



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
SIMI VALLEY LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
2969 TAPO CANYON ROAD
****SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION****

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. Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking

No Action: Receive Information

b. 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 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 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	E	Holly Harpham	P
Amy Obringer	E	Amber Powell	P
Dale Cutler	P	Kris Mauldin	P
David Hechter	P	Salwa Scarpone	P
Steven Koep	P	Vacant	
Susan Derksen	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

David Hechter noted that his Executive Comment under item 9 should include:

David Hechter stated the discontinuation of the Acorn newspaper delivery to his residence. Upon inquiry, he was informed that the newspaper prints a limited quantity and does not replenish once exhausted, although it remains accessible online at no cost. David asked Executive Board members to contact the Acorn if they have similar issues.

A motion was made by David Hechter and seconded by Susan Derksen to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation(s)

Wanda Moyer, Deputy Public Works Director (Environmental Compliance), 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, grants, landscape classes, and water-wise garden inspiration. 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 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 #4 receiving nine 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 on 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. The Simi Valley Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration will host the 27th Simi Valley Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., designed to take back outdated, unused, and unwanted medications. 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

Dale Cutler asked about a tour of the Calleguas Municipal Water District. Staff stated any field trips would need to be open for the public to attend as well, and therefore field trips are not being planned at this time.

Salwa Scarpone handed out promotional material and announced the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation is having the *Spotlight Award 2024* on May 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This annual fundraiser celebrates and recognizes outstanding artists, volunteers, and arts supporters in our community. The evening will include performances, an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding artists and supporters, and a live and silent auction with a pre-show reception including hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$100 per person.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.