



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Jeremy Yablan
NC #3 Vice Chair	Bridget Charboneau
NC #3 Secretary	Rachel Bystrom
City Council Liaison	Council Member Dee Dee Cavanaugh

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. Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking

b. Drops of Change – Strategies for Water Conservation

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, May 16, 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 Fred Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was not met at the beginning of the meeting.

Jeremy Yablan	A	Fred Peterson	P
Bridget Charboneau	E	Jon Gatewood	P
Rachel Bystrom	P	Steven Baker	P
Kevin Marshall	A	Andy Hanna	A
Peter Carrube	P	Lyle Jackson	A
Revathi Pudhota	P	Vacant	
Tony Hudacs	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

Due to lack of quorum, Item 3 was moved to follow Item 6.b. Rachel Bystrom arrived during Item 6.a. which then constituted a quorum.

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. State of the Region

Samantha Argabrite, Assistant City Manager, delivered the State of the Region Report, distributing State of the Region books to attendees. In 2021, the county’s population was 845,225 with a median age of 38.7. Birth rates are decreasing in Ventura County with 8,785 babies born in 2021. Public school and community college enrollments are declining. Income disparities

persist, with men earning more than women across all education levels. In 2021, the per capita income was \$41,863, and the median household income was \$94,150. Political affiliation leans towards Democrats, except in Simi Valley, where Republican hold the majority. Ventura County's gross product was \$58.3 billion in 2021, yet the high cost of living persists, with soaring home prices exceeding \$1 million in some areas of the county. Rental rates remain steep and remote work is on the rise. Agriculture remains a significant sector, with strawberries generating \$662.7 million in revenue in 2022. Employment trends show a strong recovery from pandemic losses. After a 7% decline in jobs from 2019 to 2020, the county saw two years of solid job growth, capped by 4% growth in 2022; the best single year of the 21st century. Despite job growth post-pandemic, industries with higher compensations are shrinking. The county's nonprofit sector employs over 10,000 individuals but offers below-average wages. The county faces challenges, including high rates of opioid deaths, COVID-19 fatalities, and a growing population experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness. Despite these challenges, Ventura County maintains a low crime rate, making it one of the safest large counties in California.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peter Carrube and seconded by Rachel Bystrom to approve the February 15, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. Nomination of a representative and alternate to the Committee for Community Rating System (CRS) and Program for Public Information (PPI)

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Tony Hudacs moved and with a second from Fred Peterson to nominate Revathi Pudhota as the representative and Steven Baker as the alternate to the Committee for Community Rating System (CRS) and Program for Public Information (PPI). The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Nomination of a representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Steven Baker moved and with a second from Revathi Pudhota to nominate Tony Hudacs as the representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy announced recruitment for new Neighborhood Council Executive Board members will conclude on Friday, March 29, 2024. She asked Executive members to continue to share the recruitment with neighbors. The Simi Valley Cultural Arts

Center Foundation Board is accepting applications. The deadline is Friday, March 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The City is having a free Landfill Day on Sunday, March 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The City of Simi Valley hosts free Household Hazardous Waste events on the third Saturday of every other month. All appointments are currently filled this month, but the City will begin taking appointments for the Saturday, May 18, 2024 event on Monday, March 18, 2024. Kelly Duffy announced there is a Housing Rights Workshop at the Simi Valley Public Library on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Flyers were made available for the workshop. Free Easter Breakfast for seniors is hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley, on Sunday, March 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Simi Valley Senior Center. The Senior Valley Council On Aging (COA) will host their Bingo Bonanza at the Simi Valley Senior Center on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

9. Executive Board Comments: None
10. Adjournment: Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.