



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 21, 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. 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. A request to allow a permit for up to 6 hens on single-family properties in conjunction with a 4-H permit project
 - b. 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: Tuesday, November 18, 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 Mark May called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Gloria Bowman confirmed that a quorum was present.

Reggiena Abaca	E	Bob Powers	E
Manuel Alvarez	A	Omkar Ranade	E
Gloria Bowman	P	Satish Shah	P
Ryan Driscoll	P	Sean Smollen	E
Skip Faria	P	Karen Thornton	P
David Kennedy	P	Gregory Yacoubian	E
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 correction to Item 11(Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report) was made to read as, On June 1, Southern California Edison raised the income requirements to qualify for Alternate Rates for Energy. A family of one who earns up to \$31,460.00 can be eligible to receive 20% off the monthly utility bill. A motion to approve the August 19, 2014 minutes as corrected was made by David Kennedy and seconded by Satish Shah. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Jennifer Santos stated that Omkar Ranade resigned from his position on the Executive Board to attend the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. His resignation became effective on September 16, 2014.

5. Police Liaison Report

Police Officer Ryan Brennan stated that there have been residential burglaries within Neighborhood Council #4. Some areas have included north of the 118 Freeway and Yosemite Avenue. He stated that the Department is actively investigating the case. It is suspected that four of the burglaries are tied to the same group of people, while others have been conducted by separate individuals. Typically, an individual will knock on the front door and when no one answers they will enter the rear yard to break-in to the residence. Officer Brennan recommended taking precautionary measures to keep residences safe such as, making noise, leaving lights on, talking with neighbors, and reporting any suspicious activity to the Police Department.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Mark May's wife was in attendance and was introduced to the Executive Board.

7. Informational Presentations

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 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.

c. 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.

d. 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 week. 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.

8. Continued Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Executive Board Comments

Gloria Bowman brought hiking trail maps from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and stated that the maps are updated with the current trail system.

Mark May expressed the need for everyone to stay vigilant and communicate with their neighbors to assist with preventing more burglaries.

David Kennedy stated that the Council on Aging Arts & Crafts Fair will be on October 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and October 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will also be an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast October 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The events will be located at the Simi Valley Senior Center, located at 3900 Avenida Simi.

11. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Jennifer Santos stated that the Kuehner Apartments to construct six units were approved by the City Council. For more information about the project status, Sean Gibson, Associate Planner can be reached at (805) 583-6383 or the applicant, Jerry Jacob can be contacted at (760) 937-3187. Please join the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Simi Valley Public Library, and Community Coalition United in recognizing September as National Recovery Month. There will be a screening of the award winning documentary "The Anonymous People" at the Simi Valley Public Library on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. For questions about the event, call Derek Stalcup, Adult Services Librarian for the Simi Valley Public Library, at (805) 526-1735, extension 5017. Ms. Santos stated that if anyone is interested in volunteering at

the Living Green Expo to contact her (805) 583-6756. 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.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

Neighborhood Council
Development Project Overview

Project No. Z-S-716
Neighborhood Council
Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4
Tentative Planning Commission Meeting Date..... November 19, 2014
Tentative City Council Meeting Date December 15, 2014
Case Planner Christine Silver

Request:

To allow for an over the counter permit for up to six hens on single-family properties in conjunction with a 4-H Project.

Applicant:

City of Simi Valley

General Plan/Zoning:

Applies to single-family zones, including OS, RE, RVL, RL, RM, and RMod.

Location: City-wide

I. Project Description

The proposed zoning text amendment would allow for the issuance of a Zoning Clearance for the keeping of up to 6 hens on a single-family property in conjunction with a 4-H project. The following requirements would apply:

- a. A Zoning Clearance (valid for one year) will be issued to the 4-H member and property owner to allow for a maximum of 6 hens (roosters not permitted) in conjunction with a 4-H hen project.
b. The property must be zoned for single-family use (OS, RE, RVL, RL, RM, and RMod Zoning Districts) and have a minimum lot size of 8,000 square feet.

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- c. The hens must be kept in a coop and enclosed area with a minimum of three square feet and a maximum of six square feet per hen. The maximum height allowed for the coop is six feet.
- d. The coop and enclosure must be located in the rear yard and setback 10 feet from the side and rear property line.
- e. Verification of 4-H membership must be submitted.
- f. Animal Keeping requirements per Section 9-44.060.C must be met, including maintenance standards for the chicken coop and not disturbing the neighborhood.

II. Project Design

Not applicable.

III. Project Compatibility

The proposed text amendment to allow hens to be kept on single-family residential properties includes requirements that must be met prior to approval of a Zoning Clearance. These requirements help to protect the residential character of the neighborhood and ensure compatibility with adjacent residences. Specifically, a maximum of six hens, in conjunction with a 4-H project, will be permitted for properties with a minimum lot size must be 8,000 square feet. Also, the hens must be kept in a coop with an enclosed area that is a minimum size of three square feet to a maximum of six square feet per hen, and it must be setback 10 feet from any adjacent property lines. The maximum height allowed for the coop is six feet. As required for all animal keeping per SVMC Section 9-44.060.C, the chicken coop must be maintained free from litter, garbage, and the accumulation of manure, and it must be maintained in a neat and sanitary manner. In addition, the hens may not disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

IV. Issues

No issues have been raised by staff.

V. Environmental Review

Under the provisions of Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed amendment to the Simi Valley Municipal Code regarding the keeping of a limited number of hens in conjunction with a 4-H project on certain single-family properties, with negligible expansion of the existing approved use of the associated residences, is categorically exempt from CEQA.

VI. Exhibits

None.