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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Concordia Jr / Sr High School, 13507 Eldridge Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

All Minutes are a summary, not a transcript, of what was said at a meeting. The only two exceptions to this are the Motions and quotes. Minutes are not a comprehensive record of what was said about an issue or project.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Ann Job called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roy Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call – Roll Call was taken by Ann Job. The Sylmar Neighborhood Council’s quorum is 11.

12 of the 20 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Cheri Blose, Peggy Courtney, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, Dennis Orellana, Peter Postlmayr, Patricia Rau, Brenda Resendis, Maria Silva, Roy Smith, and Diane Valencia.

2 Board Members arrived later. Kathy Bloom and Laurie Fadness,

6 Board Members were absent: Carlos Gonzalez, Carlos Lara, Derek Martin, Jackie Mata, Christian Rubalcava, and Chris Shows.

20 of the 21 Board Seats were filled. Vacant Board Seats: one Retail.

26 stakeholders and guests signed in.

3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper – Diane Valencia explained protocol, and noting that we have a security guard at this meeting. Ann Job pointed out that we have a Poster: “With Civility Toward All” (6)

4. Welcome and Announcements by Board Meeting facility Host – Peggy Courtney

5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations

Senior Lead Officers Menchaca addressed those in attendance. A task force is continuing to monitor street racing. Board member Maria Silva asked about LAPD oversight when schools are closed in the summer. SLO Menchaca said that the LAPD only monitors the outside of LAUSD schools. Menchaca, in response to Stakeholder Bonnie Bernard’s statement regarding a rumor that he was being promoted, said that he is on the list for promotion to Sergeant. He spoke of Councilmember Fuentes’ support of the party car in Sylmar. In the summer two party cars work on Fridays, Saturdays and sometime Sundays and just respond to calls about loud parties, freeing up the unit for other calls. The first year there were about 7,000 calls (400 calls a night) for loud parties on the weekends; the second year about 5,000 calls, and last year it was about 2,700 calls. So the calls are dropping, because the “word is getting out.”

Julio Anleu from LAUSD Board, Monica Ratliff’s representative together with **Abigail Morena, Councilmember Fuentes’ representative** announced that though the hope had been for a 4th of July fireworks display at Sylmar High School this year, they determined that more preparation would be required, so the display will be held at San Fernando High School. The hope is that the display will be at Sylmar High School next year. The School Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 1 to 4.

Abigail Morena, Councilmember Fuentes’ representative continued by announcing the fireworks safety walk on June 27th. Volunteers will walk the neighborhoods passing out flyers reminding our neighbors that fireworks are illegal.

Steve Fukushima representing Senator Bob Hertzberg talked about AB 60, drivers license for the undocumented. Kathy Grubert, the VP of Communications, asked everyone with an event to announce to email her the information ideally with an electronic flyer, so it can be published in our e-blast that is sent out weekly.

Greg Bartz, community liaison from the Department of Water and Power, told us of upcoming LA Aquaduct and Owens Valley educational tours—Friday through Saturday. One tour will be in June, one in September, two in October. He mentioned the upcoming trunk line project on Foothill Blvd. coming up in early 2016. He offered to return to do a presentation specifically on the project. He warned us of department imposters knocking on our doors. He is making himself available to our stakeholders if we have any billing issues.

5a. Questions / Comments from the Public

Stakeholder Eugene Hernandez says the DWP wins whatever happens. They raise the rates if we save for the drought; if we overuse we pay more. He complained that people who cannot afford to pay are being cut off and are not getting help from the Department. He asked: why are golf courses allowed water? Mr. Bartz stated that most golf courses have converted to recycled water; also since they are revenue producers, the city wants to keep these businesses viable.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the updated Sylmar Community Plan.

Anita Cerna, City Planner from the Department of Planning, introduced the team, Conni Pallini-Tipton and Priya Mehendale before starting her power point presentation. She provided us with an overview of what the new Sylmar Community Plan does and what to expect. LA is broken down into 35 community plan areas, Sylmar being one of them. The population in Sylmar has grown about 10,000 people per decade. The existing plan allows for a lot more population growth. The Plan is designed to accommodate this growth rate, but not expand it.

