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California

## SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT:** Open – Elected this meeting

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Administration: Diane Valencia

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## SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING – MINUTES Thursday, March 23, 2017

Osceola Street Elementary School (Auditorium)  
14940 Osceola Street, Sylmar, CA 91342

**Minutes are a summary of business conducted at a meeting. Only the Motions and Votes are precise. These Minutes are in meeting order, not in item number order.**

### 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Diana Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. John Pacheco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Roll Call –

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council's quorum is 11.

15 of the 20 Board Members were present during roll call: Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva, and Diane Valencia.

2 of the Board Members arrived after roll call: Cheri Blose and Kathy Grubert

2 Board Members were absent: Diana Rodriguez and Derek Martin

1 Board Member left Early: Lucille Floresta left at item #23

### 3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper – Diane Valencia explained meeting protocol.

### 4. Welcome and Announcements – Principal Jose Velasquez welcomed us to our host facility, Osceola Street Elementary School

### 5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations

- 1) **Officer Crawford**, spoke about the latest crime numbers and what is going in Sylmar. From February 19<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup>, there were 91 Part 1 Crimes, with a significant increase along Foothill Blvd. He reported that year to date: 50% increase in rape, 9.1% increase in robbery, aggravated assault is down 12.9%, and the total in violent crime is up 2.3%. For property crime, burglary is up 28.1%, grand theft auto is up 16.3%, burglary in vehicles is up 22.2% and other theft is up 71.7%, total of property crime is up 28.7%. This is most notably Foothill Blvd, between Polk and Sayre Street. Officer Crawford was able to provide a brief question and answer period and was available in the back for further questions.
- 2) **Jacqueline Serrano**, representing Congressman Tony Cardenas, shared that the vote on repealing the ACA is expected to be postponed for another day or two. The Congressman will be voting no. The Congressman led a letter to protect Medicare Advantage. He is also hosting the annual congressional art completion.
- 3) **Abigail Moreno** from City Council District 7 had no updates for the month. For the remainder of the term she will be working out of the Pacoima office. She was available for questions during the meeting in the back.
- 4) **Rosemary Jenkins**, representing Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, requested the letter in support of Assembly Bill 332, be sent to the District Office care of Rosemary Jenkins. The letter should include the date on it so it will be clear which version of the bill the letter is referring to. One of the main events coming up is the Cesar Chavez March for Justice,

which starts at Brand Park, on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bocanegra will be speaking at Brand Park. North Valley Occupational Center will be having their job fair on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the center on Rinaldi Street in Granada Hills.

- 5) **Ruby Chavez**, School Board Member District 6, gave updates. They are in the process of putting together many Know Your Rights sessions on Immigration Reform. The next one will be held at the Middle School and more will follow in Sylmar. Looking forward to participating in the April 1<sup>st</sup> event at Sylmar Elementary School. Flyers are available to promote the LAUSD Facilities mobile app. This should help address facilities needs and concerns. April is the month for Supporting Bi-Lingual Education, Autism Awareness month, Parkinson's Awareness month, and Financial Literacy month.
  - 6) **Sergeant Mike Colberg** is the supervisor for Project Hope, the homeless outreach program. Their approach is non-traditional policing, meaning they go into the areas of the homeless to work with them and see how they can meet their needs and what benefits are available to them. The goal is to assist them to get the benefits available to them
  - 7) **Brian Gavidia**, representative for Mayor Garcetti for the 17 areas north of the 405. Mayor Garcetti put forth two directives in the last month. One directive is focused on the in the planning of neighborhoods and smoothing out the process. More information is available online. The other is directive is #20 the Standing with Immigrants Safety, Refuge and Opportunity for All, which is a continuation of Special Order 40. Brian can be reached at brian.gavidia@lacity.org or on his cell at 213-713-0960.
6. **Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items** within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction
- 1) **Darrel Smith**, the Vice President of Mission College Foundation, came to speak about their next fundraiser. On May 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm, they will be hosting a food and wine event, which is the largest fundraiser for the scholarships.
  - 2) **Marti Marshall** shared a brief history of the settlement of California.
  - 3) **Art Valdez**, lives close to the school, needs help dealing with the people who speed down the hill and don't stop at the intersection. He would like 2 speed bumps installed. The other issue of concern is that the area is used as a trash dump.
  - 4) **Eugene Hernandez** shared his frustration at how the forum was run and the questions that were created. He would like the community to be able to ask questions directly.

