



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
SIMI VALLEY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
3050 E. LOS ANGELES AVENUE

***NOTE REVISED LOCATION**

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Julie Bershin
NC #3 Vice Chair	Sara Rosario
NC #3 Secretary	Evelyn Gatewood
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Rocky Rhodes

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.

6. Informational Presentations
 - a. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee
 - b. The Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center
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 give an Ad Hoc Committee Report or to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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

Chair Julie Bershin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She also confirmed that a quorum was present.

Tim Atencio	A	Vacant	
Bridget Charboneau	P	Vacant	
Andy Hanna	E	Doug Bamforth	P
Lyle Jackson	P	James Bartholomew	E
Jeremy Yablan	P	Sara Rosario	A
Julie Bershin	P	Vacant	
Evelyn Gatewood	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Julie Bershin and seconded by Jeremy Yablan to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

The Simi Valley Free Clinic

Fred Bauermeister, Executive Director, gave the presentation. The Free Clinic was established in 1971 to serve all citizens of Simi Valley. Its award-winning program is well known around the county for its breadth and depth of services provided by approximately 145 dedicated volunteers. It provides medical, dental, and legal services to over 8,000 people annually. It has a counseling program for adults and children and serves as a training ground for both doctors and pharmacists. The clinic occupies one-half of a 14,000 square-foot building, with the other half occupied by various local non-profit organizations. In early 2023, they will be opening a tattoo removal program for people who have been in gangs or have been the victims of human trafficking.

7. New Business

Request to construct a 10,133 square-foot industrial building on a one-acre lot at 2240 First Street

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

None.

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

Are the large rollup doors at ground level or are they raised?

They are raised but are designed to be accessed by vehicles via a driveway.

Do they have commitments from any potential tenants?

No, as of this date, they do not.

Is the project designed to withstand significant flooding from rains like those that occurred recently?

Yes, per City design standards, the building will be raised above ground level in order to remove it from the 100 year flood zone.

How long do they anticipate the construction to take?

After final City processing, they expect it to take 18-24 months.

Where are the doors in relation to the housing?

The concept of the front door, the doors to the offices, are all oriented towards First Street. The vehicular access and others, that's all in the back. That's not oriented towards the houses. That's oriented more towards the railroad tracks.

Comments: One Executive Board member recommended that the project install a solar power system.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Jeremy Yablan and seconded by Bridget Charboneau:

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the construction of a 10,133 square-foot industrial building on a one-acre lot at 2240 First Street as presented.

Executive Board vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

Audience vote: 1 Aye; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

Unincorporated Area vote: 0 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion carried.

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib discussed the current Neighborhood Council recruitment. Interviews will most likely take place towards the end of January, with appointments tentatively taking place at the February 27, 2023 City Council meeting. Outgoing Executive Board members will also receive Certificates of Appreciation at this meeting. She informed the Executive Board that election of new officers will take place at their upcoming February 16, 2023 meeting. She also noted that this meeting will take place at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

9. Executive Board Comments

Julie Bershin discussed her recent participation in the Special Events Support Review Committee (SESRC). They reviewed 12 applications for a total of \$25,000 and assigned the money to a number of organizations. She requested that the City provide more than \$25,000 to the SESRC in the future.

Doug Bamforth stated that the flags at Veteran's Plaza in Lemon Park will be rearranged and a new flagpole added for the Space Force flag.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.