



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Avery West
NC #3 Vice Chair	Gary King
NC #3 Secretary	Andrew Gorden
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Keith Mashburn

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 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: Thursday, October 15, 2015

/s/

Mark Oyler
Deputy Director/Citizen Services

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Neighborhood Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6756. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

Chair Avery West called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. He also confirmed that a quorum was present.

Pamela Dean	P	Linda Mann	E
Shannon Johnson	P	Josh Lorencz	E
Lois Ann Lengel	P	Al Orozco	P
Elaine Litster	P	Avery West	P
Kelly Tinker	P	Vacant	
Andrew Gorden	A	Vacant	
Gary King	P	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 Gary King and seconded by Al Orozco to approve the July 16, 2015 minutes. By consensus of the Executive Board, the minutes were approved as presented.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

A citizen brought up a concern about the ongoing use of illegal fireworks in the Kadota Fig neighborhood where she lives. Emily Habib will coordinate with the CLOs to determine what steps can be taken to deal with the issue in the future.

6. Informational Presentations

a. The Simi Valley Police Department’s Traffic Unit

The presentation was postponed to a later date.

b. The City’s Home Rehabilitation Program

Josefina Aguilar, Sr. Planner from the Department of Environmental Services, discussed the City of Simi Valley’s Home Rehabilitation Program which offers low-income homeowners a deferred 2% rehabilitation loan of up to \$50,000. For additional information or to apply for the program please call (805) 583-6757.

c. Proposed Water Service Rate Increases

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 (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.

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

How old are the City's water mains?

About half are 45-50 years old, with a life expectancy of 80-90 years. Part of the increase in service rates will go to proactively replacing the oldest water mains before a catastrophic break in the lines happens like those occurring in Los Angeles County.

Are the cost increases for water from Calleguas related to the drought?

No they are not.

If a larger percentage of costs are moved from commodity fees to service fees, what incentive do people have to use less water?

It is actually a situation of disincentive. If consumers do not comply with State water use reduction requirements, the City will be fined and those costs will be passed on to consumers.

Comments:

One Executive Board member requested that the City consider incorporating a "lifeline" rates to help low-income households mitigate impacts of the rate increases.

One Executive Board member requested that any commodity price increases be spread out over a number of years instead of being passed on immediately.

7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business: None
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 if needed to report corrections.

10. Executive Board Member Comments

Al Orozco announced that the Kiwanis of Simi Valley would be holding Cowboys and Cabernet event on Sunday, September 13 at the Hummingbird Nest Ranch.

Gary King provided a report about the August 4 Joint Chairs Committee meeting. The City will be replacing its street signs over the next few years and has a program that allows people to purchase the old signs for \$10. Ms. Habib will provide details to all Executive Boards.

11. Adjournment: September 10, 2015, 7:30 pm

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.