



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #1 Chair	David Kern
NC #1 Vice Chair	Anthony (A.J.) Hernandez
NC #1 Secretary	Andrea Stillmak
NC Coordinator	Jennifer Santos
City Council Liaison	Council Member Glen Becerra

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
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 Presentations
 - a. Update on Energy Efficiency Methods
 - b. New Statewide Water Conservation Mandates
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: Thursday, October 9, 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/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair David Kern called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Interim Secretary Andrea Stillmak confirmed that a quorum was present.

Don Diamond	P	Andrea Stillmak	P
Jamie Extract	P	Debbie Thomas	P
Anthony (A.J.) Hernandez	E	Vacant	
David Kern	P	Vacant	
Michelle Moroney	P	Vacant	
Michael Pucher	P	Vacant	
Richard Olson	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 request was made to correct the minutes of July 3, 2014 to indicate that Debbie Thomas was present. A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 3, 2014 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

David Kern stated that he received a letter from a resident in regards his proposed Land & Water Conservation Jobs Project.

5. Police Liaison Report

Officer Ryan Brennan stated that overall crime has been reduced in recent years and the City experiences less crime today than we did in the years when Simi Valley was receiving the "Safest City" designations. Officer Brennan responded to questions and discussed patrol in the Wood Ranch area. Specific topics included traffic issues and vehicles that run red lights.

Officer Ryan later answered questions about the current status of drug use within the community.

6. Public Statements/Comments

A member of the public made statements and had questions regarding telephone poles and power lines on private property with utility easements. He asked if the City has any jurisdiction over the utilities that work on private easements. Staff indicated that the City does not have jurisdiction in that area and suggested the resident initiate an administrative appeal with the utility company.

The same resident also had a question about mosquito breeding in a wash behind his home. Staff indicated that they would file a report with Ventura County Environmental Health Department and request they send someone to check and possibly treat the affected area.

7. Informational Presentation

a. Overview of the Noise Ordinance

Officer Ryan Brennan provided an overview of the City's Noise Ordinance and how the ordinance is enforced. He stated that the Simi Valley Police Department (SVPD) will respond to calls when alleged violations occur. Written warnings are issued on a second visit and misdemeanors are issued when a third visit occurs within 24 hours.

b. Overview of the Forfeited Assets Fund

Officer Ryan Brennan provided an overview of the City's Forfeited Assets Fund and how the funds are received by the Police Department. He stated that SVPD works in a collaborative effort with multi-jurisdictional law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration on investigations that result in the forfeiture of seized assets. Some examples include money, vehicles, electronics, and more. Court hearings will provide rules as to how the assets will be distributed. The Department has benefited from \$2 million in funds that remain with SVPD. Monetary funding is used to buy equipment and training. Non-monetary items, such as televisions, have been donated to the Simi Valley Senior Center.

c. Coastal Cleanup Day 2014

Kay Allen, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator from the Public Works Department gave a Power Point presentation on 30th Coastal Cleanup Day. She explained that trash generated in the City makes its way to the storm drain system which discharges into the Arroyo Simi. If the trash and debris is not removed from the Arroyo, it will make its way to the ocean. Each year the City of Simi Valley participates in the Coastal Cleanup Day to remove litter from the Arroyo. This year the Coastal Cleanup will be held on September 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed for various tasks on the day of the event. Those that are interested in helping out should contact Kay Allen at (805) 583-6424. Additional information can be found by visiting www.vccoastalcleanup.org.

8. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Flyer Distribution Procedures

The Executive Board received maps of Neighborhood Council #1 to show the general area of the Executive Board member's residences areas and continued their discussion about flyer distribution. Executive Board members discussed approaching Homeowner's Associations within the

Wood Ranch community to distribute the flyers each month and utilizing NextDoor.com. They also discussed the benefits of having personal contact with community members to promote the Neighborhood Council program and invite them to meetings. The Executive Board came to the consensus that the most effective way to distribute flyers was to focus on their respective neighborhoods for meetings without development projects. Flyer distribution should also focus on the immediately adjacent areas of a project site when development projects are scheduled.

9. New Business

a. Election of Executive Board Officers

The Executive Board nominated David Kern for Chair, Anthony (A.J.) Hernandez for Vice Chair, and Andrea Stillmak as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Executive Board Member Comments

Andrea Stillmak stated that she received the 9th Annual "Wag n Walk" flyer for the September 27 fundraiser for the Animal Rescue Volunteers. Information can be found at www.arvsimi.org.

Richard Olson stated that he had a concern about the water piping in his residence. After a long period of time without use, the water will have a brown color when it turned on. He inquired about an available referral service for residents to test their water quality. Mr. Olson stated that he will look into different sites to have water tested and inform the Executive Board.

David Kern announced that the August 28 Task Force on Homelessness Committee meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Mark Oyler, Deputy Director/Citizen Services stated that Jennifer Santos, Neighborhood Council Coordinator will return to staff the meetings in September. Neighborhood Council #2 recommended approval of a request to amend the Limited Farm Animal Overlay provision and allow an existing wildlife rehabilitation facility on a 20,000 sq. ft. residential lot, located at 352 Genial Court. The application request will be presented to the City Council for approval. The City received an AAA credit rating for its strong financial position as evidenced by ample reserves and minimal outstanding debt. Rancho Simi Parks and Recreation District will host a Snowfest on November, and vendor applications are being accepted. The Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the former Countywide Building located at 2900 Madera Road are available for public review and comments. The applicant is requesting to change the land use, and West End Specific Plan designation from Light Industrial to Business Park. Mr. Oyler stated the Neighborhood Councils received the Energy Efficiency and Clean Air newsletter that is available for review. The expansion improvements on Madera Road, between W. Country Club Drive and Woodranch Parkway have begun.

12. Adjournment: September 4, 2014

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.