



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 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(s)
 - a. State of the Region
7. New Business
 - a. Nomination of a representative and alternate to the Committee for Community Rating System (CRS) and Program for Public Information (PPI)
 - b. Nomination of a representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee
 - c. Discussion of June and July meeting dates
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, April 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

/s/
Mara Malch
Deputy Environmental Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call the Neighborhood Council Program at (805) 583-6756. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

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

Todd Taylor	E	Dwight Thompson	P
Debbie Gainey	P	Carol Thomaier	P
Cameron Thompson	P	Suzanne Thuotte	P
Alan Mann	P	Elsa Dreckman	P
Will Marmolejo	P	Mark Luker	P
David Mosso	P	Vacant	
Frank Perrotta	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mark Luker noted he was marked as present but he was absent.

A motion was made by Frank Perrotta and seconded by Dwight Thompson to approve the January 4, 2024 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Cavanaugh introduced herself.

Mark Luker stated there is a traffic safety problem in Simi Valley.

Council Member Cavanaugh responded regarding traffic safety and stated that the City has new motorcycle officers assigned to the Traffic Bureau of the Police Department to address this issue.

6. Informational Presentation(s)

a. Road Harmony - Safeguarding Streets and Curbing Micro-Mobility and Car Collisions

Sergeant Josh McAlister with the Police Department Traffic Bureau outlined various initiatives and programs aimed at enhancing public safety. These include educational efforts such as the Every 15 Minutes Program, Adult Driver Education, and bicycle safety presentations. Enforcement programs targeting distracted driving, DUIs, and compliance with traffic laws were also highlighted. He informed the Executive Board of relevant bicycle laws, emphasizing that 18 of 21 bicycle collisions found bicyclists at fault and

detailing regulations regarding lights, reflectors, and riding behavior. Additionally, he explained electric bicycle classifications and regulations, as well as laws about motorized scooters, including age requirements, helmet mandates, and usage restrictions. The Police Department's overall goal is to reduce traffic fatalities, with the city reporting 10 fatalities in 2023.

b. Flood Insurance – Program for Public Information (PPI)

Brent Siemer, Deputy Public Works Director, provided a presentation on the National Flood Insurance Program, the Program for Public Information Committee, and the Community Rating System. The Program for Public Information (PPI) operates within the framework of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), offering federally backed flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and businesses. Led by FEMA, the Community Rating System (CSR) aims to mitigate flood damage and promote effective floodplain management. In CRS communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's efforts that address reducing and avoiding flood damage to insurable property and fostering comprehensive flood plain management. The program also includes activities that encourage higher regulatory standards for open space preservation, stormwater facility maintenance, dam safety, and public outreach and education. The PPI Committee membership includes key stakeholders such as the Floodplain Manager, Emergency Services Manager, City Public Information Officer, and four Neighborhood Council Representatives. The Program for Public Information Committee (PPI) will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to assess significant mapping revisions to the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), including anticipated reductions in affected properties. At present, there is a citywide remapping initiative that will remove 1,900 properties.

c. Unlock Your Dream Home - Affordable Home Ownership Opportunities

Daniel Franco provided an overview of the City's Home Ownership Opportunities. The Down Payment Assistance Program provides up to 20% of the purchase price as a down payment for qualified buyers, offering a shared equity loan to promote long-term homeownership. Eligibility requires meeting income limits of 150% Average Medium Income (AMI) of Ventura County, having a credit score of 620+, attending a homebuyer workshop, and not owning a home. It applies to single-family homes, condominiums, or townhomes, with repayment terms including additional equity share if prepayment occurs within ten years. The First Time Homebuyer Program, geared towards households with an income limit of 80% of the Average Medium Income (AMI), offers down payment assistance with repayment upon the first transfer after the affordability period ends. The City transfers the loan to subsequent buyers during the affordability period. Repayment will include a share to the City. The Homebuyer Assistance Program, also restricted to 80% of Average Medium Income (AMI) households, offers

homes below market rate with a maximum resale price. There is a select inventory of homes in various developments in Simi Valley. The City will receive an equity share or payment upon resale. To be placed on the interest list for the City's homeownership opportunities, sign up at www.simivalley.org/HomeOwnershipInterestList.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Daniel Franco announced recruitment for new Neighborhood Council Executive Board members will begin on February 29, 2024, and conclude on March 29, 2024.

9. Executive Board Comments

Suzanne Thuotte announced the Simi Valley Library funding group held a fundraiser on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Mark Luker stated his absences were due to health reasons.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, March 7, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 29, 2024

TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: Nominees for Community Projects Grant Review Committee

During the upcoming March Neighborhood Council Meeting, each Executive Board will be nominating one representative to serve on the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee.

The CPG Review Committee reviews applications from non-profit organizations serving our community. The Review Committee will determine how to rank and recommend funding allocations based on the applications and presentations at two public meetings on April 24, 2024, and May 8, 2024, both at 5:30 p.m. It is imperative that if you choose to nominate yourself for this important role you are available for these dates. Below, you will find a list of organizations that have submitted applications for consideration.

Organizations

Adventist Health Simi Valley Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County
Body Brain Train
Cancer Support Community Valley
Caregivers- Volunteers Serving the Elderly
Community Pregnancy Clinic
Eagle Vision Outreach
Free Clinic of Simi Valley
Friends of the Simi Valley Police Explorers 2910
GiGi's Playhouse
Many Mansions
New West Symphony Association
PathPoint
Sarah's House
SciArtRUs
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation
Simi Valley Girls Softball
Southeast Ventura County YMCA
The Arc of Ventura County
The Samaritan Center

A questionnaire was emailed to all Executive Board members on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Interested volunteers are required to complete the questionnaire and return it via email to neighborhoodcouncils@simivalley.org, no later than Thursday, February 29, 2024. This committee makes funding recommendations, therefore, while involvement with any of the organizations does not automatically preclude eligibility to serve on the Review Committee, it is necessary to identify any involvement to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist prior to being recommended and appointed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nomination process or the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to email me at Kduffy@simivalley.org.

Prepared by Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator

cc: Deputy Environmental Services Director, M. Malch
Senior Management Analyst, C. McCullough

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 29, 2024

TO: Neighborhood Council #1 Executive Board

FROM: Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Discussion of June and July meeting dates**

Due to the July 4, 2024 meeting falling on a national holiday observed by the City, please review your calendars prior to the upcoming March meeting to allow for a discussion of alternate options.

The Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Article V Section 2 (Sec. 2-3.307(b))), require each Executive Board meet at least once every two months. Typically, the June meetings are canceled unless there are new business items that need to be heard. As such, staff has identified the following options to meet the Bylaws' requirements.

Option 1: Hold the Thursday, June 6, 2024 meeting, and not hold a meeting in July

Option 2: Cancel the June meeting and move the July meeting to Thursday, July 18, 2024

Please come prepared to discuss these options at the March Neighborhood Council Meeting. Additionally, if you have any alternative suggestions, please feel free to share them at the meeting during the discussion of the item; however, please note that any alternate date selection is subject to staff being able to secure a meeting room.

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