



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #4 Interim Chair	Karen Thornton
NC #4 Interim Vice Chair	Ed Abele
NC #4 Interim Secretary	Lisa Morrison
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem 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. Police Liaison Report
7. Informational Presentation
 - a. CEQA: Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business
 - a. Election of Executive Board Officers
10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report



11. 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

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

/s/ _____
Mark Oyler
Deputy Director/Citizen Services

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Ron Knepper	P	Vacant	
Sharon McCann	P	Vacant	
Ed Abele	P	Vacant	
Hal Bloom	P	Vacant	
Isaac Burleigh	E	Vacant	
Lisa Morrison	P	Vacant	
Karen Thornton	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 Hal Bloom and seconded by Sharon McCann to approve the October 20, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Police Liaison Report

Officer Sean Baker noted that the formal Police Liaison Report was not available and proceeded to provide Neighborhood Council #4 with an overview of how the Community Liaison Officer program was developed. The program began in 2014 to address quality of life issues for residents and local businesses. Officer Baker noted that when he's not engaged with work specific to the unit, he supports general crime prevention and addressing neighborhood disputes.

7. Informational Presentations

a. The Home Share Program – Matching People with Places to Live.

Vanessa Soto explained how this no cost program facilitates matching homeowners who have available rooms with qualified candidates. The providers are typically seeking funds, companionship and/or aid around the home. Home Share staff will interview candidates, run background checks on all parties, and visit the location to verify living conditions.

b. The Drought, El Nino and You – Water Conservation Update

Wanda Moyer, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, explained that Ventura County Waterworks District 8 (City of Simi Valley) provides two-thirds of the water for citizens, and one-third of the water is provided by the Golden State Water Company. The water supply originates in Lake Oroville, with over 99% of our water supply being imported. Currently, Lake Oroville is at a record low level.

If Southern California receives a lot of rain from El Nino, it will help with daily water needs, but there may not be adequate snow in Northern California to replenish Lake Oroville. Therefore, the community must continue to conserve water. On November 1, irrigation days were reduced to one day a week, with odd addresses on Tuesdays and even addresses on Thursdays.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib welcomed the two new Executive Board members, Ron Knepper and Sharon McCann, and explained the attendance policy. It was noted that Manuel Alvarez was removed due to meeting absences. Emily followed up on Ed Abele's inquiry about informational presentations that Neighborhood Council #4 had missed. She explained that the Police Department's Crime Analysis team would present at a future meeting in 2016.

Mrs. Habib provided an update about the November 12, 2015 Task Force on Homelessness meeting. Discussion included whether the Task Force should remain active. Members of the Task Force discussed the important benefits of maintaining the Task Force and the need for future achievable goals to reduce the incidents of homelessness within the community. A report was submitted with the discussion and it provided information about the Housing First model. The practice is taking place in different communities to provide supportive housing for the homeless along with wrap around services to keep them housed. The estimated annual cost of such a program would be \$12,000 per person vs the current estimate of \$20,000, which is due to emergency care, police services, etc.

11. Executive Board Member Comments

Ed Abele commented on his concern over the City's general handling of the recent water rate and sanitation rate increases. He felt that the Neighborhood Councils should have been given the opportunity to provide input and recommendations on the increases.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.