



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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. Emergency Volunteer Rescue Team (EVRT) for Evacuation of Livestock and Domestic Animals – Ventura County Animal Services

No Action: Receive Information

b. Update on Traffic Safety Improvements

No Action: Receive Information

c. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee

No Action: Receive Information



7. New Business
 - a. Nomination of a representative to the Special Events Support Review Committee
Action: Vote to Recommend Representative
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, November 14, 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 Revathi Pudhota called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Fred Peterson	E	Steve Busco	P
Revathi Pudhota	P	Andy Goitia	P
Steven Baker	P	David Kritzer	P
Rachel Bystrom	E	Robert Martins	P
Jon Gatewood	E	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 David Kritzer and seconded by Nick Palky to approve the August 15, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation(s)

a. Pretreatment Programs and Stormwater Quality Management

Gilbert Rabago and Jessica Arellano, from the City of Simi Valley Environmental Compliance Division, presented on the Pretreatment Program and Stormwater Quality Management. The Pretreatment Program ensures that wastewater is treated before entering the Arroyo. Mr. Rabago emphasized that the following items should never be disposed of through the sanitary sewer: grease, pharmaceuticals, flushable wipes (which are not truly flushable), and household hazardous waste (use the City’s free drop-off events for proper disposal). Inspectors work with businesses to minimize pollutants that could interfere with treatment processes or violate the plant’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Stormwater Quality Management focuses on reducing pollutants in stormwater, which flows untreated into the Arroyo. The Stormwater system, originally designed to quickly remove rainwater, empties into the nearest body of water. Compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit is essential, and inspectors work with businesses to

ensure proper practices are followed. Pool draining is permitted only when conditions prevent pollution. Residents must obtain a permit to drain pools into the stormwater system by calling the Public Works Department at (805) 583-6786. Saltwater pools or spas cannot drain into the stormwater system and require a special permit for sewer discharge. For details call (805) 583-6424 or (805) 583-6412. Public outreach for Environmental Compliance includes events such as the Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Rancho Simi Community Park (Duck Park) and participation in the Ventura Countywide Clean Watershed Program. To report illicit discharges, illegal dumping, or clogged catch basin inlets, please call (805) 583-6400. After the presentation, a resident raised concerns about oil seeps from Chivo Canyon, a matter also known to the City Council.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, announced a Joint Councils Meeting will be held on October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room to nominate one Executive Board member to serve on the Community Development Block Grant Committee for a three-year term from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027. At the October Neighborhood Council meeting, Executive Board members will nominate one Executive Board member to be on the Special Events Support Review Committee. Recruitment for Neighborhood Council Executive Board members to serve in an advisory capacity for a two-year term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2027, will begin October 9, 2024, and conclude November 15, 2024. Current Executive Board members are encouraged to tell their neighbors about recruitment. The Neighborhood Councils will have a booth at the Simi Valley Street Fair on October 26, 2024. Executive Board members are invited to volunteer and engage with the community. Ventura County Animal Services will participate in Clear the Shelters on September 7, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All adoption fees are waived at both the Camarillo and Simi Valley Animal Shelters. Cops N' Cruisers Car Show will take place on September 8, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Simi Valley City Hall and Library parking lots. September is Pedestrian Safety Month. The Simi Valley Police Department reminds drivers to slow down and watch for pedestrians. On September 21, 2024, there will be multiple events: Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, Bingo Bonanza at the Simi Valley Senior Center, and Coastal Cleanup Day at Rancho Simi Community Park. The Simi Valley Library Foundation will have a night of casino fun while supporting the Simi Valley Public Library on October 5, 2024.

9. Executive Board Comments

Peter Carrube announced September 21, 2024, will be the Day of Peace at Lemon Park, with pancakes served at 8 a.m. The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise is hosting Oktoberfest, on October 5, 2024, also at Lemon Park.

Steve Busco proposed adding a future agenda item to address recent traffic collisions on Sycamore Drive between East Los Angeles Avenue and Royal Avenue, which have caused power outages. The Executive Board concurred. Kelly Duffy, a staff member, will route the request to the appropriate staff members.

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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.