



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #4 Chair	Mark May
NC #4 Vice Chair	David Kennedy
NC #4 Secretary	Gloria Bowman
NC Coordinator	Jennifer Santos
City Council Liaison	Council Member Steve Sojka

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 the Noise Ordinance
 - b. Overview of the Forfeited Assets Fund
 - c. Update on Energy Efficiency Methods
 - d. New Statewide Water Conservation Mandates
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business: None
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, October 21, 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 May called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Secretary Bowman confirmed that a quorum was present.

Reggiena Abaca	P	Bob Powers	P
Manuel Alvarez	A	Omkar Ranade	P
Gloria Bowman	P	Satish Shah	P
Ryan Driscoll	A	Sean Smollen	A
Skip Faria	P	Karen Thornton	P
David Kennedy	P	Gregory Yacoubian	P
Mark May	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent; L=Leave	

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the July 15, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Skip Faria and seconded by Reggiena Abaca. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Police Liaison Report: None

6. Public Statements/Comments

A resident, who spoke at last month's meeting regarding Southern California's drought, wanted to know if the Executive Board received a copy of his letter regarding his Land & Water Conservation Jobs Project. The Executive Board advised him that they had. He then asked everyone to support his proposals and contact their elected officials, including the City Council.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Overview of the Noise Ordinance

The presentation was postponed to the September 16, 2014 meeting.

b. Overview of Fortified Assets Fund

The presentation was postponed to the September 16, 2014 meeting.

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. Trash and debris that are not removed from the Arroyo will make its way to the ocean. In some parts of the ocean, plastic trash outnumbers plankton by a margin of four to one. Fish eat the plastic, which will ultimately kill them and the remaining plastic ends up on the bottom of the ocean. Each year the City of Simi Valley participates in the Coastal Cleanup Day to remove litter from the Arroyo. The average amount of trash removed each year is approximately 270,000 pounds. 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 #4 to show the approximate area of the Executive Board member's residences and continued their discussion about flyer distribution. The Executive Board came to the consensus that the most effective way to distribute flyers was to focus on designated areas to be responsible for distribution. When development projects are scheduled, flyer distribution should also focus areas immediately adjacent to the project site.

9. New Business

a. Election of Executive Board Officers

The Executive Board nominated Gloria Bowman for the position of Secretary. The motion passed unanimously. David Kennedy and Skip Faria were each nominated for the Vice Chair position, Mark May, Skip Faria, and Gregory Yacoubian, were nominated for the position of Chair. However, Mr. Yacoubian declined his nomination. The Executive Board elected Mr. Kennedy to the position of Vice Chair and Mr. May as Chair.

10. Executive Board Comments

Gregory Yacoubian brought up the lack of landscaping at the corner of Flannigan Drive and Yosemite Avenue. He stated he would like to know who is responsible for maintaining the landscape materials at this location. Staff advised Mr. Yacoubian that they would research who owns the property and who is responsible for its maintenance.

Mark May stated he would also like to see enhanced landscaping placed in the medians along this section of Yosemite Avenue.

Bob Powers stated that he would like the City to stop issuing building permits during the drought. He stated that he could not find any City code that required that permits be issued. He would like this issue brought before the City Council.

Skip Faria provided a brief explanation on the feasibility of providing water to the County of Ventura from a desalination plant in Oxnard.

Gloria Bowman provided some handouts from the Southern California Gas Company with different ways to conserve water during the drought.

Reggienna Ababca stated that she would like to have someone from the Simi Valley School District do a presentation on several different topics, the schools lottery program, transfers, and the fundamental schools.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Kevin Murphy, Senior Code Enforcement Officer stated that the next scheduled town hall meeting with Mayor Huber will be held on Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Community Room at the Simi Valley Town Center. The Ventura County Animal Services Ambassadors are will be canvassing Simi Valley, during the weekends of August 17, and September 7. They will verify that pet owners are up-to-date with current State licensing requirements. On June 1, Southern California Edison raised the income requirements to qualify for California Alternate Rates for Energy. A family of one can now earn up to \$31,460.00 can now receive 20% off of their monthly gas bill. On September 13, the Simi Valley Council on Aging, in partnership with the Rancho Simi Senior Club, is hosting a Bingo Bonanza at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

12. Adjournment

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting of Tuesday, September 16, 2014, was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.