



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
***** SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION*****
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
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. National Public Works Week – Open House/Tours, May 22, 2014
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business: None
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, July 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 noted that a quorum was not present.

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

2. Agenda Review

Due to a lack of a quorum, all items presented were for information only. The Executive Board did not take any formal action.

3. Approval of Minutes

The March 11, 2014 minutes will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2014.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

Community Emergency Response Training

Theresa Ramirez, Community Services Specialist with the Police Department presented information on the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). The CERT curriculum prepares Simi Valley residents and employees for disasters and provides the skills necessary to assist others. The program also teaches individuals to respond when professional responders are not immediately available to help during disasters. The training is conducted by the Ventura County Fire Department in conjunction with the City of Simi Valley Office of Emergency Services. The City of Simi Valley is proud to have offered the CERT Academy for 20 years with over 1,200 residents completing the curriculum. CERT classes are held several times each year, with the next session starting May 1, 2014.

7. Continued Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Executive Board Member Comments:

Jan Smith provided information on the Community Development Block Grant Committee meeting that determined which non-profit agencies in the area were recommended to receive funding from the City of Simi Valley.

Robert McLaren stated how important it was to sign up for the Neighborhood Council Booth at this year's Community Volunteer Fair on April 26 at the Rancho Tapo Community Park.

Nancy Kidd provided information about turning in old computers at Best Buy for gift certificates.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Anna Medina, acting Neighborhood Council Coordinator announced that a Free Housing Rights Workshop will be held on April 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Simi Valley Youth Employment Service will hold their annual Youth Employment Service (YES) Job and Career Expo on April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. The Simi Valley Council on Aging announces their Wellness Expo on May 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Mayor Bob Huber will host a town hall meeting on April 19 at the Community Room of the Town Center, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The City is currently accepting applications for Neighborhood Council Executive Board members. Vacancies currently exist on each of the Neighborhood Council Executive Boards. The deadline for submitting applications is April 29. She also announced that the Simi Valley Police Department will be on alert for those who violate cell phone laws and place themselves and others in danger. Special high visibility enforcement operations to cite cell phone violators will take place from, April 1 to April 30.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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	A
Gigi Feria	A	Jacqueline Slade	P
Bruce Jarrin	P	Janelle (Jan) Smith	P
Colleen Lana Kelley	E	Vacant	
Nancy Kidd	P	Vacant	
Mark Lewis	A	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 February 11, 2014 minutes with a change to the spelling of Robert McLaren's last name on Item #9 was made by Jan Smith and seconded by Jim Clement. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

a. Simi Valley Traffic Engineering

Jim Brunner, Principal Engineer with the City of Simi Valley's Public Works Department, provided an overview of the Traffic Engineering Division. The Division is comprised of two sections, Traffic Planning and Traffic Operations. Traffic Planning staff is responsible for reviewing development proposals from a traffic engineering perspective and for maintaining the traffic model, which predicts future traffic volumes and needs within the City. The Traffic Operations staff handles the day-to-day current traffic needs of the City's street system, including: operating, maintaining and upgrading the City's traffic signals; timing and synchronizing traffic signals; developing and reviewing construction and detour plans, and conducting inspections. Traffic Engineering staff also responds to citizen requests for traffic controls such as traffic signals, stop

signs, school signs, and crosswalks. Staff coordinates with schools and the Police Department on traffic issues and to develop traffic signage, signal, and striping plans for City projects. Additionally, Traffic Engineering staff designs and constructs bicycle facilities such as bike paths, on-street bike lanes and routes and maintaining the City's Bicycle Master Plan, which is available on the City's website, www.simivalley.org. Residents with questions regarding traffic engineering should call (805) 583-6786.

7. Continued Business: None

8. New Business

a. Discussion of the Benefits of Serving on the Neighborhood Council

Robert McLaren read a letter he wrote on behalf of the Neighborhood Councils and submitted to Mara Malch for review and approval, about the benefits of the Neighborhood Councils. The Board suggested that he change the letter so that it doesn't need the City's approval. It was suggested that a booth be set up at the Farmer's Market promoting the Neighborhood Councils. Nancy Kidd stated that she speaks to over 100 people each month, however many are not residents of Simi Valley. It was pointed out that residents are only interested in the Neighborhood Council meetings when there is a hot button issue. It was mentioned that an incentive is needed to get the general public involved and interested. The Executive Board suggested presentations by the Police Department on its specialty units. A question was asked regarding the Police Liaison Reports and why a representative from the Police Department is not at meetings each month. It was noted that Police Department's expanded communication efforts including Facebook and Nixle as well as the Citizen's Academy provides the community with ample opportunities to stay abreast of recent events in the area of public safety. Updates were requested on development projects, like the status of the Union 76 gas station at the intersection of Erringer Road and Royal Avenue. The Executive Board was told they would be provided with an update on that project and where updates are available to the public on the City's website.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, a motion to place additional Police Department presentations, receive regular updates on prior presentations, and to consider including presentations from community service agencies on future agendas was made by Peter Carrube and seconded by Jacqueline Slade. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Executive Board Member Comments:

Robert McLaren asked for a representative to serve on the Citizens' Election Advisory Commission Selection Board since he is unable to serve. Jacqueline Slade volunteered to take his place.

Peter Carrube attended the Task Force on Homelessness meeting on February 13, 2014. He stated that the lack of services for veterans was brought up. He also stated that there are not sufficient available housing units to serve the County's homeless population. Due to concerns about criminal activity committed by some homeless individuals, Council Members Judge and Mashburn created a committee to address the criminal activity. He stated that he volunteered to be on the committee. He also stated that the City is exploring signs to be placed in areas with a high incidence of panhandling. He stated that he would like the Neighborhood Councils to receive a presentation on this.

Nancy Kidd stated that based on the Flood Plan presentation, she had read an article having to do with the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act and the increase in flood insurance for homeowners. She stated that Congress Member Maxine Waters is introducing new legislation to make flood insurance more affordable.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Anna Medina, acting Neighborhood Council Coordinator announced that nominations were being accepted for the 2014 Community Volunteer of the Year through March 13, 2014. Nomination forms are available online at www.simivalley.org/Volunteer. Also, applications are now being accepted for at-large Public Member positions on the Simi Valley Tree Advisory Board. Lastly, the Arbor Day event will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Rancho Tapo Community Park from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.