The new Sylmar Community Plan is essentially a blueprint of how the community will develop. It is also a vision document; a set of policies and goals that sets the aspirations of what you want to see in the community. It serves to inform developers and property owners what can and cannot be done on the property. The city will use the Plan when people want various discretionary actions or entitlements. The process to update Sylmar's plan started in 2007. The last time it was updated was 10 years earlier, in 1997. Numerous community meetings were held, as well as a huge public workshop in 2008, and a public hearing in 2013 at Sylmar High School before going to the City Planning Commission. From these meetings City Planning drafted a plan with key goals.

The community made it clear that it wants to preserve the semi-rural character of the area. The community wants to protect the environment as a natural resource (like the wash); to extend recreation opportunities; to create housing opportunities near transit, commercial areas and other amenities; to reinvest and revitalize our commercial and industrial areas, to provide services and jobs for our residents. The equestrian community was heard regarding trails and safety. Generally the idea is for overall improvement of the community.

Since Sylmar has such a huge range from small properties to very large properties, developers were asking for zone changes that would alter the character of the neighborhoods. The Plan changed zoning of existing properties in order to preserve single-family neighborhoods. This was done by addressing the low residential category that was prevalent in Sylmar that allowed development within a huge range from a 2,500 sq ft lot to an 11,000 sq ft lot. The Plan refines the category into Low 1, Low 2, and Low 3 and minimizes the type of development allowed. By changing the land use category the Plan protects the RA zone that is for equinekeeping lots that are typically 17,500 sq. ft.; thus helping to preserve the semi-rural character of Sylmar. By doing just some technical changes the Plan reduced the number of future dwelling units from 27,700 units to a bit under 25,000 units. The Plan's residential design guidelines will factor in the aesthetics of a project, and trail design guidelines will make horse trails safer and more pleasing aesthetically. Another technical change the Plan employs protects 'open space' areas by using land use zoning designations. There are policies in place that encourage the creation of parks and pocket parks. Equestrian stakeholders assisted in mapping out a trail network and equestrian crossings.

Sylmar is still growing. With San Fernando Road needing to be revitalized and with Metro-Link being there, San Fernando Rd. can accommodate the growth potential by putting housing into existing multiple family neighborhoods, rather than in existing single-family neighborhoods.

Sylmar has been losing commercial land to housing units. Consequently Sylmar has about 2% commercial land. All commercial areas are currently zoned the same, C2-1, allowing anything whatever to be built, not differentiating the type of commercial development allowed. So the Plan identifies commercial areas that are to be lower in scale (only 1 or 2 stories in height) in neighborhoods so people can walk to them. The existing four shopping centers will remain the same. There are two mix-use boulevards, San Fernando Rd. and Maclay. The transit oriented district is between Hubbard and Polk on San Fernando Road near the transit station. So the Plan came up with new rules and regulations for each of these different commercial areas. Because Sylmar is a vital manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution hub, the Plan just utilized some technical changes to further

protect the industrial areas. The changes that protect Sylmar were accomplished mostly through zoning and land use designations.

The K-District (the equinekeeping district) is a special overlay in Sylmar. The Plan has expanded the boundaries and has greater rules and regulations for the keeping of horses. We went from 750 acres to 1,112 acres to be included in this equinekeeping district. For future equine properties 2,000 sq ft must be set aside for a pad area that is free of any structure. Even if the owner doesn't keep a horse, he must retain the property's horse-keeping character; for example, a pool cannot be built if it infringes on this designated pad area.

A new tool for implementing the Plan is the CPIO (Community Plan Implementation Overlay) District. It basically establishes rules and regulations within the various districts: neighborhood districts, commercial districts, transit oriented districts, and industrial districts. The CPIO is not just a policy, it is actually an ordinance. People have to comply with it, and would be required to go through a discretionary action to get an exception from the regulations. With the current zone C2 you could do housing, or a hotel, or auto, or whatever. But with the CPIO, for example, housing will not be allowed in certain designated commercial districts. Currently in Sylmar there are no height limits. With the Plan heights for houses will be limited to 30 feet (2 stories); commercial area will be limited to 45 feet (3 stories). It will also set limits on the floor area. In the transit-oriented area, the developer is allowed to do 3:1, so there can be a bigger building, but it must include retail, not just housing. Some examples of aesthetic requirements for commercial properties in Sylmar that would improve a project overall are: the front door to be in the front; have awnings; have direct pathways from the sidewalk to the store; provide some shade trees; better signage; hide equipment and utilities so they are not in the front; parking in the back rather than in the front.

