



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #1 Chair	Steve Kahle
NC #1 Vice Chair	Monique Giuffre
NC #1 Secretary	Karen Diaz
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Keith Mashburn

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 City's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) plan for public outreach & education
7. New Business
 - a. Appointment of two Neighborhood Council representatives to an NFIP Public Information 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, December 6, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

/s/
Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Steve Kahle called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Secretary Karen Diaz confirmed that a quorum was present.

Adi Chikkala	P	Ted Bagley	E
Diana Cockerill	P	Don Diamond	E
Jamie Extract	P	Karen Diaz	P
Kiran Khandare	A	Monique Giuffre	P
Shawne Brooks	P	Steve Kahle	P
Eve Liebman	P	Gary King	P
Sally Miller	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

A motion was made by Gary King and seconded by Shawne Brooks to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of Simi at the Garden, discussed the upcoming harvest for sweet potatoes on October 6, which is the culmination of the 2nd annual Social Feed project. Over five thousand baby sweet potato plants, called "slips", were distributed by the Garden and the Youth Council at the Simi Valley Street Fair in May. Members of the community plant the slips in public and private areas. Their goal for this year is 5,000 pounds, which is the same as last year. All potatoes are being donated to those who don't have enough food.

Developers of a proposed memory care facility in Wood Ranch introduced the project to the Executive Board and noted that they would return for official review once it was deemed complete by the City.

A representative from the Election Integrity Project introduced their group to the Executive Board. They are a non-profit, non-partisan group that actively participates in the voting process through overseeing the integrity of the voter rolls, ensuring that each lawfully cast vote is counted and counted fairly, and that all processes are in compliance with federal, state and local laws, statutes and regulations. One way to do this is to monitor polling places. She noted that they do not have enough volunteers from Simi Valley to monitor all local polling places. She distributed information on how to become involved and requested the Executive Board's help in putting the word out for local volunteers.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Progress of the Arroyo Simi Greenway Project

Douglas Duran, landscape architect and project manager for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD), made the presentation. He informed the Executive Board the Arroyo Simi Greenway has multi-use paths that run east-west through a large part of Simi Valley. They are located on both sides of the Arroyo Simi Flood Control Channel that begin just west of Stearns Street and extend all the way to Stargaze Place at the west end of Simi Valley.

These multi-use paths may be used by walkers and joggers, and by bicycle, skateboard and horseback riders. Some portions of the path have been recently upgraded with improved entrances located at Sequoia Avenue, Royal Avenue, Sycamore Drive, Erringer Road, and Madera Road. Phase one included an upgrade of two miles of trail with a new asphalt bikeway, seventeen new access trail entries, interpretive exhibit signs, and site amenities. Phase two included newly paved trails, installation of three new trail entries, installation of three primary and two secondary gateway monument signs, installation of three signalized crossings, and interpretive and directional signage at various points along the trail.

b. Overview of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

David Yoshitomi, Community Services Manager, described the history of the Cultural Arts Center and its current endeavors. The Gothic building was built in the 1920's and was used as a church, a mortuary, a temple, and a school before it became the City's Cultural Arts Center in 1995. It features the 200-seat Mainstage Theater, the Downstage Theater/multipurpose room, a gallery space, and a catering kitchen plus professional stage and dressing rooms.

Since the opening, the Center has featured everything from jazz and rock bands to classical music, dramas, and musicals, and a variety of choral and dance group performances. These performances are done in-house, by local arts groups, professional touring groups and individuals, and independent producers/organizations.

7. New Business

a. Nomination of a representative to the Special Event Support Review Committee

By unanimous vote, Shawne Brooks was nominated, with Eve Liebman nominated as alternate.

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed the upcoming recruitment for the March 2019 term, which opens on October 29. She also informed the Executive Board about the new native plant teaching garden being installed in the children's patio at the Simi Valley Library. There will be a grand opening on November 3.

9. Executive Board Comments

Gary King discussed his participation in the City's transition to a district based election process and encouraged other Executive Board members to participate.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, November 8, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.