



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #1 Chair	Todd Taylor
NC #1 Vice Chair	Debbie Gaaney
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(s)

- a. Road Harmony - Safeguarding Streets and Curbing Micro-Mobility and Car Collisions
- b. Flood Insurance – Program for Public Information (PPI)
- c. Unlock Your Dream Home - Affordable Home Ownership Opportunities

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, March 7, 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

During Welcome, Kelly Duffy formally introduced herself to the Executive Board as the new Community Services Coordinator.

Chair Todd Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:01 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	E	Elsa Dreckman	P
Will Marmolejo	P	Mark Luker	P
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 Carol Thomaier to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Pete Stong from the Council On Aging (COA) spoke about the upcoming COA 50th Anniversary Celebration in partnership with Adventist Health Simi Valley. The kick-off celebration is Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Janice Parvin and staff from Adventist Health will be in attendance. Pete also talked about the upcoming COA 2024 Calendar of Events planned for the year.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Simi Valley Transit: How does it run?

Ben Gonzales, Deputy Public Works Director for Transit, presented an overview of Simi Valley’s transit system. The fleet is comprised of 11 fixed-route buses and 12 ADA/ Dial-a-Ride vans, all utilizing compressed natural gas (CNG) with plans for a zero emission fleet. Fares are \$1.50 for fixed route and \$2.00 for ADA/Dial-A-Ride. Notably, the Youth Ride Free and the College Ride Programs provide free rides for students across Ventura County. The service area spans Simi Valley, Moorpark Community College, and Chatsworth Metrolink Station. The Dial-a-Ride/ADA services seniors 65 and over and ADA (Americans with Disabilities)

certified riders. The transit technological advancements include automated ADA/DAR scheduling software, real-time passenger information, a live bus map, VCbuspass, and mobile app. The City actively promotes transit awareness through Transit Travel Training, ADA/DAR Committee Meetings, community fairs, and social media presence (@svtransit). Funding primarily comes from federal and state grants, emphasizing the community's commitment to accessible and sustainable transportation.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Julia Ramirez gave her farewells to the Executive Board. She will be transitioning to another assignment within the Environmental Services Department with the City of Simi Valley.

9. Executive Board Comments

David Mosso served on Special Events Committee on December 24, 2023.

Debbie Gainey expressed a concern related to an electronic sign at the intersection of Alamo Street and Sycamore Drive due to impacts to visibility of drivers. Kelly Duffy will provide her with the appropriate contact for the concern.

Suzanne Thuotte inquired about the status of the design standards for accessory structures. Julia Ramirez reminded the Executive Board members that they can receive notifications and watch Planning Commission and City Council meetings to follow the outcomes of the Executive Board's recommendations.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.