



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Al Brown
NC #2 Vice Chair	Sam Cohen
NC #2 Secretary	Vacant
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

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. Managing Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Recycling Programs

No Action: Receive Information

7. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Action: Nominate and Vote to select Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

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, July 9, 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 Al Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He also confirmed that a quorum was present.

Al Brown	P	Pete Stong	P
Theresa Ramirez	E	Satish Shah	P
Iann Mena	P	Sam Cohen	P
Gayle Sutton	P	Jerry Placers	P
Douglas Robertson	P	Vacant	
Brian Neiens	P	Vacant	
Michael Tirpak	A	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 Pete Stong and seconded by Gayle Sutton to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Raine Wiseman resigned from the Neighborhood Council Executive Board.

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation(s)

a. Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking

Detective Kellyn King from the Simi Valley Police Department presented an educational presentation on Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking. She emphasized the community’s pivotal role in reporting suspicious situations, which could lead to vital resources for victims or the prosecution of traffickers. Despite society’s misconceptions perpetuated by media, statistics from 2021 revealed that only 6% of reported human trafficking cases involved abduction. It is more likely that a known perpetrator might victimize a person. Traffickers and victims come from diverse backgrounds, and victims can be male or female. Human trafficking manifests in various industries and can affect anyone with vulnerabilities including unstable living conditions, history of abuse, foster youth, undocumented immigrants, developmental disabilities, or economic hardships. Human trafficking encompasses a wide range of exploitative practices, including both sex and forced labor, facilitated through coercion, fraud, or force. There is no such thing as child prostitution and any child who is induced into commercial sex is being

trafficked. In cases where someone discloses being trafficked, active listening, non-judgmental support, and offering to contact local resources are vital. Ultimately, reporting suspicious situations and providing support are essential actions in combating human trafficking. Call 911 if you witness a suspicious situation or there is a possibility of immediate harm and report “suspected human trafficking.” Contact the Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline for resources, services, and advocacy by calling Interface for adults at 1-800-636-6738 and Forever Found for minors at 1-805-261-1212.

b. Drops of Change – Strategies for Water Conservation

Ramona Mejia, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, presented strategies for water conservation. The City of Simi Valley/Waterworks District No. 8 customers are no longer required to follow a designated watering day schedule. Customers are requested to continue making water conservation a California way of life by watering only when their lawns or gardens need it. Water only before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. to reduce evaporation, and no watering during (and for 48 hours after) measurable rainfall. Residents can report water waste using the Water Waste Reporting Form. The City is removing non-functional turf around the Civic Center, getting ahead of AB 1573, which prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf owned by local government beginning January 1, 2027. Bewaterwise.com offers a turf removal program that provides a rebate up to \$3 per square foot (up to 5,000 sq. ft.) for residents and \$2 per square foot for commercial customers who remove their grass and replace it with water-efficient California friendly and native plants. Additionally, residents can earn an extra \$100 per tree added to their project for a maximum of five trees. Bewaterwise.com has a wealth of helpful tips on how to lower water use including water-saving rebates and grants, landscape classes, and water-wise garden inspiration. The City of Simi Valley provides Simi Valley / Ventura County Waterworks District No. 8 residential water utility customers with a free water usage dropcounter Home portal. The dropcounter HOME portal will help residents keep track of and manage their water use, as well as provide leak and threshold alerts. Residents with Golden State Water have a similar monitoring device program called the Flume. The Metropolitan Water District hosts virtual landscaping and irrigation workshops to help inform residents about turf removal, drought-tolerant plants, and irrigation systems. All workshops are offered at no cost and are listed on the Calendar page of the City's website.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy announced free dog adoptions are available from April 12 to April 14, 2024, at Ventura County Animal Services. Residents can watch the recorded State of the City presentation from Mayor Fred Thomas on the City's website. Recruitment for Executive Board membership is in progress with Neighborhood

Council #2 receiving six applicants for the five Executive Board openings. Ms. Duffy reminded Executive Board members to keep Executive Board comments non-partisan, as the Neighborhood Council is a politically free zone, citing Bylaws. The Homeless Resource Coordination meeting is April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Simi Valley Library Community Room. The ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Meeting is at the Simi Valley Senior Center on April 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Lastly, The Wellness Expo 2024 will be held in the Civic Center Quad area between City Hall and the Library on May 15, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9. Executive Board Comments: None
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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