Anita Cerna announced that the PLUM hearing has been moved up to June 2, 2015, and asked board members and stakeholders to attend and show support. The PLUM Committee will recommend an action to the City Council. Then the City Council can adopt the Community Plan, as well as all the zone changes and land use changes. The CPIO and the K-District need to go to the City Attorney formal legality; then back to PLUM; then the full City Council; then to the Mayor for his approval.

MOTION to Support the Sylmar Community Plan ahead of the June 2, 2015, PLUM Committee hearing so our voices can be heard, and in appreciation of what the City has done for Sylmar. (Moved by Peter Postlmayr, seconded by Roy Smith)

DISCUSSION included Anita Cerna available for questions and with Peter Postlmayr, they both stated that the community input has been extensive.

CALL FOR THE VOTE by Roy Smith without objection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 14 board members present. 14 voted for: Bloom, Blöse, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Orellana, Postlmayr, Rau, Resendis, Silva, Smith, Valencia, and Job; no (0); abstaining (0).

- 7. Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft letter to Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember Fuentes, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM), and the Los Angeles City Council in support of the updated Sylmar Community Plan, including the Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) and "K" District (Equine Properties).

MOTION to postpone (by Roy Smith, seconded by Laurie Fadness) with no objections.

- 8. Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft letter to Councilmember / Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee Chair Jose Huizar (copying Councilmember Fuentes) requesting that the updated Sylmar Community Plan be placed on the June 16, 2015, meeting agenda of the LA City Council's PLUM Committee **was obviated** because the PLUM hearing will be on June 2.

MOTION to postpone (by Roy Smith, seconded by Laurie Fadness) with no objections.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction

- 1) John Holmes spoke about the master plan for Olive View Hospital
- 2) Bill Hopkins from the Granada Hills North NC spoke about the Southern California Preparedness Foundation's Emergency Preparedness Fair.
- 3) Sharon Washington, from the Foothills Trails NC spoke about their July 11th Emergency Preparedness Fair for the foothill communities.
- 4) Eugene Hernandez complained that items that he says he submitted to the President have not been put on the agenda, and accused the President for code of conduct violations.

- 5) Sherry Lincoln announced that this is likely her last neighborhood council meeting.
- 6) Jose Castillo relinquished his time to David Levin. Melvin Canas of DONE pointed out that the agenda indicates that there are two minutes of public comment for each speaker, and that should be respected.
- 7) David Levin expressed his displeasure on many things.
- 8) David Rodriguez spoke against the Eldridge and Hubbard 21 small lot units because it is not in the best interest of the community. He stated that the community places its trust in the Council.
- 9) Dan Feinberg stated that he has filed charges against the person that physically attacked him at the April 30, Special Board meeting and called on that person to make a public apology. He said that he was instrumental in there being security at tonight's meeting. And finally asserted that had he defended himself against the attacker, the situation would have been much worse.
- 10) David Barron on the Sunland-Tujunga NC spoke against Assembly Bill 2, and its negative effects on property rights.
- 11) Les Aisenman did not have a speaker's card. He responded to Mr. Feinberg and pled his innocence, and asserted that he was protecting his wife.

Another altercation took place between Messrs. Feinberg and Aisenman, and security stepped in.

- 12) Nina Royal on the Sunland-Tujunga NC says that she is back as publisher of the North Valley Reporter from having not been well.
- 13) Bonnie Bernard says she has a transcript of her recording of the April 30th meeting.

10. Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 2015 General Board Meeting

MOTION (by Laurie Fadness; seconded by Patti Rau)

DISCUSSION included Diane Valencia noting that Item #17 in the Minutes is incomplete. Therefore,

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Diane Valencia; seconded by Roy Smith)

DISCUSSION seeing no further discussion the vote was conducted

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED by vote of the 14 board members present. 13 voted for: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Orellana, Postlmayr, Rau, Resendis, Silva, Valencia, and Job; no (0); abstaining (1) Smith

11. Approval of the Minutes of the April 30, 2015 Special Board Meeting

MOTION (by Cheri Blose; seconded by Peggy Courtney)

DISCUSSION Laurie Fadness complained that the minutes were too vague. Since there were other clerical flaws and no time of the adjournment, the discussion was to postpone the item, which takes precedence of the previous motion.

