



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015, 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	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Keith Mashburn

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 Presentations
 - a. The City's Youth Council Program
 - b. The Police Department's Community Liaison Program
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: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

/s/
Mark Oyler
Deputy Director/Citizen Services

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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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was amended to move Item 8c above Item 8a and to move Item 6a to between Items 8b and 8d. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Clement and seconded by Jan Smith to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

7. Continued Business: None

8. New Business

- c. 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 at 1555 Simi Town Center Way

Audience members did not have any questions or comments.

Executive Board members asked questions and made comments relating to: will there be other such digital signs along the freeway, with particular concern about the auto dealers across the freeway; will the residents south of the freeway be affected by the digital signs both along the freeway and on the proposed theater; will the grocery store be close to Simi Valley Town Center Way; are they adding square footage to the mall

to make up for what is being demolished; have they discussed the digital signage with the residents across the freeway; have they asked the community what tenants they would like to see; was a traffic study done; what can be done if the residents south of the freeway complain about the lighting.

The applicant responded to the above questions and comments as follows: they are not aware of any proposals for such signage; the residents won't be affected because the lights along the freeway will be set to automatically dim at night before going off at midnight, and the lights on the theater will be same height as the existing buildings, plus the theater will be at the back of the property; there are a number of different options for grocers including some that could put it close to Simi Valley Town Center Way; the new mall will be 30,000-40,000 sq. ft. smaller; direct community outreach was conducted; the mall is open to different types of tenants; a general traffic study was done for the mall and no improvements were deemed necessary; the signs could be adjusted manually to reduce impacts from the lighting.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Jan Smith and seconded by Jacqueline Slade:

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, with the recommendation that the brightness of the digital signs can be reviewed in the future if neighbors across the freeway complain.

Executive Board vote:	9 Ayes;	1 No;	0 Abstentions
Audience vote:	2 Ayes;	0 Noes;	0 Abstentions
Unincorporated Area vote:	None		

The motion carried.

- 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 is the Poultry Project; how long does such a project typically last; what mechanism would be used if there is a complaint; how many potential applicants are there; how is the chicken coop waste disposed of.

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

The Poultry Project has two parts - raising hens for eggs and raising chickens for meat; typically projects last three to four years; there are provisions in the City's Municipal Code to inspect the property and revoke the permit if there is a lack of compliance; there are 4-5 potential applicants; waste is disposed of in a waste container.

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

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, as presented.

Executive Board vote: 10 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions
Audience vote: 2 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions
Unincorporated Area None
vote:

The motion carried.

- b. A request to construct a 103-room hotel, located at 2585 Cochran Street (behind Junkyard Café)

Audience members did not have any questions or comments.

Executive Board members asked questions and made comments relating to: will there be additional signage on Cochran Street; with only one way in and out, what traffic improvements will they be making; will there be a restaurant; will there be oversized vehicle parking; was a study done to determine that a hotel would be an appropriate use; what is the estimated construction time;

The applicant responded to the above questions and comments as follows: there is an existing large sign that will be utilized; the access driveway will be widened; there will not be a restaurant, only a continental breakfast will be offered to guests; a conference room will be available to guests and community groups; there will be no oversized vehicle parking; a marketing study was done which determined that a hotel would be an appropriate and profitable use on that site; completion of the project will take approximately 18 months.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Peter Carrube and seconded by Lesley Greenfield:

MOTION: Recommend that the Planning Commission approve CUP-S-744 to construct a 103-room hotel on a vacant site located at 2585 Cochran Street behind the existing Junkyard Café restaurant as presented.

Executive Board vote: 10 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions

Audience vote: None

Unincorporated Area vote: None

The motion carried.

6. Informational Presentation

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

The presenter was unable to attend and the presentation was tentatively rescheduled for the January 13, 2015 meeting.

8. d. Selection of a nominee to the Special Event Support Review Committee

Chair Robert McLaren noted that the Joint Chairs were surprised that the presentations by those requesting funds and discussion regarding what groups would be allocated monies were done at the same meeting. Per the Brown Act, their deliberations had to be discussed in front of the requestors, which made them uncomfortable. Jan Smith recounted her experience last year and said she enjoyed the process and volunteered to serve again. Peter Carrube was nominated as well. Jan Smith was elected to be Neighborhood Council #2's committee representative.

e. Discussion of Neighborhood Council Recruitment

The current recruitment will end on January 6, 2015. The Board discussed various forms of outreach including social media and media releases to generate public participation. Further discussion regarding public outreach will take place at the January Joint Chairs meeting.

9. Executive Board Comments

Robert McLaren advised that Jacqueline Slade was elected to serve on the Youth Employment Services Advisory Committee as the Neighborhood Council representative. He also announced that Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Senior Center on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

Peter Carrube announced that on November 22, 2014, the Chamber of Commerce will host a "Shop Local" event at Mountain Gate Plaza which will include 80 local arts and crafts vendors.

Nancy Kidd reminded the Board about the upcoming Nottingham Festival on November 15 and 16, 2014.

Lesley Greenfield announced that the Samaritan Center was requesting donations to house a local veteran.

10. Neighborhood Council Coordinator's Report

Jennifer Santos introduced Emily Habib, the new Neighborhood Council Coordinator.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

By the consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.