



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Fred Peterson
NC #3 Vice Chair	Revathi Pudhota
NC #3 Secretary	Steven Baker
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. Pretreatment Program and Stormwater Quality Management

No Action: Receive Information

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, October 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

/s/
Mara Malch
Deputy Environmental Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Fred Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Fred Peterson	P	Steve Busco	P
Revathi Pudhota	P	Andy Goitia	P
Steven Baker	E	David Kritzer	P
Rachel Bystrom	P	Robert Martins	P
Jon Gatewood	P	Nick Palky	P
Peter Carrube	P	Donald Wismar	P
Tony Hudacs	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 Peter Carrube and seconded by Jon Gatewood to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

A resident raised concerns following a dog-on-dog attack where the owner of the leashed dog was also bitten while trying to intervene. The resident expressed apprehension that neither the Police nor Ventura County Animal Services did not remove the aggressive dog, which was off the leash.

A resident reported witnessing and recording the dog-related incident lasting about ten minutes. The dog was allowed to remain in the neighborhood, raising concerns due to fears that the dog could be dangerous. The resident strongly disagreed with the decision to not take the dog and instead allow the dog to quarantine at the discretion of the owner and is now seeking transparency from the City and Ventura County Animal Services, as well as, proposing procedural changes for handling such incidents in the future.

6. Informational Presentation(s)

a. Gauge Your Emergency Preparedness: Are You Prepared?

Bob Maas, Technical Reservist with the City’s Emergency Services, highlighted key aspects of emergency preparedness. In any crisis, if the danger is inside, evacuate; if it’s outside, shelter in place. The main actions to prioritize are personal safety, assisting others if possible, and maintaining communication with loved ones. Staying informed is crucial. For reliable updates from local

emergency services, residents are urged to sign up for VC Alert at www.vcalert.org and Nixle at <https://local.nixle.com/simi-valley-police-department/>. Resource apps include [MyShake App](#), [FEMA App](#), and the [Red Cross Emergency App](#). Know your evacuation routes and have a family emergency plan with accurate contact information. The plan should have pet-friendly options if applicable and backup meeting locations. Establishing an emergency support network with at least two contacts, including one out-of-state person, is essential for maintaining communication during a disaster. Utilize secure bank and insurance apps for critical documents and consider securely storing documents on a password protected flash drive. Preparedness also involves go kits and shelter in place kits with essentials such as water, medications, and pet supplies. Residents can get trained for free with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), taught by the Ventura County Fire Department and hosted by the Simi Valley Office of Emergency Services. The next CERT training taught in English runs September 11, 2024 through October 16, 2024 on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. CERT, taught in Spanish, runs September 10, 2024 through October 15, 2024 on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information contact Eileen Connors at econnors@simivalley.org or 805-583-6982.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, emailed all Executive Board members the August City Focus Newsletter link. Members are encouraged to review the newsletter for updates on local events and news. The Coyote Yard Audit Checklist was provided to mitigate coyote/human interactions as the community continues to coexist with local wildlife. The Neighborhood Councils will have a booth at the Simi Valley Street Fair on October 26, 2024. Executive Board members can sign up to volunteer at the booth and help connect Neighborhood Councils with the community.

9. Executive Board Comments

Robert Martins expressed concern over how the Police Department and Ventura County Animal Services handled the dog incident. Robert suggested collaboration between the City and relevant agencies to develop improved solutions moving forward.

Peter Carrube announced the 5th Annual Simi's Endless Summer Beer Fest presented by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunset, will be held at Rancho Simi Community Park, the Duck Pond, on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Additionally, Music in the Park on Saturday, August 17, 2024, will feature Queen Nation, a Queen tribute band, at Rancho Simi Community Park starting at 6:30 p.m.

Jon Gatewood expressed interest in speaking with the public speaker after the meeting regarding the dog incident.

Andy Goitia sought additional details regarding the dog incident. City staff member, Kelly Duffy, stated that the investigation is ongoing, limiting the City's ability to comment. In general, there are varying degrees of dog bites, each handled accordingly.

Fred Peterson expressed sympathy for the public speaker's concerns and suggested that the City explore potential changes regarding similar incidents.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.