


NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Andy Hanna
NC #2 Vice Chair	Christopher Connell
NC #2 Secretary	Debra Loveless
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Elaine Litster

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 Presentations

a. The Inner Workings of Simi Valley's Sanitation Division

7. New Business: None

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 11, 2019, 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 Community Services 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

Chair Andy Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Secretary Debra Loveless confirmed that a quorum was present.

Gina Gooding	P	Christopher Connell	P
Eric Kohli	E	Dawn Gray	E
Benjamin L. Ramirez	P	Andy Hanna	P
Jan Smith	E	Debra Loveless	P
Pam Campeau	P	Judy Mayer	P
Phil Englander	E	TJ McInturff	A
Vacant		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 Pam Campeau and seconded by Judy Mayer to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

a. The Samaritan Center: How They Help the Homeless

Executive Director Betty Eskey gave the presentation. The Center opened in 1994 and for the first 12 years, its mission was to feed and clothe the homeless. However, this process was creating chronically homeless people, and in 2006 Ms. Eskey was brought in to change the model for the center. Since then, the mission has been to support the homeless in becoming productive members of the community.

Anyone who wishes to receive services must stay clean and sober, and accept wraparound services of a case manager whose goal is to get and keep them off the streets. They work with the clients to create an action plan to achieve this goal. In January 2019, the center housed 10 homeless families, which is more than the previous model was able to do in one year. The case manager works with the individual/family to make sure they are able to maintain their new lifestyle and stay productive members of the community.

b. Simi Valley Transit: How Does It Run?

Transit Operations Manager Ben Gonzales and Transit Supervisor Christopher Latham gave the presentation. They described the current operations of the transit system, which consists of 11 natural gas powered busses that run on four fixed routes, and four Dial-a-Ride vans for seniors or those who are disabled. They also provide transit travel training for seniors to make them comfortable with taking the bus.

A number of improvements are on the horizon. They plan to make schedule changes to decrease the wait time between busses from an average of 45 minutes to 30 minutes. They are also redrawing the bus routes to provide service to Moorpark College and more service to the junior high and high schools. They hope to add real time updates for the fixed route busses so that patrons can tell where their bus is and if it's running late. Electronic fare media will be installed soon so that patrons can load their phones up with credits and then just swipe them when they get on, eliminating the need to carry the correct change.

7. New Business: None

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed a switch in meeting dates, specifically that the Neighborhood Councils would be meeting in June and going dark in July. She also informed the Executive Board that the City would soon be sending out a survey to Executive Board members from the past five years to determine their feelings on the current meeting time and whether there was a majority opinion that an earlier meeting time would be preferred and feasible.

9. Executive Board Comments

Pam Campeau reminded the Executive Board to support the community garden.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.