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Laurie Fadness; seconded by Diane Valencia)

DISCUSSION during which when David Levin tried to insert Public Comment, Melvin Canas of DONE indicated that "back and forth conversation" was inappropriate. Roy Smith called for the vote.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED unanimously by vote of the 14 board members present. 14 voted for: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Orellana, Postlmayr, Rau, Resendis, Silva, Smith, Valencia, and Job; no (0); abstaining (0) Roy Smith

After the vote, Stakeholder Les Aisenman called 'a point of order.' To which Melvin Canas of DONE asserted that this is a meeting of the board. Only a member of the board should make a point of order. It is up to the President to make the determination as to whom to recognize. Consequently President Ann Job announced that Mr. Aisenman's point of order would be ignored.

12. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Diane Valencia announced that the Executive Committee is intent on making the July 1 deadline for the required Strategic Planning and Goal Setting as a board.

Outreach Committee – Maria Silva acknowledge that the Make Your Horse Count was a great outreach event to our elementary school. She especially acknowledged Principal Martinez of El Dorado Elementary School that participated in the art contest for students, who will be receiving recognition for their participation

Equestrian Committee – Cheri Blose spoke about the Make Your Horse Count over 140 horses were licensed; and over 25 dogs were spayed or neutered, and countless vaccinations were given.

Underserved Stakeholders Committee – Peggy Courtney called on stakeholders and board members to attend the committee meetings as they work to use the date from the Homeless Count to get services to Sylmar's homeless.

- 13. Discussion and possible Board action** to engage a city approved security service to provide security services for SNC Board and Committee meetings at a cost not to exceed \$100 per meeting. The rate is \$21.90 for an unarmed security guard, with a 4 hour minimum. (10)

Presentation by Diane Valencia – VP of Administration

MOTION to engage a city approved security service...minimum. (Moved by Diane Valencia, seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION Diane gave some background information about the process for getting security services when needed. The Executive Committee felt using the LAPD was not the best way to use police services to Sylmar. Peter Postlmayr expressed his disappointment that security services would be needed at our board meetings. He wasn't sure that the incident that occurred at the April 30 meeting though unfortunate rises to the level of needing security present at our meetings. Further he noted that based on what happened tonight, there are "still issues that boiling over to the point of confrontation." We should be able to conduct ourselves in such a way that we do not need to have security, and would hope that this would be short-term use of security services. Roy Smith also expressed his disappointment that security is being considered, saying further that "if we need security, we have bigger issues." Roy also asserted that as a former bouncer this incident would not have happened if he had been present at the meeting at the time of the incident. Maria Silva expressed her frustration that when the retreat was held last year, most of the board members who were not new to the board did not attend and those who did were not there for the whole meeting, and thereby missed an opportunity to learn to work together. Kathy Grubert echoed Maria's position and spoke about the need for training. Stakeholders who commented: Eugene Hernandez asserted that "we are becoming a very fascist country." Les Aisenman asserted that "this is a plan by an organization that he has opposed to silence (him) and remove (him)." Mr. Aisenman said that the discussion of the need for security "is based on a perceived threat." Board member Diane Valencia stated that the SNC board is acting on recommendations by DONE and the City Attorney's Office. Bonnie Bernard recommended Roy Smith as well as Christian Rubalcava as Sergeant at Arms, but for now security was needed. Dan Feinberg thanked Mr. Canas and the board for having security there tonight, before the President had to call him on launching another ad hominem. David Levin complained that there was back and forth, and the President asked him to speak on topic. Mr. Levin continued talking and stakeholder Bonnie Bernard called "point of order for being off topic." Mr. Levin continued and the Sergeant at Arms was called for. Mr. Levin complained that he was being kept from finishing his comments. Mr. Canas of DONE told Mr. Levin that he was "disrupting the meeting," and warned Mr. Levin that if he continued he would ask "the security guard to remove him from the room." Mr. Canas said that DONE will arrange for a training session to address the types of problems being exhibited tonight. Mr. Canas called on the President to let the stakeholder have his/her two minutes without interruption if they stay on topic. He noted that "at City Council abusive language is a lot worse." And what the President of the City Council does is allow the speaker to continue" until his time is over. Further Mr. Canas instructed the Board members not to leave their seats when disruptions occur, not to approach those who are being disruptive or get involved whatsoever, because there is liability involved in being representatives of the city. He said he was glad there was a security guard at this meeting. Diane Valencia thanked Mr. Canas for his comment, stating that it would be unfair to ask our Sergeant at Arms, a volunteer, to potentially put himself in harm's way.

