



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Robert McLaren
NC #2 Vice Chair	Peter Carrube
NC #2 Secretary	Jacqueline Slade
NC Coordinator	Jennifer Santos
City Council Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem Glen Becerra

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. Update of the City's Traffic Impact Fee Program
7. Continued Business: None
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the selection and recruitment of Neighborhood Council Executive Board members
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: Wednesday, November 12, 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

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	Jacqueline Slade	P
Jim Clement	P	Janelle (Jan) Smith	P
Lesley Greenfield	P	Nick Steinwender	P
Nancy Kidd	P	Vacant	
Robert McLaren	P	Vacant	
Wendy Morley	P	Vacant	
Sara Rosario	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

Item 7.c. (Update of the City's Traffic Impact Fee Program and Fees) was rescheduled to the October 14, 2014 meeting. By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Peter Carrube and seconded by Jan Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Police Liaison Report

Police Officer Ryan Brennan reported that there were no recent crime trends within Neighborhood Council #2. He stated that there have been residential burglaries within Neighborhood Council #4. Some areas have included north of the 118 Freeway and Yosemite Avenue. Officer Brennan will provide a report to the Executive Board of Neighborhood Council #4 on September 16.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Mike Judge attended to observe but did not speak to the Executive Board.

Randy Nemecek introduce himself as a candidate for City Council. He stated that he served as an Executive Board Chair and commended everyone's effort and involvement within the community.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Update on Energy Efficiency Methods

Cynthia Sabatini, Associate Planner of the Environmental Services Department, provided an update on the City's efforts to improve the energy efficiency to City facilities, and promoting resources to make energy efficient upgrades more accessible to the community. The goal is to lead by example. Audits and inspections have been conducted to City facilities to determine the strategies needed to improve efficiency. Some of the completed projects have included replacement of light fixtures, installation of water efficient pumps and sprinklers, and installation of drought tolerant landscaping. The City will also finance the cost to replace parking lot light fixtures around the City Hall's parking lot. The City will enter into an agreement with an energy service company for the initial assessment of all City facilities and operations to prepare a workforce program to continue to improve efficiency.

Information about energy efficiency methods can be found by visiting www.simivalley.org/livegreen. Ms. Sabatini invited everyone to the fifth annual Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

b. New Statewide Water Conservation Mandates

Wanda Moyer, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator of the Public Works Department, provided a presentation about the need to conserve water and improve water efficiency. In January, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency due to drought conditions. The Governor directed officials to take the necessary steps to conserve water and prepare for water shortages. An emergency regulation to increase conservation practices for all Californians became effective July 29, 2014. In some areas of the State, 50 percent or more of daily water use is for lawns and outdoor landscaping. Nearly 70 percent of Simi Valley's water being used for landscape irrigation. Conservation in the summer and fall is critical and there are many options to conserve water. Some examples include, watering before 9 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., and water no more than 45 minutes per station. Ms. Moyer encouraged residents to evaluate their water consumption and look for ways to improve the efficiency of their irrigation systems and household devices. She discussed water conservation related resources, devices, and rebates. She also provided an overview of City projects, and the City's ordinances and policies that assist in improving the community's water efficiency. Additional resources and information can be found on the City's website at www.simivalley.org/waterconservation or www.bewaterwise.com, and at the upcoming Living Green Expo on September 27.

- c. Update of the City's Traffic Impact Fee Program and Fees
The item was rescheduled for the October 14, 2014 meeting.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business

- a. A request to construct six attached single-family condominium dwellings or six attached apartment units, located at 1762 Patricia Avenue

Audience members did not have any questions or comments.

Executive Board members asked questions relating to: if there was consideration to keep the mature trees, if plans were still in place to develop the property to the west that has a remodeled residence, were affordable units proposed, if there were concerns with the surrounding residents, and the timeframe to construct the units.

Applicant responded to the questions and comments as follows.

New trees will replace the existing mature trees to allow the development improvements. The west adjacent property has a separate approved project. No affordable units are proposed. The existing property is surrounded by multifamily residences and concerns were not brought to our attention.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Jan Smith and seconded by Peter Carrube.

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve the request to construct six attached single-family condominium dwellings or six attached apartment units, located at 1762 Patricia Avenue

Executive Board vote: 10 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

Audience vote: 2 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Abstention

he motion carried.
Unincorporated Area vote: None

- b. Election of Executive Board Officers

The Executive Board nominated Jacqueline Slade for Secretary, Peter Carrube for Vice Chair, and Robert McLaren as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Executive Board Member Comments

Nick Steinwender stated that the informational biweekly meeting for the construction at the Simi Valley Town Center will be September 12, at 8:30 a.m.

He further reported that the new movie theater is anticipated to open in the summer of 2015.

Wendy Morley reminded everyone one about Coastal Cleanup Up Day on September 20, 2014.

Jan Smith encouraged everyone to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Simi Valley Historical Society on September 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Strathearn Historical Park.

Nancy Kidd stated that she, Sara Rosario, and Lesley Greenfield distributed meeting flyers to community members within the Patricia Avenue area. Upon her visit to Scotland, Ms. Kidd learned additional information about the history of the Strathearn family, which is available at Strathearn Park. She reminded everyone that the Park provides a nice venue for picnics and the Ghost Tour will begin in October.

Robert McLaren reported about the September 2, Joint Chairs Subcommittee meeting. He reminded the Executive Board that motions for recommendations need to be clearly defined. The Planning Commission and City Council rely on recommendations made by the Neighborhood Councils to assist in their decision making on different items.

Mr. McLaren reminded the Board that if an item is requested to be scheduled for a future meeting to discuss, it can be requested during Public Statements or Executive Board Comments. A consensus of the Board is needed to schedule the item. If there isn't a consensus, the minutes will summarize what was discussed.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Jennifer Santos stated that the City will send notices to property owners to remove overgrown tumbleweeds, weeds, or debris on the vacant/undeveloped parcels by October 31. Notices are being sent by the Department of Community Services. For additional information about the program, property owners can contact Francesca Dominick at (805) 583-6702.

She informed the Board that Youth Employment Services provides assistance to youth aged 15 to 22 years of age to receive coaching on the application process, interview skills, professionalism in the workplace, and job referrals. For information about the program, individuals should visit www.simivalley.org/yes. Also appointments can be made by visiting www.simivalley.org/yesjobposting or by calling (805) 522-HIRE (4473).

The Simi Valley Living Green Expo will be on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to volunteer, should contact Ms. Santos.

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

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