trips as determined by the traffic study.

**What uses do they anticipate for the concrete being produced?**

They anticipate the uses to be local for highways, plus commercial and residential development, with Runkle Canyon being an example.

**Has the applicant done any outreach to neighboring businesses?**

Yes, and they have agreed to build a solid 8-foot tall wall along the west property line at the request of the neighboring property owner.

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

**MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the request to construct a ready-mix and precast concrete facility at 400 W. Los Angeles Avenue as presented.**

<b>Executive Board vote:</b>	<b>7 Ayes;</b>	<b>0 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Audience vote:</b>	<b>3 Ayes;</b>	<b>1 No;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b>	<b>None</b>		

**The motion carried.**

9. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed the current recruitment period for the term that begins on November 1. She stated that there are four openings and that seven applications have already been turned in. Mrs. Habib reported that an Executive Board member of Neighborhood Council #2 wanted to know the process to request a dedicated green arrow at the north/south intersection of Alamo Street and Sycamore Drive. Emily verified that the City does an annual review of intersections throughout the City to determine if dedicated green arrows or other improvements need to be installed. She also reminded the Executive Board members about the importance of reviewing the monthly minutes to ensure their accuracy and to report any corrections.

10. Executive Board Comments

Howard Globber wanted to know if there will be more presentations on homelessness in the City and also noted that he would like to represent Neighborhood Council #1 on the Taskforce on Homelessness. Debbie Thomas, who has been the representative for Neighborhood Council #1, offered to give up her position. Mr. Globber accepted. It was the consensus of the Executive Board to have Mr. Globber be the representative for Neighborhood Council #1.

Don Diamond reported about the Joint Chairs Committee meeting that was held on August 4, 2015. Some of the items discussed were the Brown Act, the City's Home Rehabilitation Program and the Coastal Cleanup Day.

11. Adjournment: Thursday, September 3, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.