



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Mary Oaks
NC #3 Vice Chair	Lori Cromley
NC #3 Secretary	Pepper Aarvold
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Dee Dee Cavanaugh

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: Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

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Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mary Oaks called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Secretary Edgar Escobar confirmed that a quorum was present.

Ian Davis	P	Mary Oaks	P
Amin Magsoodi	P	Megan Story	P
Janie Trice	P	Pepper Aarvold	E
Jim Woods	P	Lori Cromley	P
Conchita Battle	E	Ryan Gennaro	P
Edgar Escobar	P	Mike Perenchio	E
Dave Mummert	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

Emily Habib requested that Item 6a be moved to after Item 7a. By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as modified.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lori Cromley and seconded by Ryan Gennaro to approve the January 11, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

A resident from the Kadota Fig neighborhood thanked the Executive Board for recommending denial of the four story apartment complex at the corner of Tapo and Alamo Streets.

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 foot fences.

Questions from the Executive Board:

Are there other humane control measures in place?

Yes, Ventura County Animal Services has a Coyote Management Plan in place which does contain other humane control measure such as hazing coyotes.

Would the City consider allowing properties on the outskirts of the city limits, with no adjacent neighbors, to build 8 foot fences?

Perhaps. This would have to reviewed on a case by case basis.

Would Ventura County Animal Services consider assisting people with the cost of the coyote rollers?

Unknown.

6. Informational Presentation

a. 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.

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: None.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.