



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 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 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 10, 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 7:32 p.m. Secretary Sara Rosario confirmed that a quorum was present.

Christopher Connell	P	Rachel Myers	P
Dawn Gray	P	Lesley Greenfield	E
Andy Hanna	P	Sara Rosario	P
Debra Loveless	E	Steve Tcherchian	P
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

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

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Christopher Connell and seconded by Andy Hanna to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

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.

7. New Business

- a. Legalize the conversion of a single-family home to a contractor's office at 1874 Patricia Ave

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

None.

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

None.

The following motion was made by Christopher Connell and seconded by Sara Rosario:

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the request to legalize the conversion of a single-family home to a contractor's office at 1874 Patricia Avenue as presented.

Executive Board vote: 9 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

Audience vote: 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

Unincorporated Area vote: None

The motion carried.

- b. 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.

One Executive Board member asked if other cities use such roller fencing. Mr. Perros replied that Camarillo and Thousand Oaks, plus communities in Los Angeles County use such fencing. Five Executive Board members felt that the rollers were unattractive. One Executive Board member, who is a first responder, felt that the rollers would it make it more difficult to get over fences during an emergency. One Executive Board member felt that animal shelters should be consulted with regarding other options to keep coyotes out of yards.

6. Informational Presentation

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.

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

Jan Smith reported that the Simi Valley Historical Society’s fundraising dinner to pay for the moving of the last house from the original colony at 2nd Street and Pacific Avenue to Strathern Historical Park was a great success. The house will be moved on April 5 and 6, 2018.

Dawn Gray inquired about recent Simi Valley Police Department efforts to work with the homeless. Emily Habib recommended that she contact Homeless Liaison Officer Sean Baker at 583-6950 to obtain this information.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.