



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #4 Chair	Gina Truncale
NC #4 Vice Chair	Don Diamond
NC #4 Secretary	Amy Obringer
City Council Liaison	Council Member Elaine Litster

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

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: Tuesday, April 16, 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

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

Gina Truncale	P	Tracy Bodis	P
Don Diamond	P	Holly Harpham	P
Amy Obringer	E	Amber Powell	A
Dale Cutler	E	Kris Mauldin	A
David Hechter	P	Salwa Scarpone	P
Steven Koep	P	Jan Smith	E
Susan Derksen	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 Don Diamond and seconded by Tracy Bodis to approve the January 16, 2024 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

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, Management Analyst, 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

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, announced recruitment for new Neighborhood Council Executive Board members will begin February 29, 2024, and conclude on March 29, 2024. She provided each member with brochures and Neighborhood Council business cards to pass out to neighbors for recruitment. City Offices will be closed Monday, February 19, 2024, for President's Day. The City is now accepting applications from community members who wish to serve on the Simi Valley Arts Commission. The Simi Valley City Council is also accepting nominations for the 2024 Community Volunteer of the Year. Email Kelly Duffy at neighborhoodcouncils@simivalley.org if you have any questions.

9. Executive Board Comments

Gina Truncale announced Little House on the Prairie 50th Anniversary Cast Reunion and Festival will be held from March 22 to March 24, 2024. Volunteers are needed. Gina Truncale stated she had recommendations for the Neighborhood Council informational presentations. She also recommended presentations for the Historical Society, Waste Management, Tree Advisory Board, and Public Works.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, March 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 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 contact me at neighborhoodcouncils@simivalley.org or call (805) 583-6756.

Prepared by Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator

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