



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Jan Smith
NC #2 Vice Chair	Rachel Myers
NC #2 Secretary	Sara Rosario
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
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. The City's Home Rehabilitation Program for Low Income Households
7. New Business: None
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 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

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

Chair Jan Smith called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Secretary Sara Rosario confirmed that a quorum was present.

Christopher Connell	E	Rachel Myers	P
Dawn Gray	E	Lesley Greenfield	P
Andy Hanna	P	Sara Rosario	P
Debra Loveless	P	Steve Tcherchian	E
Judy Mayer	P	Jayesh Patel	P
TJ McInturff	P	Jan Smith	P
Chelsea L. Watson	E	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

Staff requested that Item 7a be heard before Item 6a. By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as revised.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sara Rosario and seconded by Lesley Greenfield to approve the October 10, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Robbie Hidalgo, Director of the Simi Valley Community Garden, updated the Executive Board on their Social Feed project. During the spring, hundreds of community members planted sweet potato starts, known as “slips”, in either private and/or public locations such as landscape borders, backyards, containers on patios, parks, schools, municipal landscaping areas etc. The goal was to harvest 5,000 pounds of sweet potatoes for donation to local food banks. However, they surpassed this goal, harvesting 6,482 lbs. The Simi Valley Youth Council, which assisted with the project, was recognized for their work by Assemblyman Dante Acosta.

He also announced that the first free Farmer’s Market was such a great success that there would be additional food on hand for the November 14, 2017 Farmer’s Market. In addition to a large number of Simi Valley citizen’s receiving food, 25 food distribution agencies from around the County were also able to pick up food to hand out.

7. Informational Presentation

a. City Budget Informational Presentation with Public Input on the 2018-19 Budget Priorities

Lee Kennedy, from the City’s Budget Advisory Committee, made the presentation. In July 2017, during adoption of the current budget, City staff projected multi-year deficits for the City’s general operating fund due largely to the City’s loss of Redevelopment Funds and a significant increase in the amount all cities in California must contribute to CalPERS for employee pensions.

The City Council appointed a five-member Budget Advisory Committee of local business owners and residents to review the numbers and present specific recommendations to address these deficits. The Committee developed an online survey of 14 questions that the City is asking residents to complete as part of a community engagement process to solicit their opinions on the City's budget. The survey will be open until 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2017 on the City's website (www.simivalley.org) and results will be posted on the website in January 2018.

6. New Business

- a. A request to construct a three-story 311-unit apartment complex consisting of 212 market rate non-age restricted units and 99 affordable senior units (minimum age of 62) at 1692 Sycamore Drive

Questions and comments from the audience and responses from the applicant:

None.

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

Is there any fencing proposed around the property?

There will be tubular steel fencing along the south and east boundaries, a solid block wall on the south and no fencing along Sycamore Drive.

Why are they proposing three stories instead of two?

Three stories is the most common number for such multifamily projects and the most economically sound in this case.

Comments:

Three Executive Board members expressed concerns about traffic impacts on the area during morning/evening peak hours.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Sara Rosario and seconded by Lesley Greenfield:

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the request to construct a three-story 311-unit apartment complex consisting of 212 market rate non-age restricted units and 99 affordable senior units (minimum age of 62) at 1692 Sycamore Drive with the suggested modification that a traffic signal be installed at Marcella Street and Sycamore Drive.

Executive Board vote:	8 Ayes;	1 No;	0 Abstentions
Audience vote:	2 Ayes;	0 Noes;	0 Abstentions
Unincorporated Area vote:	None		

The motion carried.

8. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report: None
9. Executive Board Comments
Lesley Greenfield congratulated Rachel Myers on her recent marriage.
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.