CALL FOR THE VOTE by Kathy Grubert without objection.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 14 board members present. For (10): Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Grubert, Orellana, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, Valencia, and Job; No (3) Bloom, Floresta, and Smith; Abstaining (1) Resendis.

- 14. Discussion and possible Board action** approve payment in an amount not to exceed to \$100 for the services of a security guard at this meeting.

MOTION (by Roy Smith; seconded by Diane Valencia)

DISCUSSION: There being none, Roy Smith called for the vote.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by vote of the 14 board members present: Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Orellana, Postlmayr, Rau, Resendis, Silva, Smith, Valencia, and Job; no (0); abstaining (0).

- 15. Recess** in the interest of time, this was dispensed with.

- 16. Discussion and possible Board action** to remove Board Member Jackie Mata from the SNC Board, per Article V, Section 7 (Absences) of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Bylaws, dated January 26, 2014.

MOTION (by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Diane Valencia)

DISCUSSION: The President noted that Jackie Mata was not present to speak on her own behalf. Diane Valencia read the section from the Bylaws. Maria Silva called for the vote.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 14 board members present: yes (8) Bloom, Courtney, Floresta, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Valencia, and Job; no (3) Fadness, Silva and Smith; abstaining (3) Blose, Orellana, and Resendis.

17. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the President's nomination for a Board Vacancy: Retail Representative. The item is postponed since there is no one to nominate, stating that going forward the item will continue to be on the agenda going forward.

18. **Discussion and possible Board action** to adopt the "Neighborhood Councils Administrative and 2016 Elections Procedures Stipulation Worksheet."

Presentation by Diane Valencia – VP of Administration, noting that we have had this since March 20, and that there is as June 1, 2015, deadline. The Bylaws Committee met and considered items 1 through 5; the Executive Committee met and considered the balance of the items 6 through 11.

MOTION to accept as submitted (by Diane Valencia; seconded by Maria Silva)

DISCUSSION: Roy Smith stated that he would like to take this Item in two parts: items 1 through 5 which were considered by the Bylaws Committee first; and then the items considered by the Executive Committee. However, he did not move to amend the motion at this time. So the original motion held. Roy Smith stated his objections were to item # 6 regarding Online Voting. He asserted that the voting could not be observed. He asserted that the voter would be identified with his vote, which would be unconstitutional. He was concerned about the possibility with fraud. He noted that people he knows in Oregon, a state that has online voting, do not like it, "because that is their only choice." Maria Silva stated that people who cannot physically go vote, will still be able to vote. We should treat this like a pilot program. Peter Postlmayr noted that if we don't take the vote today, the choice will be made for us through DONE's default positions. Eugene Hernandez agreed with Roy Smith that online voting is "unconstitutional." Diane Valencia reminded everyone that online voting is in addition to, not in lieu of, a physical election polling site. Les Aisenman supported Roy in his position that online voting is not a secret ballot. Mr. Aisenman suggested that the Board bifurcate the motion. Roy asked to amend the motion to exclude Item # 6.

MOTION TO AMEND the motion by removing Item # 6 to be voted on separately

(by Roy Smith; seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION: having none, Roy Smith called for the vote.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 14 board members present: yes (12) Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Grubert, Orellana, Postlmayr, Resendis, Smith, Valencia, and Job; no (2) Rau and Silva; abstaining (0).

MOTION TO Approve Item #6 as stated on the stips sheet (by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Diane Valencia)

DISCUSSION preceded Postlmayr's motion:

At the President's suggestion all agreed that the first vote will be on Item # 6 separately, and then go back to vote on the rest of the items.

