



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

**AGENDA**

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NC #1 Interim Chair	Don Diamond
NC #1 Interim Vice Chair	Michael Pucher
NC #1 Interim 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. Police Liaison Report
7. Informational Presentations
  - a. The Samaritan Center- How They Help the Homeless Help Themselves
  - b. Update on Proposed Increases to Water Service Rates
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report



11. 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.

12. Adjournment: Thursday, November 5, 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 7:30 p.m. Secretary Tim Donis confirmed that a quorum was present.

George Apodac	P	Michael Pucher	E
Ro Curry	P	Debbie Thomas	P
Tim Donis	P	Richard Olson	P
Jeff Faulwell	P	Vacant	
Howard Glober	P	Vacant	
Don Diamond	P	Vacant	
Jamie Extract	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 Jamie Extract and seconded by Ro Curry to approve the August 6, 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

Sergeant William Lappin described the Unit and their duties. The Traffic Unit has five motorcycle officers and four cars. He also stated they have a data base available to track and monitor high areas of accidents and citations. Up to about two years ago, their focus was on ticketing violators. Since then, their focus has been citing hazardous drivers, usually DUIs, to prevent accidents. For the upcoming school year, the officers will provide education to parents about the need to remain vigilant about the safety of pedestrians and traffic laws. They will have extra patrol officers at the schools to monitor traffic issues and take required measures to enforce traffic violations.

b. The Simi Valley Senior Center

Toni Olson, Chair of the Council on Aging, gave the presentation. The Senior Center opened in 1984, and has evolved into a 22,000 square foot enrichment and learning center for adults. The Center is committed to offering people fifty years of age or older lifelong learning programs,

exercise classes, meal programs, health services, trips to places such as Las Vegas and Alaska, computer classes, book clubs, support groups, a billiard room, social services, art classes, and much more.

7. Continued Business: None.

8. New Business:

a. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Transit Fares and Senior Service Age

Sommer Barwick, Director of Community Services and Anna Medina, Administrative Officer provided a presentation about the proposed changes to Transit Fares and Senior Service Age. Due to state legislation, the City is now required to recover a 20% portion of fixed-route expenses, and 10% of ADA Paratransit/DAR expenses through fare revenue. These requirements are currently not being met and Simi Valley Transit last revised the fares in 2003. It is proposed to increase the eligibility age of senior riders from the age of 60 to 65, to provide consistency with other local transit agencies. The proposed changes will allow Simi Valley Transit to provide comparable services and fares on a regional basis and further the City's ability to meet state requirements.

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

**Is the City looking into decreasing expenses in addition to increasing fares?**

Yes, in a number of areas including incentivizing senior riders to move from ADA/DAR service to fixed route service, which is much less costly per person than ADA/DAR service.

**In addition to the current proposed rate increases, will there be others in the future?**

It's possible that after a consultant reviews the entire Transit program, more increases may be recommended.

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

**How is the City proposing to increase ridership on the fixed route system?**

In addition to the above, other options include offering electronic monthly passes that are simply swiped in new fare boxes, and making routes more efficient. The City is getting input from current riders to help make improvements to the fixed route system.

**Is Simi Valley the only city in the County that offers seniors the option of only a "donation" for riding Dial-a-Ride?**

Yes it is.

**Is there a mechanism in place to assist seniors who truly can't afford to pay \$2.00 for each ride?**

Not at this time.

**Comments:**

One Executive Board member suggested that as part of reviewing the various bus routes and trying to make them more efficient, changes could be made to Route C in order to make it more effective in connecting with other routes.

One Executive Board member stated that it is more costly in both time and money to handle cash on buses, and suggested to remove that option and go to non-cash options only.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following recommendations were made:

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

**MOTION: Recommend that the Senior Service Age be raised from 60 to 65.**

<b>Executive Board vote:</b>	<b>9 Ayes;</b>	<b>0 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Audience vote:</b>	<b>2 Ayes;</b>	<b>1 No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b>	<b>None</b>		

The motion passed.

**The following motion was made by Richard Olson and seconded by Howard Glober:**

**MOTION: Recommend that all fixed route bus fares be increased by \$.25.**

<b>Executive Board vote:</b>	<b>9 Ayes;</b>	<b>0 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Audience vote:</b>	<b>2 Ayes;</b>	<b>1 No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>
<b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b>	<b>None</b>		

The motion passed.

**The following motion was made by Richard Olson and seconded by Howard Glober:**

**MOTION: Recommend that ADA/DAR IntraCity fares for seniors be raised from "donation" to \$1.50 and that they remain at \$1.50 for ADA riders.**

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

**The motion passed.**

- b. Election of Interim Officers  
By consensus of the Executive Board, Don Diamond was elected Interim Chair, Michael Pucher was elected Interim Vice Chair, and Tim Donis was elected Interim Secretary.
  
9. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report  
Emily Habib discussed the current recruitment period for the term that begins on November 1. She stated that interviews for the four openings on Neighborhood Council #1 will be held at the end of September/beginning of October.
  
10. Executive Board Comments  
Howard Globber reported on the recent Taskforce on Homelessness meeting. He noted that it is a diverse group made up of service providers, The Police Department, and City representatives. Information was provided on the proposed changes to transit fares and senior service age.
  
11. Adjournment: Thursday, October 8, 2015, 7:30 p.m.  
By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.