



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1**  
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

**AGENDA**

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NC #1 Interim Chair	Tracy Ford
NC #1 Interim Vice Chair	George Apodac
NC #1 Interim Secretary	Bernie Riedel
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem Mashburn

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

2. Agenda Review

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Police Liaison Report

6. 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.

7. Informational Presentation

a. Coastal Cleanup Day

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business: None

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: Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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Mara Malch  
Acting Deputy Director

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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	E
Ro Curry	P	Debbie Thomas	P
Tim Donis	A	Joyce Erdman	P
Jeff Faulwell	P	Tracy Ford	P
Howard Glober	P	Bernie Riedel	P
Don Diamond	P	Amanda Weiss	P
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 Jaime Extract and seconded by Tracy Ford to approve the March 3, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Police Liaison Report

Community Liaison Officer Ana Lares explained to the Executive Board that property crimes continue to be on the rise throughout the City, especially theft of personal items from vehicles. She reminded everyone to make sure to always lock their vehicles and to not leave valuable items exposed. She also stressed that if there is someone who looks suspicious in the neighborhood, to not hesitate to call the police and request a patrol officer to respond.

6. Public Statements/Comments

A resident inquired how to get a speed bump installed on a street. Ms. Habib said she would forward the necessary information.

7. Informational Presentation: None

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business

- a. Discussion of the Neighborhood Council's participation in the Simi Valley Days Parade

Nacho Lopez, Chair of the Simi Valley Days, and Bari Lynn Rennick, Chair of the Simi Valley Days Parade, discussed how they would like to get the Neighborhood Councils involved with the parade this year with a float build off. The theme of the parade is Red, White and Blue. A float can be anything from a fully constructed float to a banner on a pickup truck. Also, a special trophy will be given for the Neighborhood Council that has the best entry. After the presentation, it was the consensus of the Executive Board to participate in the parade.

b. Election of Interim Officers

By consensus of the Executive Board, Tracy Ford was elected Interim Chair, George Apodac was elected Interim Vice Chair, and Bernie Riedel was elected Interim Secretary.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib shared an email that Tracy Ford had sent to her about speeding and traffic safety concerns on Royal Avenue, between First Street and Sinaloa Road. Ms. Habib reported that she received a response from the Simi Valley Police Department and its Traffic Unit will evaluate the area to determine enforcement options. A few members of the Executive Board suggested that the traffic lights at Sinaloa Road and Royal Avenue be upgraded to have dedicated left turn signals. There was also a suggestion about synchronizing the lights on Royal Avenue to reduce the traffic backup between Sinaloa Road on First Street, as well as having longer yellow lights at Royal Avenue and First Street to allow people who are driving too fast to stop.

Ms. Habib reminded the Executive Board that the City's Emergency Preparedness Expo would take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The Neighborhood Councils will have a booth and anyone who would like to volunteer their time to staff the booth is welcome. She also provided an overview of the City's new "Where's Your Bucket" campaign and distributed buckets to Executive Board members.

11. Executive Board Comments

George Apodac stated that some residents of Acapulco Avenue between Bonita Drive and Cancun Street asked about the procedures to get what they felt was a promised sound wall to be built behind their backyards on Madera Road. Ms. Habib stated that she will research and report about the issue at the next meeting.

12. Adjournment: Thursday, July 7, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

The regularly scheduled meeting for June 9, 2016 will be canceled.

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

SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS  
MEETING NOTES

1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Robert Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Emily Habib, Neighborhood Council Coordinator confirmed a quorum was present for only Neighborhood Council #3. The attendance detail is available on the last page of the minutes.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Public Statements/Comments

A resident expressed concern about his right to display an American flag on a detached trailer that the resident owns parked in front of the City of Simi Valley Police Station. The resident stated opposition to an Ordinance adopted by the City Council and announced that he is in preparation of filing a suit against the City for what he feels violates his freedom of speech.

4. New Business

a. Discussion of the Ventura County Transportation Investment/Expenditure Plan

At the June 6, 2016 City Council meeting, direction was given to obtain input from all the Neighborhood Councils about the Ventura County Transportation Investment/Expenditure Plan (Plan). City Manager, Eric Levitt, expressed his appreciation to all the Neighborhood Council Executive members and residents that were in attendance. He explained the process is that the Plan must be approved by six of the cities in Ventura County representing no less than 50%+1 of the incorporated population, plus the Board of Supervisors, before the Ventura County Transportation Commission can request that the measure be placed on the ballot. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input for the City Council to discuss the Plan at the June 27, 2016 public meeting.

