



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

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| NC #4 Chair | Karen Thornton |
| NC #4 Vice Chair | Ed Abele |
| NC #4 Secretary | Ron Knepper |
| 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. Informational Presentations
 - a. The Simi Valley Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit
 - b. The City's Cultural Arts Center: 20 Years of Entertainment
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business: None
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: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

/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/Introduction

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

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| Ron Knepper | P | Vacant | |
| Sharon McCann | P | Vacant | |
| Ed Abele | P | Vacant | |
| Hal Bloom | A | Vacant | |
| Isaac Burleigh | E | Vacant | |
| Lisa Morrison | P | Vacant | |
| Karen Thornton | P | P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent | |

Mayor Huber was in attendance. He wished the Executive Board a Happy New Year and expressed the City Council's gratitude and ongoing support for the work they do. He emphasized the importance of the Neighborhood Councils since their creation in 1970. He also informed the Executive Board that their City Council liaison will attend the meetings upon their invitation to attend a meeting.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ed Abele and seconded by Lisa Morrison to approve the November 17, 2015, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Art Lenox, who has worked for 23 years for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory/Boeing spoke about the soil/groundwater clean-up program. Two state-of-the art storm water treatment systems have been installed. The clean-up of the area is scheduled to begin in the near future. The site will be cleaned to the higher standards for a residential development but will become a recreational area. Kamara Sams, also from Boeing, noted that tours of the area are available. Approximately 2,500 visitors attended last year. Updates on the site can be found at: www.boeing.com/santasusana and [www.dts-caca.gov/SiteCleanup/Santa Susana Field Lab](http://www.dts-caca.gov/SiteCleanup/Santa_Susana_Field_Lab).

6. Police Liaison Report

Sergeant Steve Shorts and Officer Sean Baker attended the meeting. Sergeant Shorts gave an extensive description of the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Program in Simi Valley. He described the various and diverse backgrounds of

the officers involved in the program. Sergeant Shorts described major community concerns his program addresses such as homelessness, alcohol/drug issues, neighborhood nuisances, code violations, and prostitution. He also described how his officers develop relationships with business, civic and other organizations in Simi Valley to continue strengthening the Simi Valley community. The CLOs can be contacted at (805) 583-6161.

7. Informational Presentation

a. CEQA: Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act

Lauren Funaiole, Senior Environmental Planner, was the presenter. She gave a brief historical overview, including that Ronald Reagan implemented the act in 1970. She mentioned that about 70% of new development in the City in recent years has been exempt from CEQA. Types of environmental documents include a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

She also informed the Executive Board about possible future projects, including a new movie studio on Smith Road and homes at Kuehner Drive and Highway 118.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business

a. Election of Executive Board Officers

By consensus of the Executive Board, Karen Thornton was elected Chair, Ed Abele was elected Vice Chair, and Ron Knepper was elected Secretary.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed that there will be a 45th Anniversary celebration for Neighborhood Councils on June 27, 2016. The event will occur prior to and during the City Council meeting. During the same meeting outgoing Executive Board members will be recognized for their service and new members will be appointed. She stated if any Executive Board member knows of a former member, please inform them about the event. There will be communication about the event via mail, internet and the City's website.

11. Executive Board Member Comments

Ed Abele discussed the December 9, 2015, meeting of the Special Events Support Review Committee on which he served. The Committee was in charge of allocating \$25,000 to local non-profits. He specifically mentioned one organization, "Harrison Hugs", which stood out for him. They have been instrumental in distributing defibrillators to schools within Simi Valley.

Mr. Abele also reported about the January 5, 2016, Joint Chairs meeting. Discussion included questions about the future purpose of Neighborhood Councils. Ms. Habib noted that this question will be discussed at the February meetings during the Neighborhood Council Coordinators Report to gather ideas from each of the Neighborhood Councils.

Ms. Habib informed the Executive Board that she was conducting a special recruitment to fill the six vacancies for Neighborhood Council #4 and asked members to help recruit applicants.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.