



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

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AGENDA

NC #4 Chair	Jan Smith
NC #4 Vice Chair	Gary King
NC #4 Secretary	Sofya Bagdasaryan
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

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 three (3) minutes per speaker.

NEW COMMENT PROCEDURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the Neighborhood Council in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items.



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6. Informational Presentations

- a. The City's Home Rehabilitation Program - Loans for Health and Safety Related Repairs
- b. Simi Valley Transit: How does it run?

7. New Business

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, March 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

/s/

Yvette Moore
Administrative Officer

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

Community Services Coordinator Emily Habib called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. She also confirmed that a quorum was present.

Sofya Bagdasaryan	P	Patrick Bolger	P
Shari Bowles Gibbons	P	CC Bowman	P
Joseph A. Goeken	A	Howie Globber	P
Gary King	P	Brett Rollins	P
Rick Norris	P	Ron Rudman	P
Jayesh Patel	P	Jan Smith	P
Lea Williams	A	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

The October 20, 2020 minutes could not be approved. Due to the changes in Neighborhood Council boundaries on November 1, 2020, different Executive Board members were present at the current meeting than those at the previous meeting. The minutes will remain in draft form.

4. Correspondence

Rick Norris received a request via Next Door for information on upcoming Amtrak track improvements. Emily Habib stated that she would discuss the topic during the Community Services Coordinator's report.

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation: None

7. New Business

- a. Discussion/Action on Municipal Code amendments for establishing standards for bee keeping (Apiculture) activities in single-family zones

Questions/comments from the audience and responses from the applicant:

None.

Questions/comments from the Executive Board and responses from the applicant:

Will the permit fees cover all additional costs?

Yes, the permit fees will cover all additional costs. The Planning Division will issue permits, which are only anticipated to be 2-4 per year, as part of its regular duties. The fees would cover the \$500 annual cost to join Bee City USA.

Has a study been done on any increases in bee stings in the area of permitted bee hives in other cities?

No, such a study has not been done.

If a neighbor with bee allergies is stung, what are the legal/fiscal consequences, if any, to the City/beekeeper?

The City is currently exploring this.

Why did the City choose to require that the hive opening face the interior of the lot as opposed to merely requiring that it not face a neighbor?

Having the hive opening facing the interior serves to guide the bees away from the edges of the property and any neighboring properties.

Comments:

A number of Executive Board members commented that bees are an important part of the ecosystem.

An Executive Board member commented that the City should apply for the Bee City USA program.

An Executive Board member commented that neighbors on all sides of a property should agree on the issuance of the permit. They also commented that an inspection of the property should be required every year as a condition of renewal of the permit.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Howie Globber and seconded by Rick Norris:

Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the Municipal Code amendments for establishing standards for bee keeping (Apiculture) activities in single-family zones with the following recommendation:

- **Any Municipal Code amendments are budget neutral.**

Executive Board vote:	11 Ayes;	0 Noes;	0 Abstentions
Audience vote:	None		
Unincorporated Area vote:	None		

The motion passed.

b. Election of Officers

By consensus of the Executive Board, Jan Smith was elected Chair, Gary King was elected Vice Chair, and Sofya Bagdasaryan was elected Secretary.

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib noted that the Neighborhood Councils would most likely not be meeting in December. She informed Executive Board members that the recruitment for the March 2021 term would begin shortly. She also discussed a press release on an upcoming Metrolink upgrade of approximately two miles of railroad tracks in the city.

9. Executive Board Comments

Executive Board members introduced themselves. Sofya Bagdasaryan informed members that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District would be holding its Junk in the Trunk sale on December 5, 2020.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.