**Summary of the Audience's Comments**

**The following concerns were expressed; that local governments are willing to raise taxes but not cut expenses; larger portions of municipal budgets are spent on salaries and benefits; California is heavily regulated and past bond measures and taxes have not gone directly to programs; additional outreach should have been conducted to notify the entire community; ability to have open access to communication and financial records to ensure program**

**funding is properly spent; importance of having an oversight committee; concerns with increased growth and overcrowding; the cost to taxpayers for the increase in sales tax; and, that not enough information was made available to provide a recommendation.**

**Summary of the Audience's Questions/Responses from City and VCTC staff**

**What will be the annual amount that will be distributed to the City; how much is currently allocated to streets and roads; will clarification be provided for capital projects that have a nexus to the natural environment; the cost for taxpayers; how funding will affect Metrolink?**

Approximately \$4.94 million dollars will be distributed to Simi Valley; approximately \$500,000 from the General Fund goes to street and roads, other financing comes from state and federal grants; nexus funding includes restoration/protection of natural habitats impacted by construction during transportation improvements, reducing runoff from highways and local roads, and maintain and improve drainage filter and facilities; approximate cost could be \$8.1 million over 30 years, more detailed costs could be provided by VCTC; and, due to an upcoming loss in funding from the City of Los Angeles, the Plan would allow funding to continue with no service interruption to Metrolink.

**Summary Questions and Comments from the Executive Boards of all the Neighborhood Councils/responses from City and VCTC staff**

**Would funding for Metrolink increase service during weekends; how were the portions of the funding determined; can modifications be made to the ordinance; if gas taxes go to streets and roads, how will the Plan be effective?**

Funding would allow VCTC to explore options for increased ridership; funding distribution was based on the street lane miles formula recommended by the Ventura County City Managers group; ordinance modifications can be recommended for approval by VCTC every 10 years; gas tax funding covers a portion of costs only to maintain roads, (such as slurry sealing roads).

**Concerns about the proposed Plan included; increased taxes and the fiscal impacts on residents who can't afford them, the negative impacts to local sales due to increases in the sales tax, lack of information, importance of reviewing different program expenditures, the need to cut taxes and find alternatives for improvements, interest in reviewing polling numbers, concerns with proper expenditure of the bond, and the need to approach the citizens with a proposal of the City needs without depending on County funding.**

**Support of the plan included; opportunities to vote on it during the November election, would enable a mechanism to match/or leverage additional funding, and concerns about current and future conditions of local roads.**

**Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Kelly Tinker and seconded by Jackie Sheldon:**

**MOTION: Recommend that the City Council approve the Ventura County Transportation Investment/Expenditure Plan as presented.**

**Audience Aggregate vote: 0 Ayes; 8 Noes; 1 Abstention**  
**Unincorporated Area vote: 0 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions**

<b>Executive Board of NC #1:</b>	<b>0 Ayes;</b>	<b>6 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Advisory</b>
<b>Executive Board of NC #2:</b>	<b>1 Aye;</b>	<b>5 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Advisory</b>
<b>Executive Board of NC #3:</b>	<b>6 Ayes;</b>	<b>2 Noes;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>Executive Board of NC #4:</b>	<b>2 Ayes;</b>	<b>1 No;</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Advisory</b>

<b>NC</b>	<b>Executive Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance: P = Present N = Not Present * = Left Before Vote</b>
#1	George Apodac	P
#1	Ro Curry	N
#1	Don Diamond	P
#1	Tim Donis	N
#1	Joyce Erdman	P
#1	Jamie Extract	P
#1	Jeff Faulwell	N
#1	Tracy Ford	P
#1	Howard Glober	N
#1	Michael Pucher	N
#1	Bernie Riedel	N
#1	Debbie Thomas	P
#1	Amanda Weiss	N
#2	Medhat Beshai	N
#2	Jim Clement	N
#2	Marques Crutchfield	N
#2	Kimberly Drewes	N
#2	Lesley Greenfield	P
#2	Rick Grossman	P
#2	Corey Marshall	P
#2	Dan McBride	P
#2	Wendy Morley	P*
#2	Sara Rosario	P
#2	Nick Steinwender	P
#2	Kimmy Tharpe	N
#3	Ashley Chelonis	P
#3	Pamela Dean	P
#3	Tracy Fessler	P
#3	Andrew Gorden	N
#3	Shannon Johnson	P
#3	Lois Ann Lengel	P
#3	Elaine Litster	N
#3	Jackie Sheldon	P
#3	Robert Sherman	P
#3	Kelly Tinker	P



#4	Ed Abele	N
#4	Hal Bloom	N
#4	Ron Hypes	N
#4	Teri Hypes	N
#4	Ron Knepper	N
#4	Sharon McCann	P
#4	Lisa Morrison	P
#4	Linda Powell	N
#4	Patti Ringo	N
#4	Pete Stong	P
#4	Gina Simonelli	P*
#4	Karen Thornton	N