



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #1 Chair	Todd Taylor
NC #1 Vice Chair	Debbie Gainey
NC #1 Secretary	Cameron Thompson
City Council Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem 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 Presentation
 - a. Simi Valley Transit: How does it run?
7. New Business: None
8. City Staff Comments
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, February 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

/s/ _____
Mara Malch
Deputy Environmental Services Director

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Todd Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He also confirmed that a quorum was present.

Todd Taylor	P	Dwight Thompson	P
Debbie Gainey	P	Carol Thomaier	P
Cameron Thompson	P	Suzanne Thuotte	P
Alan Mann	P	Elsa Dreckman	A
Will Marmolejo	P	Mark Luker	A
David Mosso	P	Vacant (if necessary)	
Frank Perrotta	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 David Mosso and seconded by Alan Mann to approve the October 5, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

Kelly Behle, Director of the Simi Valley Public Library gave an overview PowerPoint presentation of library services, programs, and future proposed capital projects, including an ongoing fundraising campaign to repurpose space within the existing footprint of the building. Ms. Behle shared the success of the Meet Me at the Library Program and how it is structured to invite more patrons to utilize the library and its services.

7. New Business

Alex Clingman, Associate Planner and Sean Gibson, Deputy Environmental Services Director/City Planner presented a City-initiated Municipal Code Text Amendment to establish development standards and modify the design guidelines and size limitations for residential accessory structures.

Questions and comments from the Executive Board and responses from City staff:

Q: How do accessory structures work with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)?

A: The proposed changes are exclusively for accessory structures. ADUs have their own design requirements and size restrictions in the SVMC. They can be combined on one lot, with accessory structures (garages, carports, sheds) subject to SVMC lot coverage, setbacks, and distance requirements.

Q: Are the metal buildings that look like a carport in Exhibit 2 acceptable for Recreational Vehicles (RVs)?

A: These structures would not be acceptable because they do not provide roof eaves.

Q: What about the Home Owner Association (HOA) restrictions?

A: Homeowners must adhere to their HOA regulations. The proposed changes would not supersede HOA rules.

Q: Since steel structures are pre-painted, must the homeowner incur additional costs by having to paint the structure to match the existing house?

A: The Design Guidelines give staff the ability to interpret compatibility criteria. Certain pre-painted structures may be acceptable if compatible with the main home as determined by the Director.

Q: What percentage of residential properties are not covered by HOAs?

A: We do not have an exact figure. The proposal would apply to all properties, but HOA regulations may be more restrictive.

Q: If this amendment passes what about existing structures, will they be grandfathered in?

A: If they are permitted, they would become legal, non-conforming structures.

Q: How does this all fit in with cargo containers?

A: Cargo containers have their own design/screening requirements and size restrictions. They can be combined on one lot, with accessory structures, subject to SVMC lot coverage, setbacks, and distance requirements.

Q: Will the structures have electricity?

A: Yes, an electrical permit can be obtained for these structures. However, they cannot be 'conditioned' space, which would make it a habitable structure.

Q: Who is asking for this text amendment?

A: Typically, residents in a non-animal overlay zone who want to use metal as a material and residents who are in an animal overlay zone and want a larger structure such as a garage.

Motion: Recommend that the Planning Commission establish development standards and modify the design guidelines and size limitations for residential accessory structures.

Executive Board vote:	7 Ayes;	3 Noes;	0 Abstentions
Audience vote:	2 Ayes;	0 Noes;	0 Abstentions
Unincorporated Area vote:	0 Ayes;	0 Noes;	0 Abstentions

8. City Staff Comments: None

9. Executive Board Comments

Debbie Gainey inquired about whom to contact regarding the installation of speed bumps.

Suzanne Thuotte commented that the school board bond funds should perhaps go to the library for their future projects.

Dwight Thompson invited all to the annual Veterans Day event on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Veteran's Memorial.

10. City Council Member Comments: None

11. Adjournment: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.