



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

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

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 Drought, El Niño and You-Water Conservation Update
 - b. Update on Proposed Increases to Water Service Rates
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business
 - a. Appointment of Representative to the Special Event Support Review Committee
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, January 7, 2016

/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	P	Vacant	
Howard Glober	P	Vacant	
Don Diamond	P	Vacant	
Jamie Extract	E	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 Glober and seconded by Jeff Faulwell to approve the September 3, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None.

5. Public Statements/Comments: None.

6. Police Liaison Report

Officer Longdon, who is a School Resource Officer (SRO), gave a brief overview of what it is that he and the other SROs do during a school day. An SRO is responsible for campus safety at all Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) schools, as well as private schools, that total to approximately 24,000 students. They deal with campus crimes such as drugs and violent crimes. They are especially concerned when they find stolen prescription pills at the schools because statistics show that prescription pills are a "gateway drug" to heroin use. He was asked about the funding of the positions and he informed the Executive Board that the positions are not funded by the School District, but rather by the Simi Valley Police Department.

7. Informational Presentations

a. The Samaritan Center- How They Help the Homeless Help Themselves

Betty Eskey, Executive Director of The Samaritan Center, which is located next to Madera Elementary School, gave a presentation on what the Samaritan Center does to assist the homeless. Prior to the recession of 2008, they were helping about 35-40 people per day. In the years

following, they helped as many as 130 per day. The center provides an array of services but requires that any person seeking assistance must work with their case manager to develop and follow an action plan to become productive members of the community and minimize their need for services. Ms. Eskey informed the Executive Board not to provide any money to a homeless person who is panhandling. Instead she suggested that you offer to buy that person a hot meal or donate to a charity. Ms. Eskey also provided a handout of items that are needed at the center.

b. Update on Proposed Increases to Water Service Rates

This item will be presented at the November 5, 2015, meeting.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed upcoming opportunities for Executive Board members to volunteer to sit on various City committees, and how to apply for them. She also requested that when the new Executive Board members start next month, the veterans introduce themselves and be prepared to assist the new members where necessary.

11. Executive Board Comments

Don Diamond discussed the Simi Valley Police Department's K-9 Unit demonstration at the Joint Chairs meeting on October 6, 2015. He asked Ms. Habib if it would be possible to have a similar type of demonstration at each of the Neighborhood Council meetings. She will look into scheduling such a program in 2016.

12. Adjournment: Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.