Melvin Canas of DONE assured everyone that the election (whether done by traditional paper ballot or by online voting) will be by secret ballot. Online voters will be given a code. The selected vendor conducts elections at the national and international level and for corporations. This vendor (Everyone Counts) conducts Oregon's online voting. Diane Valencia says that there is a lot of information on line about online voting. She read from the Everyone Counts website. Dan Feinberg asked Melvin Canas to reiterate his statement that on line voting is by secret ballot

Call for the Vote by Kathy Grubert

MOTION FAILED by vote of the 14 board members present: yes (7) Blose, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, Valencia, and Job; no (1) Smith; abstaining (6). Bloom, Courtney, Fadness, Floresta, Orellana, and Resendis.

Brenda Resendis has left at this time.

MOTION to Approve Voter Self-Affirmation with No Online Voting

(moved by Roy Smith; seconded by Laurie Fadness)

DISCUSSION Peggy Courtney said that the reason she abstain before was because she didn't have a sense of what the stakeholders want. A straw poll of the stakeholders was taken, and the result was 3 for online voting, and a much larger group opposed to online voting.

Call for the Vote by Peggy Courtney.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 13 board members present: yes (7) Bloom, Blose, Courtney, Fadness, Foresta, Orellana, and Smith; no (6) Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, Valencia and Job; abstaining (0).

The President stated that now we need to go back and vote on the rest of it, having pulled out item #6. Some board members said that we had already voted on it, and Ann accepted that. Actually we had not. Having little time left we skipped the next items, and moved on to Item # 24.

19. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the 2015 Bylaws as resubmitted by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). **Skipped due to lack of time.**
20. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve recommendations of the Bylaws Committee regarding Board Rules and other matters. Postponed indefinitely since it was covered with the Stipulations votes.
21. **Discussion and possible Board action**—in keeping with the fact that the appointment of the Chair was made by the President with the approval of the Board—to approve the President’s removal of the Bylaws Committee Chair as Chair, but not as a member of the Committee. **Skipped due to lack of time.**
This is done in accordance with **Article VII, Section 3. E. Changes to Committees.** “The Board may establish, disband or make changes as needed to any Standing or Ad Hoc Committee. Any such action by the Board shall be noted in the Council meeting Minutes.”
22. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the President’s removal of Committee Member Les Aisenman from the Bylaws Committee. **Skipped due to lack of time.**
This is done in accordance with **Article VII, Section 3. E. Changes to Committees.** “The Board may establish, disband or make changes as needed to any Standing or Ad Hoc Committee. Any such action by the Board shall be noted in the Council meeting Minutes.”
23. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the President’s appointment of the Bylaws Committee Chair. **Skipped due to lack of time.**

Cheri Blose has left at this time.

24. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve Sylmar Neighborhood Council monthly expenditure report (MER) for May, 2015.

MOTION to approve the MER as written (by Diane Valencia; seconded by Peter Postlmayr)

DISCUSSION: There being none, Kathy Grubert called for the vote.

MOTION PASSED by vote of the 12 board members present: yes (10) Bloom, Courtney, Floresta, Grubert, Postlmayr, Rau, Silva, Smith, Valencia, and Job; no (1) Fadness; abstaining (1) Orellana.

25. **Treasurer’s Report** **Skipped due to lack of time.**
26. **Explanation of the process** by which the Sylmar Neighborhood Council allocates and distributes City Funds. Skipped due to lack of time.
27. **Discussion and possible Board action** to call for a Special Board Meeting on June 2, 2015, in order to disperse funds from our account before June 30, 2015, the end of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year (FY).

MOTION (by Kathy Grubert; seconded by Diane Valencia)

DISCUSSION: Ann Job asked for commitments to make the June 2nd meeting then decided to not hold the vote. Rather she will be contacting board members to ask for their availability on June 2.

28. **Board Member Community Announcements.** Skipped due to lack of time.
29. **Board Member Comments** - Comments from Board members on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. Skipped due to lack of time.
30. **Future Agenda item suggestions from public and Board members.** Skipped due to lack of time.

31. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment. Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:58.

Minutes by the Executive Board.