



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #1
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015, 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	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem Steve Sojka

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
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 Presentation
 - a. The City's Youth Council Program
8. Continued Business: None
9. New Business: None



10. Executive Board Comments

This is the time 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: Thursday, February 5, 2015

/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 7:33 p.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Don Diamond	P	Andrea Stillmak	P
Jamie Extract	P	Debbie Thomas	P
Anthony (A.J.) Hernandez	P	Vacant	
David Kern	P	Vacant	
Michelle Moroney	E	Vacant	
Michael Pucher	P	Vacant	
Richard Olson	E	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 was made by Jamie Extract and seconded by Don Diamond to approve the October 9, 2014 minutes, with a correction to the spelling of Jamie Extract's last name. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation

a. Overview of the Police Department's Community Liaison Officer Program

Steve Shorts, Police Sergeant, explained the goals of the new Community Liaison Officer Program. The goals are to increase communication in the community, nuisance abatement, increased community involvement, and overall crime reduction. He has a team of three officers, each designated to a specific section of the City. The officers are to be liaisons in their sections of the community. They will deal with both short and long term issues, and generally be known in that part of the community. His team works to target and resolve ongoing, continuous nuisance issues (alcohol issues, parties, gangs, etc.) that tax the system by constantly requiring attention. The team has school resource officers, a Crime Prevention officer, a Volunteer Coordinator, Youth Services officer, and they manage the jail. Also, they coordinate with the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator to facilitate plans and designs to prevent crime in parks, neighborhoods, and homes. The officers can also adapt their tactics and clothing depending on the situation, for example bike patrols, homeless outreach, and unmarked cars. They continue their Homeless/Street Outreach

program, working very closely with The Samaritan Center and other social services in town, reducing the encampments in town and helping the citizens get the services they need.

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

Audience members did not have any questions or comments.

Executive Board members asked questions and made comments relating to: what if an adjacent neighbor has a concern about the hens; what happens after the permit expires in a year; who will monitor the permit's expiration date; what is the significance of the 8,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size; could there be adverse impacts on neighbors from the hens; why are 4-H animals not allowed to be housed at schools; there should be a mechanism in place to ensure that the permit is renewed annually.

Christine Silver, Senior Planner of the Department of Environmental Services, responded to the questions and comments as follows:

The neighbor would work with Planning to alleviate their concerns. The permit can be renewed by the permittee or on an annual basis if they are an active 4-H member. There is no mechanism in place to monitor the expiration of permits; this would be enforced by a citizen complaint. The lot size was chosen to ensure adequate room for the chicken coop and has also been used by other cities for similar uses. 4-H members' homes are inspected by the organization to ensure the health of the animals and to control possible nuisances. 4-H is an activity sponsored by the County and the schools are not involved.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Jamie Extract and seconded by Debbie Thomas:

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the request to allow a permit for up to 6 hens on single-family properties in conjunction with a 4-H permit, subject to adding a mechanism to the permit which ensures that the permit is renewed annually.

Executive Board vote: 6 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions
Audience vote: None
Unincorporated Area vote: None

The motion carried.

- b. A request to consider amending the Simi Valley Town Center Specific Plan to add a monument sign, way-finding signs, two Highway Pylon signs, Drive-through Coffee Houses, and increase the allowed size of Food Stores, located 1555 Simi Town Center Way

Audience members did not have any questions or comments.

Executive Board members asked questions and made comments relating to: clarification of the locations of way-finding signs in relation to Simi Valley Town Center Way; what are typical concerns about digital pylon signs; was a traffic study done; if the drive-through is allowed, could it open the door for a future fast food use at the site; the drive-through is a positive use in that it will bring more people to the mall; what is the thought process behind a grocery at the mall; what does 25,000 sq. ft. building look like; will the grocery be freestanding; concern that the proposed drive-through coffee house is not an appropriate use because there will be no foot traffic to generate customers; concern that traffic from the drive-through will impede traffic circulation similar to the drive-through coffee house on Los Angeles Avenue; concern that the drive-through will generate excessive exhaust fumes.

The applicant responded to the above questions and comments as follows: they will be perpendicular to Simi Valley Town Center Way in the adjacent planters; that the signs could be too bright or distracting to drivers; a traffic study was done and no improvements were deemed necessary; a fast food franchise would have to get a separate permit; an upscale grocery store could bring a larger and more diverse clientele to the mall; it is of a similar size to a typical Staples store for example; there are a number of different options, some being freestanding; it is an appropriate use because there are many consumers who do not wish to leave their cars to get coffee; this proposed drive-through has adequate room for a line up for cars plus plenty of parking; the building is at the outskirts of the mall, so no excessive fumes are expected to build up against other buildings; the pylon signs can also be used to broadcast Amber Alerts plus advertise community events.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Don Diamond and seconded by Debbie Thomas:

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission consider amending the Simi Valley Town Center Specific Plan to add a monument sign, way-finding signs, two Highway Pylon signs, Drive-through Coffee Houses, and increase the allowed size of Food Stores, located at 1555 Simi Town Center Way as presented.

Executive Board vote: 6 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions
Audience vote: None
Unincorporated Area vote: None

The motion carried.

- c. Selection of a nominee to the Special Event Support Review Committee
The Executive Board unanimously nominated Andrea Stillmak to the Special Events Support Review Committee.
 - d. Discussion of Neighborhood Council Recruitment
Jennifer Santos, Neighborhood Council Coordinator, requested that Executive Board actively recruit community members for the next term, which begins March 1, 2015.
9. Executive Board Member Comments
Dave Kern announced that Jacqueline Slade was nominated as the Neighborhood Council representative for the Youth Employment Services Advisory Board. He asked for a volunteer to attend the November 13 Task Force on Homelessness meeting. Debbie Thomas confirmed that she would be able attend.
 10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report
Jennifer Santos, Neighborhood Council Coordinator, introduced her replacement, Emily Habib. Emily had previously worked with the City in the same capacity from 2001 to 2006.
 11. Adjournment: January 6, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.
By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.