



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION
SIMI VALLEY SENIOR CENTER ROOMS 106 & 107
3900 AVENIDA SIMI

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Robert McLaren
NC #2 Vice Chair	Peter Carrube
NC #2 Secretary	Jacqueline Slade
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. 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.
6. Informational Presentation
 - a. Simi Valley Traffic Engineering
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the Benefits of Serving on the Neighborhood Council
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 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.



10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 8, 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

Chair Robert McLaren called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Jacqueline Slade confirmed that a quorum was present.

Peter Carrube	P	Robert McLaren	P
Jim Clement	P	Annette Menne	P
Gigi Feria	A	Jacqueline Slade	P
Bruce Jarrin	A	Janelle (Jan) Smith	P
Colleen Lana Kelley	E	Vacant	
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 January 14, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Mark Lewis and seconded by Peter Carrube. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Mike Judge introduced himself as the liaison for Neighborhood Council #2. He thanked the Executive Board members for their service and for participating in the Neighborhood Council. He also stated that he appreciated their time and dedication. Council Member Judge responded to questions regarding whether the City was looking into getting a Facebook page and the selection of the Special Event Support Review Committee nominee.

6. Informational Presentation

a. 2014 Update to the Master Plan of Drainage

Brent Siemer, Deputy Director/Development Services, provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program and the City's efforts to further lower insurance rates for Simi Valley residents through public education. His presentation showed the Flood Insurance Rate Maps that indicated the different areas within Simi Valley that may be impacted if flooding were to occur. He explained the possible dangers with even a

small amount of moving water. There are preventive measures to assist with flood prevention, such as clearing debris in private yards, maintaining proper irrigation and onsite drainage, educating and preparing family members about flood dangers, having an evacuation plan, and knowledge of escape routes and road closures. He explained that upgrades to public drainage facilities continue to improve flood control and revisions to the flood maps continue to occur. The Public Works Department can simulate major storm events in order to prepare for an emergency response and to better educate the public. A Capital Improvement Plan to decrease flood risk for areas that continue to need improvement is also being considered.

7. Continued Business: None

8. New Business

a. Discussion of Neighborhood Council Recruitment

Due to the upcoming vacancies on the various Neighborhood Councils, ways to elicit interest in garnering participation was discussed. Some Executive Board members indicated that passing out flyers seem to attract few if any individuals. Another idea included sending a letter or handout to targeted groups such as churches, Homeowner Associations, and Parent Teacher Associations. A letter to the editor written by the Neighborhood Councils was also discussed. It was stated that the only time citizens participate in the Neighborhood Councils is when there is a "hot topic" on the agenda. The possibility of a Facebook, webpage, or Blog was discussed. Peter Carrube requested that all the Neighborhood Councils get together to discuss these issues. The general consensus was to create a Blog, have a form or promotional handout, create a letter to the editor, and get all Neighborhood Councils together to discuss further.

b. Selection of a nominee to the Special Event Support Review Committee

The Special Event Support Review Committee is looking for representatives from each of the Neighborhood Councils and one from the Council On Aging to participate in the Committee. The Committee will be tasked with reviewing requests for the City to financially support special events benefitting the community and make funding recommendations to the City Council for final consideration. The representative selected will be required to attend one public meeting in late March or early April. After this, representatives will be selected on an annual basis to serve on the Committee and will meet in the fall of each year. Three Executive Board members were nominated for the position: Peter Carrube, Nancy Kidd, and Jan Smith. By consensus of the Executive Board, Jan Smith was nominated to participate in the Committee.

9. Executive Board Member Comments:

Robert McClaren announced that Peter Carrube will attend the Task Force on Homelessness meeting. He also stated that he read the minutes from the other Neighborhood Councils and wanted to point out that Neighborhood Council #1 announced that the Simi Valley Police Foundation will be raising funds for the Baker to Vegas run. Neighborhood Council #3 had a resident express concern about the excessive grading in the Runkle Canyon area. The newspaper had a good article regarding Neighborhood Council #4's review of the proposed Chumash Park.

Nancy Kidd shared information regarding an article in a science magazine regarding solar power in Germany. It's a new process that provides inexpensive solar panels. She would like to see what the City is doing to promote this type of program.

Jan Smith would like an update on the Union and 76 Gas Stations.

Mark Lewis would like to see more presentations from the specialty units at the Police Department.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Anna Medina announced that a free household battery recycling drop-off service was being offered by the City of Simi Valley in partnership with Waste Management and Anderson Rubbish Disposal for residents to recycle household batteries. Household batteries can be dropped off free of charge at the Simi Valley Public Library located at 2969 Tapo Canyon Road, Waste Management at 195 West Los Angeles Avenue, and Anderson Rubbish Disposal at 4590 Industrial Street (between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Library hours can be found online at www.simivalley.org/Library). She also informed the Executive Board that Mayor Huber will be having his Town Hall Meeting on February 22, 2014 at the Simi Valley Town Center. This occasion allows Simi Valley residents the opportunity to meet with the Mayor one-on-one to ask questions and discuss issues or concerns regarding their City government.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.