



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4**

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION**

SIMI VALLEY LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
2969 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

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NC #4 Chair	Steve Mace
NC #4 Vice Chair	Monica Hopper
NC #4 Secretary	Diane Martinez-Adams
NC Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Keith Mashburn

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1. Call to Order/Welcomes/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.

/s/  
Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Neighborhood Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6756. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Chair Steve Mace called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Secretary Diane Martinez-Adams confirmed that a quorum was present.

Hal Bloom	P	Monica Hopper	P
Gloria Bowman	P	Vacant	
Cindy Cole	P	Vacant	
Lisa Morrison	P	Vacant	
Ana Posadas	P	Vacant	
Steve Mace	P	Vacant	
Diane Martinez-Adams	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 Hal Bloom and seconded by Cindy Cole to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

A resident inquired about what development might be planned for a 17 acre parcel at the eastern end of Cochran Street, south of and adjacent to the 118 Freeway. Stratis Perros, City Planner, stated that while no application has been submitted, an initial meeting had taken place with the developer. They discussed a three story multifamily development of approximately 50 units. Of note is that only the top two floors would be visible, with underground parking on the third level. Local residents were concerned with possible overflow parking issues in their neighborhood and additional traffic generated by such a development.

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:

If the City allows coyote rollers but an HOA does not, can the City force them to allow the rollers?

No, HOAs can have more stringent regulations than the City has.

Can the rollers be homemade or must they be purchased?

They can be homemade.

Will the Department of Fish and Wildlife trap and transport coyotes out of the area?

No, they will not at this time.

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 5th and asked Executive Board members to be on the lookout for possible new members.

9. Executive Board Member Comments

Gloria Bowman announced that Jean-Marie Maroshek from the Simi Valley Police Department is offering courses on how to start a Neighborhood Watch. Those interested should go to the City website for further information or contact Ms. Maroshek at (805) 583-6276.

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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.