



### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018, 7:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

#### AGENDA

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NC #3 Chair	Mary Oaks
NC #3 Vice Chair	Amin Maghsoodi
NC #3 Secretary	Edgar Escobar
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

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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. Progress of the Arroyo Simi Greenway Project
  - b. Overview of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center
7. New Business
  - a. Nomination of a representative to the Special Event Support Review Committee



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: Thursday, November 15, 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/Introductions

Vice Chair Amin Maghsoodi called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Secretary Edgar Escobar confirmed that a quorum was present.

Nancy Freigher	E	Janie Trice	P
Jeremy Kuklin	P	Jim Woods	P
Mark Luker	P	Edgar Escobar	P
Shaun MacDonald	P	Dave Mummert	P
Tracey Slocum	P	Mary Oaks	E
Ian Davis	E	Vacant	
Amin Maghsoodi	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

Dave Mummert pointed out that the August 16, 2018 minutes listed him as excused when he was in fact present. Two other Executive Board members concurred and requested that the minutes be corrected. A motion was made by Mark Luker and seconded by Dave Mummert to approve the August 16, 2018 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

A member of the public reminded the Executive Board to attend the upcoming public meetings on the district based elections transition. She also informed the Executive Board that the Police Department only has two School Resource Officers to service the four high schools due to budget cuts by the City. She felt that Simi Valley Unified School District should be paying for four officers since they are in charge of the schools. However, she said that at the minimum, the School District should pay for two more officers to offset those lost through City budget cuts.

Another member of the public, who lives on Valarie Avenue, expressed concern that he and his neighbors would not be notified of public hearings on a senior townhome complex planned for the nearby area north of Walnut Avenue, between Lemon Drive and Cole Avenue. Emily Habib recommended that he and his neighbors join the e-notify lists for Neighborhood Council #3 and the Planning Commission to be certain that they were aware of when the project would be reviewed.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Update on the Simi Valley Community Garden

Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of the Simi Valley Community Garden, also known as "Simi at the Garden," described the history of the garden and its current endeavors. Opening in 2011 at 1636 Sinaloa Road, it is an organic garden where individuals, families, and community organizations come together. Gardening plots can be rented so that people can grow their own crops and host a variety of workshops, programs, and activities.

Some components are: The "Sharity Garden", the community portion of the garden which donates the produce to local food banks and operates a monthly free farmer's market for anyone in need, irrespective of income; a "healing farm" program that will provide a positive environment to rehabilitate veterans through "hands on" work experience and vocational training; and an initiative with the County Probation Department for the garden to become the first east County evening probation reporting center, which will allow people to do their community service hours at the garden to help them to find healthier focuses for their energy and help to keep them from reoffending.

7. New Business: None

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib explained the series of events which led to the City's transition to a district based election system. She strongly encouraged Executive Board members to attend the four upcoming public hearings and a community meeting on September 25, 2018 and to participate in the transition process.

9. Executive Board Comments

Jim Woods asked about the status of the mixed use project proposed for the corner of Tapo and Alamo Streets in the planning process. Emily Habib stated that it was most likely still in the environmental review process. However, she would confirm this and report back to the Executive Board at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, October 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.