



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018, 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 Glen Becerra

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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 Presentation
  - a. The CERT Program: Community Emergency Response Training
7. New Business
  - a. Nomination of a representative and one alternate to serve on the Community Projects Grant (CPG) 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, April 5, 2018, 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 Steve Kahle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Karen Diaz confirmed that a quorum was present.

Shawne Brooks	P	Steve Kahle	E
Eve Liebman	P	Gary King	P
Sally Miller	P	Paula Miller-Kershaw	P
Ted Bagley	P	Dan Kirk	P
Don Diamond	P	Dennis Lea	P
Karen Diaz	P	Vacant	
Monique Giuffre	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 Gary King and seconded by Don Diamond to approve the January 4, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None.

6. Informational Presentations

a. The State of the Region Report

Samantha Argabrite, Deputy City Manager, discussed the 2017 State of the Region Report, prepared by the Ventura County Civic Alliance. The Alliance is a coalition of civic leaders with a commitment to the “three E’s” - the economic, environmental and social equity interests of Ventura County. The Alliance publishes the report every two years. The independently researched report presents data on more than 100 quality of life indicators for Ventura County, arranged into the following key topic areas: Community Engagement & Resources; Economy; Education; Land Use & Housing; Natural & Environmental Resources; Public Health; Public Safety; Social Services; and Transportation. The report is used by elected officials, businesses, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, the educational community and many others as a tool to understand the region and prepare for the future.

b. Simi at the Garden – Simi Valley’s Own Community Garden

Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of the garden, discussed Simi Valley’s first and only Community Garden. Simi at the Garden is an ongoing community service/building/action project where community members and organizations come together to connect with nature, learn, volunteer, interact, serve, and grow as individuals and as a community. One of the first community projects provided by the garden is the “Sharity Garden”, a volunteer sustained agricultural project, which grows and harvests organic produce which is donated to charities such as the Simi Valley Samaritan Center, providing fresh food for the city’s homeless and indigent population.

They have also launched a multi-phase initiative which will maximize the civic, educational and supportive service benefits for all of the residents of Simi Valley called the "Garden of Dreams". By researching and integrating the best-practices of leading community gardens throughout the U.S., the project provides educational, therapeutic, work, job training, transitional employment and support services to youths, seniors, trauma and mental health populations, veterans, the disabled and other disadvantaged community members, as well as the populations of many other non-profit organizations.

7. New Business

a. Input on the City’s Coyote Management Plan Fencing Options

Stratis Perros, City Planner, gave the presentation, showing examples of the coyote roller fencing. Coyotes getting into back yards is an ongoing problem in many cities in California and Simi Valley is no exception. This fencing involves a narrow metal rolling cylinder mounted on the top of a fence. Coyotes cannot get over fences with these cylinders because they cannot get a hold on the roller to pull themselves over into the yard. The City is considering allowing such rollers to be attached to existing 6’ fences.

One Executive Board member spoke in favor of allowing ‘8 fences to help deter coyotes in addition to the rollers. Mr. Perros commented that higher walls could be a crime issue, impeding police officers’ attempts to climb fences in pursuit of suspects. Two other Executive Board members spoke against 8’ fences.

8. Neighborhood Council Coordinator’s Report

Emily Habib informed the Executive Board that she would soon be asking whether all four Executive Boards would like to participate in this year’s Simi Valley Days Parade. She also noted that the recruitment for the July 2018 term would open on March 5 and asked Executive Board members to be on the lookout for possible new members.

9. Executive Board Comments

Eve Liebman informed the Executive Board that Soroptimist International of Simi Valley would be holding their 3rd anniversary banquet at the Moorpark Country Club on February 15, 2018. At the banquet, they will be honoring their 2018 Live Your Dream Award recipients.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.