



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION
SIMI VALLEY SENIOR CENTER
ROOMS 106 AND 107
3900 AVENIDA SIMI

AGENDA

NC #2 Interim Chair	Mark Lewis
NC #2 Interim Vice Chair	Peter Carrube
NC #2 Interim Secretary	Jim Clement
NC Coordinator	Jennifer Santos
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. Police Liaison Report
6. 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. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
7. Informational Presentations
 - a. Overview of Southern California Gas Company's Advanced Meter Program
 - b. Development Review and Planning Process Overview
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Unmet Transit Needs and Public Transportation in the East County
 - b. Overview and Discussion of Temporary Handheld Signs
 - c. Election of Executive Board Officers



10. 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 request a future agenda item, or to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 11, 2014

/s/
Mark Oyler
Deputy Director/Citizen Services

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Neighborhood Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6756. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

Interim Chair Mark Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Interim Secretary Jim Clement confirmed that a quorum was present.

Peter Carrube	P	Robert McLaren	P
Jim Clement	P	Annette Menne	E
Gigi Feria	P	Jacqueline Slade	P
Bruce Jarrin	P	Janelle (Jan) Smith	P
Colleen Lana Kelley	P	Aaron Walker	P
Nancy Kidd	P	Vacant	
Mark Lewis	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the October 8, 2013 minutes as presented was made by Jim Clement and seconded by Peter Carrube. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Jennifer Santos, Neighborhood Council Coordinator stated that Neighborhood Council #2 received a memorandum dated, October 24, 2013 from the Department of Public Works. The memorandum provided a response to the Executive Board's request during the September 10, 2013 meeting to discuss equestrian signage in the Bridle Path community. According to the memorandum, staff is planning to upgrade the existing 30-inch signs to larger 36-inch signs. Also, two additional 36-inch signs will be installed at the traffic signal on Mellow Lane at First Street. Clarification was also provided regarding access to a private equestrian trail along First Street that is maintained by the Montgomery Ranch West Homeowner Association.

The Neighborhood Councils also received a copy of the *Pipeline Awareness Newsletter for Public Officials*. The newsletter provided information about the operation of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.pipelineawareness.org.

5. Police Liaison Report

Officer Ryan Brennan stated that there were no significant crime trends to report. Due to the upcoming holiday season, he advised everyone be to be vigilant about scheduling home deliveries and to take precautionary measures while shopping. He responded to a question about how individuals could follow up on previously reported crimes by calling the Watch Commander at (805) 583-6950. A request was made to obtain a crime analysis report for the bike path along Arroyo Simi from Sequoia Avenue to Erringer Road.

6. Public Statements/Comments

A resident from the Le Parc neighborhood, which is located east of First Street and south of the 118 Freeway, spoke about his concerns with the Limon Restaurant located in the Simi Valley Town Center. His concerns related to the amplified noise that can be heard within the residential development. The resident stated that he can record the noise on his cell phone and has contacted the Police Department and Planning Division about his concerns.

A resident who lives within the Bridle Path neighborhood thanked the Executive Board for their efforts to address the concerns about the equestrian signage along First Street.

7. Informational Presentation

a. Overview of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center and Events

David Ralphe, General Manager of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, provided an overview of the facility's history, programs and events. The Center's facility has served the community since the mid 1920s. It was constructed by the Simi Community Methodist Episcopal Church and later served as a mortuary, a Jewish temple, a residence and even a temporary high school. The City acquired the property and currently it is used as a Cultural Arts Center for cultural and community events. The building was restored to its original design and is an approved Ventura County Historical Landmark. The Center has hosted hundreds of performances, plays, musicals, concerts, art shows, films, weddings, receptions, business meetings, youth festivals, and much more. He encouraged everyone to visit the Cultural Arts Center for an upcoming performance or to host an event and to visit its website at www.simi-arts.org.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business

a. Discussion of Flyer Distribution

The Executive Board discussed methods for distributing flyers to notify the community of upcoming meetings. Executive Board members stated that they found posting flyers at businesses, local churches, through e-mail, and on Facebook to be helpful. Additionally, Executive Board members stated that they liked distributing flyers in their general neighborhoods for meetings without development projects and to focus on the immediately adjacent areas of a project when there is one. The Executive Board came to the consensus that the most effective way to coordinate flyer distribution is to focus on their respective neighborhoods for meetings without developments.

10. Executive Board Member Comments

Jim Clement requested Executive Board concurrence to agendaize an informational presentation on traffic signage and associated regulations. The Executive Board concurred with the request.

Robert McLaren expressed a concern about the safety of the intersection at Heywood Street and Sycamore Drive when drivers make left hand turns. Jennifer Santos stated that concerns and questions about traffic signage can be discussed with James Brunner, Principal Engineer of the Public Works Traffic Engineering Division at (805) 583-6794.

Aaron Walker provided an update on the proposed gas station at 1369 Erringer Road that was recommended by the Executive Board for approval on August 14, 2012. Currently, the project is being reviewed by the Building and Safety Division to obtain building permits and start construction. For questions about the project, residents can contact Vernon Umetsu, Senior Planner at (805) 583-6391.

Nancy Kidd stated that there will be a presentation about the Strathearn family at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum on November 20, 2013.

Colleen Lana Kelley asked about the possibility of having an informational presentation about the Police Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program. Jennifer Santos stated that presentations are being planned for 2014.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Jennifer Santos stated that she will be on leave from December 2013 to March 2014. She introduced Anna Medina, Administrative Officer and Sandra

Hernandez, Administrative Aide with the Community Services Department. They along with Kevin Murphy, Senior Code Enforcement Officer and Robert Martin, Senior Services Assistant Manager with the Community Services Department will cover the Neighborhood Council meetings during her absence. Mara Malch, Senior Management Analyst will be the main contact for any questions or concerns.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.