



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

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

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'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
 - b. Request to construct a 221,650 square foot industrial building at 1757 Tapo Canyon Road



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 13, 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

Vice Chair Amin Maghsoodi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He also confirmed that a quorum was present.

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

A motion was made by Ian Davis and seconded by Jim Woods to approve the September 13, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

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.

Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of the Simi Valley Community Garden, announced that the next Free Farmer's Market would take place from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2018, at the garden located at 1636 Sinaloa Road. The Market provides thousands of pounds of fresh produce and other food to local and regional residents, all of which is distributed at no charge to attendees. He also reported that October 23 is the one-year anniversary of the Free Farmers Market, at which the Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA) will introduce its forty-foot Mobile Medical Clinic along with a variety of outreach staff and information to connect the breadth of available county health care services with all attendees.

He also noted that while Simi Valley led the County in suicides last year, virtually none of the funds distributed to the County to promote prevention, early intervention and recovery came to the east county. He informed the Executive Board that there is currently a survey on line to assess to needs of each city in the County. He encouraged Executive Board members to complete the survey to help Simi Valley get its share of the available funds.

6. Informational Presentations

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, Janie Trice was nominated, with Jeremy Kuklin 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.

She supplied the Executive Board members with additional information on a proposed senior townhome complex planned for the nearby area north of Walnut Avenue, between Lemon Drive and Cole Avenue. The complex is proposed to contain 51 units. It will be a controversial project because is it also proposed to join Presidio Drive and Walnut Avenue, which could be perceived as both beneficial and detrimental by the people living in the area. She noted that the project will most likely be heard by the Neighborhood Council in early 2019.

9. Executive Board Comments

Janie Trice inquired about any rules or regulations that may exist on the use of drones. Jeremy Kuklin asked how a citizen could go about getting speed bumps on their street. Ms. Habib replied that she would look into these matters and respond to the entire Executive Board.

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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.