



SIMI VALLEY  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

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| NC #1 Chair          | Steve Kahle              |
| NC #1 Vice Chair     | Dan Kirk                 |
| NC #1 Secretary      | Karen Diaz               |
| NC Coordinator       | Emily Habib              |
| City Council Liaison | Mayor Pro Tem Mike Judge |

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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. Water Conservation Update - Where Do We Go Now?

b. Introduction to the Simi Valley Library and its Services

7. New Business

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

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: Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

/s/

Anna M. Medina

Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Tracy Ford called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Bernie Riedel confirmed that a quorum was present.

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| Ted Bagley           | P | Dan Kirk                       | P |
| Don Diamond          | P | Dennis Lea                     | P |
| Karen Diaz           | P | Joyce Erdman                   | P |
| Monique Giuffre      | E | Tracy Ford                     | P |
| Steve Kahle          | P | Bernie Riedel                  | P |
| Gary King            | P | Vacant                         |   |
| Paula Miller-Kershaw | 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 Gary King and seconded by Ted Bagley to approve the August 3, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation: None

7. New Business

a. Discussion of a City-initiated Municipal Code Amendment on proposed marijuana standards, whether or not to:

**i. Permit, with standards, the indoor cultivation of plants for adult personal or qualified patient medical use**

**Questions/Comments from the audience and responses from City Staff:**

Is a greenhouse considered a temporary or accessory structure?

If it is a permanent structure with walls and a door, it is considered an accessory structure and therefore acceptable to grow marijuana in.

**Questions/Comments from the Executive Board & responses from City Staff:**

One person expressed concern that if a permit must be issued to grow the marijuana, Code Enforcement or the Police could be called in to enforce the conditions of the permit. This level of micromanagement would not be acceptable.

One person stated that he solicited feedback on the Ordinance amendments on Nextdoor and received feedback from 20 citizens, which he summarized:

- 7 – Support Expanded Personal Medical Use & Availability
- 5 – Concerned About Enforcement
- 4 – No Position
- 3 – Against Commercialization
- 1 – Against Marijuana in General

**MOTION: Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Gary King and seconded by Don Diamond:**

**Recommend that the Planning Commission vote to permit, using State standards, indoor cultivation of plants for adult personal or qualified patient medical use.**

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| <b>Executive Board vote:</b>     | <b>10 Ayes;</b> | <b>1 No;</b>   | <b>0 Abstentions</b> |
| <b>Audience Vote</b>             | <b>10 Ayes;</b> | <b>0 Noes;</b> | <b>0 Abstentions</b> |
| <b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b> | <b>None</b>     |                |                      |

**The motion carried.**

**ii. Prohibit outdoor cultivation**

**Questions/Comments from the audience and responses from City Staff:**

One person commented that outdoor cultivation should be allowed because it's the easiest and cleanest way to grow one's own medicine. It is also much less resource intensive than indoor growing.

Two people commented that there should be certain zones that marijuana can be grown in. Another person commented that there must be regulations and enforcement in these zones.

One person commented that the odor of marijuana plants in bloom is very strong.

**Questions/Comments from the Executive Board & responses from City Staff:**

Two people commented that while the odor of marijuana plants in bloom is very strong, there should still be zones in which it is permitted to be grown.

One person expressed support for the outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use because of the concern that people who need it for medical use may not have the money or the ability to grow it indoors.

Two people spoke against outdoor cultivation of marijuana.

Three people expressed support for the outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use.

**MOTION: Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Gary King and seconded by Dan Kirk:**

**Recommend that the Planning Commission vote to permit the outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use.**

**Executive Board vote:           6 Ayes;       4 Noes;    1 Abstention**  
**Audience Vote               9 Ayes;       0 Noes;    1 Abstention**  
**Unincorporated Area vote:   None**

**The motion carried.**

**iii. Prohibit marijuana land uses, operations and activities**

**Questions/Comments from the audience and responses from City Staff:**

Four people spoke in favor of marijuana land uses, operations and activities because by prohibiting them, the City is deliberately giving up substantial tax revenues from these uses, particularly from dispensaries.

Two people recommended that a limited number of dispensaries should be allowed, provided that they are regulated.

One person stated that not allowing medical marijuana dispensaries is unfair to many people, particularly the elderly, who may have difficulty traveling to the nearest dispensary in Chatsworth to get what they need.

One person spoke in favor of regulated commercial sales for both medical and personal use because legalizing such sales will take a substantial amount of marijuana off the black market, and will subsequently reduce drug related crime.

**Questions/Comments from the Executive Board & responses from City Staff:**

Four people agreed that if Simi Valley prohibits dispensaries but other nearby cities such as Moorpark and Thousand Oaks permit them, citizens will simply spend their money in these communities. This would take substantial tax revenue away from the City and would be counter to "Shop Simi Valley".

One person noted that cities that allow marijuana land uses, operations and activities become eligible for State grant funding, which the City should take advantage of.

**MOTION:    Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Gary King and seconded by Steve Kahle:**

**Recommend that the Planning Commission vote to allow marijuana land uses, operations and activities as regulated by State law.**

**Executive Board vote:           9 Ayes;       2 Noes;    0 Abstentions**  
**Audience Vote               9 Ayes;       0 Noes;    0 Abstentions**  
**Unincorporated Area vote:   None**

**The motion carried.**

**iv. Permit medical marijuana deliveries only to qualified patients within the City**

**Questions/Comments from the audience and responses from City Staff:**

One person stated that medical marijuana deliveries should only be run out of regulated dispensaries.

One person stated that only marijuana should be delivered, not any other drugs.

**Questions/Comments from the Executive Board & responses from City Staff:**

A number of people agreed medical marijuana deliveries should only be run out of regulated dispensaries.

**MOTION: Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Gary King and seconded by Dan Kirk:**

**Recommend that the Planning Commission vote to permit medical marijuana deliveries only to qualified patients within the City.**

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| <b>Executive Board vote:</b>     | <b>10 Ayes;</b> | <b>1 No;</b>   | <b>0 Abstentions</b> |
| <b>Audience Vote</b>             | <b>7 Ayes;</b>  | <b>0 Noes;</b> | <b>1 Abstention</b>  |
| <b>Unincorporated Area vote:</b> | <b>None</b>     |                |                      |

**The motion carried.**

b. Election of Officers

By consensus of the Executive Board, Steve Kahle elected Chair, Dan Kirk was elected Vice Chair, and Karen Diaz was elected Secretary. Gary King also volunteered to be the Social Media Coordinaoor.

8. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report: None.

9. Executive Board Comments: None

10. Adjournment: Thursday, October 5, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.