



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #4 Chair	Ed Abele
NC #4 Vice Chair	Pete Stong
NC #4 Secretary	Ron Knepper
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem 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. Informational Presentation

a. Overview of the City's Traffic Engineering Division

7. New Business

a. Election of Interim Officers

8. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

9. 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



10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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/Introductions

Vice Chair Pete Stong called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He confirmed that a quorum was present.

Monica Hopper	P	Gina Simonelli	P
Chuck Kiel	P	Pete Stong	P
Ron Hypes	P	Ed Abele	E
Teri Hypes	P	Hal Bloom	E
Ron Knepper	E	Lisa Morrison	P
Sharon McCann	P	Vacant	
Patti Ringo	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 Sharon McCann and seconded by Teri Hypes to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sharon McCann and seconded by Ron Hypes to approve the September 20, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

A letter was submitted by a citizen of Neighborhood Council #4 with questions regarding guard rails on Highway 118 and stop signs. The letter will be given to Public Works staff to respond.

6. Informational Presentation

a. 211: A Comprehensive Information and Referral Service for Ventura County

Rossanna Guerra from Interface Children & Family Services, informed the Executive Board about the 211 Ventura County program. She stated that 211 is a free, confidential referral/information helpline and website that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The program in Ventura County was the first in California. The average annual number of calls over the years has been approximately 20,000.

The local call center has bilingual call specialists immediately available in English, Spanish, and Cantonese. Furthermore, 211 utilizes phone based translation service for information and referrals in over 150 languages. Among the referrals they offer are housing, food, employment, veteran's services and healthcare. They also assist during disasters so that emergency responders can deal with the most urgent issues.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of possible revisions to the City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Brent Siemer, Deputy Director/Development Services from the Public Works Department, informed the Executive Board about the City's proposed revisions to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. He explained that the proposed revisions are to further decrease the premium amounts for flood insurance. The City has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program since 1991 and if certain measures are incorporated into the Ordinance, approximately 23,000 Simi Valley residents will be able to save 10 percent on their flood insurance premiums.

Questions and comments from the audience and responses from staff:

None.

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

How can one person be in the flood zone and another person living across the street not be in one?

This is possible because the Federal Emergency Management Agency maps are over 30 years old and were drawn with very broad, inaccurate boundaries due to the technology at that time. Also, due to the inaccuracy of the boundaries, the maps were drawn very conservatively, which inadvertently put more houses in the flood zone than should be.

How does Neighborhood Council #4 compare with the other Neighborhood Councils as to percentage of houses in the flood zone?

Neighborhood Council #4 actually has the lowest percentage of houses in the flood zone compared to the other three.

It was the consensus of the Executive Board that no recommendation was needed.

- b. Nomination of a representative to the Special Event Support Review Committee

By consensus of the Executive Board, Gina Simonelli was nominated as the Neighborhood Council #4 representative to the Special Event Support Review Committee.

8. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib informed the Executive Board that the next recruitment of the Neighborhood Council Executive Boards will commence in November. There will be four openings for the Neighborhood Council #4 Executive Board for the term beginning on March 1, 2017. She provided recruitment flyers, brochures and meeting cards.

9. Executive Board Comments

Lisa Morrison informed the Executive Board regarding the most recent meeting of the Taskforce on Homelessness. The faith based community will be meeting in January to discuss a program that will further support the Samaritan Center by taking over some of the services they currently provide.

She also mentioned that the annual Ventura County Homeless Count will be in January and encouraged members to participate. The Community Liaison Officers updated the Taskforce on the number of homeless encampments, of which there were about 22, though not all were currently occupied. They also noted that the most recent rash of panhandling is by people from other counties who drive in with their children to attempt to illicit sympathy and more money.

Pete Stong informed the Executive Board about the most recent meeting of the Library's Strategic Planning Committee. They reviewed the results of a recent community survey. The two most pressing needs noted in the survey were upgrading all of the Library's technology and also upgrading the facility.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.