



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4**  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 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
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Keith Mashburn

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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 City of Simi Valley Code Enforcement's Role in Community Preservation
7. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers
8. Community Services 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, June 19, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

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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 7:35 p.m. Secretary Diane Martinez-Adams confirmed that a quorum was present.

Hal Bloom	E	Monica Hopper	E
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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Steve Mace noted two errors in the minutes. The date of the next meeting was incorrectly listed as Thursday, March 15 instead of Tuesday, March 20. Also, during the Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report, Emily Habib discussed the upcoming CEAC Selection Committee and that all Chairs were members. Steve then stated that he was available to serve on the committee. A motion was made by Lisa Morrison and seconded by Cindy Cole to approve the February 20, 2018 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of Simi at the Garden, updated the Executive Board on recent happenings in the garden. He noted that the most recent Free Farmer's Market, which has been in place for a number of months, gave away 65% more food than the first event. Because of this, the pilot program has become a permanent program. On the negative side, he also reported that in addition to the previous theft of tables and canopies, most of the garden's tools had been stolen. While they are taking steps to secure property in the future, they are in great need of replacements right now.

Their multi-phase initiative, "The Garden of Dreams", has begun. The program seeks to maximize the civic, educational and supportive service benefits for all Simi Valley residents. Their first venture was having the County District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department tour the garden in order to set up the first East County Evening Reporting Center for those on probation. There will be more information on this program as it progresses.

Wanda Moyer, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, informed the Executive Board about turf removal and drip irrigation classes in April.

6. Informational Presentations

a. The CERT Program: Community Emergency Response Training

Theresa Ramirez, Emergency Services Coordinator for the Simi Valley Police Department, discussed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) Program. Its name is deliberately different from the Federal program, called the Community Emergency Response Team. The Federal program was created in 1993 with the intent of training citizens in disaster response so they could join professional responders in the event of a disaster.

Simi Valley adopted its program in 1994 after the Northridge earthquake. The intent of Simi Valley's program is not to train citizens so they could join professional responders. It is instead to train citizens in basic disaster response skills in order to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. Since the program began, there have been 38 CERT Academies, with nearly 1,500 citizens completing the program. There are normally three academies per year, with the next one beginning in April.

7. New Business

a. Nomination of a representative and one alternate to serve on the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee

By consensus of the Executive Board, Cindy Cole was nominated as the Neighborhood Council #4 representative and Ana Posadas as the alternate.

8. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib informed the Executive Board that the recruitment for the July 2018 term opened on March 5 and Neighborhood Council #4 currently had six applicants for four openings. She also noted that off-street vehicle parking regulations, including recreational vehicle (RV) parking on residential properties would be discussed at the April 2018 meeting.

9. Executive Board Member Comments

Gloria Bowman reminded the Executive Board that the 31st Annual Youth Employment Service (YES) Job and Career Expo would take place on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Boys and Girls Club.

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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Roll call was delayed until 7:45 p.m. in an attempt to achieve a quorum. A quorum was not reached; therefore, this was not an official meeting and no actions were taken.

Hal Bloom	A	Monica Hopper	A
Gloria Bowman	E	Vacant	
Cindy Cole	P	Vacant	
Lisa Morrison	A	Vacant	
Ana Posadas	P	Vacant	
Steve Mace	P	Vacant	
Diane Martinez-Adams	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

There were no objections to the agenda as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting will be reviewed and approved at future meeting.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of Simi at the Garden, discussed the upcoming 2nd annual Social Feed project. 5,000 baby sweet potato plants, called “slips”, will be distributed by the Garden and the Youth Council at the Simi Valley Street Fair in May. The plan is to have members of the community plant the slips. A one-day harvest will take place in October, with all potatoes being donated to those who don’t have enough food. Their goal is to once again harvest 5,000 pounds. Last year, that goal was exceeded by a harvest of over 6,500 pounds. The project is hoping for an even larger harvest this year.

6. Informational Presentation: None

7. New Business

- a. Discussion and Feedback on Simi Valley Municipal Code Regulations regarding Off-Street Vehicle Parking, including Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parking on Residential Properties

Sean Gibson, Senior Planner, explained the current regulations, noting that compared to other cities in Ventura County, Simi Valley has the least amount of regulations on off-street parking, especially when considering allowances for parking in the front yard.

Diagrams were shown to display examples of both legal and illegal parking around the City. Examples of some potential changes in parking options were also shown. Feedback and comments were then requested from the Executive Board and the audience. This feedback will be provided to the City Council.

1. Currently, off-street vehicles are allowed to be parked on a paved area between the driveway and the nearest property line. Should they also be allowed on a paved area on the opposite side of the yard from the driveway?

Executive Board	Yes-2	No-2	No Opinion-0
Audience	Yes-0	No-1	No Opinion-1

2. Should the requirement that a minimum of 50% of the front yard must be landscaped remain as written, as opposed to decreasing the percentage?

Executive Board	Yes-3	No-0	No Opinion-1
Audience	Yes-1	No-0	No Opinion-1

3. Should vehicles, with limits as to how many, be allowed to park in the backyard in an area not adjacent to a permitted garage or carport, if they are on a paved surface?

Executive Board	Yes-4	No-0	No Opinion-0
Audience	Yes-0	No-1	No Opinion-1

**Questions from the audience and responses from staff:**

**What is the percentage of households with RVs within the City?**

Information regarding the percentage of households in Simi Valley with RVs was not readily available.

**Does the safety and sight lines ordinance apply to RV parking?**

No. This ordinance states that hedges cannot exceed six-feet in height with a minimum 10-foot setback from the front property line on single-family residential properties. This ordinance does not apply to vehicle parking.

**Questions from the Executive Board and responses from staff:**

**What were some of the general themes from other Neighborhood Council meetings?**

In general, residents seemed most concerned about the appearance of the front yard in relation to RV parking. Another general consideration suggested was limiting each property to one RV.

**Comments from the Audience:**

None

**Comments from the Executive Board:**

One Executive Board member expressed concern about current recreational vehicle owners and their ability to park.

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

The recruitment for Neighborhood Council #4 has closed with the City receiving nine applicants for four openings. At the April 23, 2018 City Council meeting, staff will recommend City Council appoint two Members to interview and nominate prospective Neighborhood Council Executive Board Members.

9. Executive Board Comments

None

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by a consensus of the Executive Board members present for the meeting.