### Unfinished Business

7. **Discussion and possible action** relative to forming additional SNC Committees.  
**Moved** to abolish this item by David Rodriguez; seconded by Ann Job  
**Discussion:** None  
**Motion Passed** by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (16): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia
8. **Discussion and possible action** relative to the President's nomination of new Committee Chair(s), to be ratified by the Board.  
**Moved** to abolish this item by David Rodriguez; seconded by Ann Job  
**Discussion:** None  
**Motion Passed** by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (16): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia
9. **Discussion and possible action** to support/sign the request letter drafted by Neighborhoods Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (N.C.E.P.A.) for the inclusion of four additional city employees in the upcoming 2017 budget, to assist with implementation of the disaster supply cache program.  
Presented by Greg Hoerner – Emergency Preparedness Committee

**Moved** by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by Wilson Bell

**Discussion:** It was noted that the fiscal impact is on the city budget, not the SNC budget. Diane Valencia asked whom the letter would be going to. Greg assumes it will go to the mayor's office and budget office. The letter is currently in draft form. Once it is approved by the SNC, the letter will be finished and sent off.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (16): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

## New Business

### 10. **Committee Reports** were made by:

**Executive Committee** – Diane Valencia shared that they are still looking for an additional day to have board meeting to take care some of the overflow business. Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am was discussed as a possible date. 11 people were available for this date, which makes a quorum. The meeting is planned for that date.

Ms. Valencia also announced that two seats on the board are open. Tammy Flores resigned and the Renter Seat is available. Frank Hughes also resigned and the Retail Seat is also available.

**Budget Committee** – Wilson Bell has nothing to report aside from the printed budget available on the table.

**Bylaws Committee** – Diane Valencia, the bylaws committee has met many times and is ready to be voted on and will be sent to all board members.

**Outreach Committee** – David Rodriguez reminded that the group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. In April they will be meeting at Coffee & Cream. The next upcoming event is the Tree Event on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> at Sylmar Elementary. He also shared that the Sylmar Neighborhood Council was recognized by the Valley Neighborhood Counsel for our outreach to the schools.

**Planning & Land Use Committee** – Peter Postlmayr shared that the last meeting went well and had a lot of new faces in attendance.

**Government Affairs Committee** – Ann Job shared that the Candidate Forum went well and the candidates have been narrowed down to two.

**Homeless Services Committee** – The Homeless Connect day went very well. The next Homeless Services Committee meeting is on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee** – John Pacheco reminded everyone that this committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the public library. Every month there is a new presenter. Emily Rubalcava has joined the committee. The Map Your Neighborhood program is ongoing and they have 5 new presenters prepared to share the information. Greg Hoerner will be hosting the first CERT training sessions.

**Equestrian Committee** – Cheri Blose shared that the Make Your Horse Count event is coming along well. It will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>. She also shared they are working on the lights for the horse crossing just past the AMPM station.

### 11. **City Liaison Reports** were made by:

**Animal Services Liaisons** – Kelli Land was absent.

**Budget Representatives** – Christian Rubalcava and Ann Job has nothing to report.

**City Attorney Liaisons** – Diane Valencia worked with them on the recent resignations and some recent public record requests.

**Homeless Liaison** – Ann Job has nothing to report.

**Planning Liaisons** – Cheri Blose and Ann Job have nothing to report.

**Public Safety Liaison** – Diane Valencia reported on the topic at the Public Safety Advisory Committee quarterly meeting of “Reinforcing the Trust with the Immigrant Population in the San Fernando Valley in Light of the Recent Political Atmosphere Has Produced Skepticism in Our Diverse Communities”. Ms. Valencia is also working bringing the Stop In Station for the LAPD to Sylmar.

**Public Works** – Christian Rubalcava expressed his disappointment with the Bureau of City Services as they were a month late in repairing the potholes as arranged. He will put more pressure on them to respond better to Sylmar’s needs.

**Transportation Liaison** – Wilson Bell had nothing to report.

### 12. **Budget Advocate Report:** Ann Job shared that a white paper budget committee put together is available on the website.

### 13. **Introduction and discussion** with Semee Park, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, regarding general topics which are relevant to Neighborhood Councils. Ms. Park shared her background in both the spheres of politics and out in the field.

- She shared that they are rolling out Funding Roundtables. There will be with two in the Valley, in the South Valley on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm and the North Valley on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- She also shared Mayor Garcetti’s Directive #20, which directs all city services and groups to support Angelinos regardless of immigration status. Her department is working with many groups host a number of panels on immigration rules being handed down
- **David Rodriguez** expressed that working with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, specifically when there is one person working on contracting, Mr. Jeff Brill. Going through departmental procedures slows down all the work that SNC wants to do with the schools.
  - Ms. Park expressed that they are staffing up and hope to relieve some of that backlog.

- **Eugene Hernandez** expressed his frustration that he is not being notified about all the various meetings held by the SNC.
  - Ms. Park made a plan to connect with Mr. Hernandez to make sure he is connected with the ENS (Early Notification System).
- **Lady in purple** expressed frustration at not knowing what is going on at the Sylmar Neighborhood Council meetings.
- **Lady with white hair** expressed frustration that the ENS is not actually very “Early” but actually the information is sent out quite late and last minute. Ms. Park shared her understanding of this problem and spoke to the lack of staffing as a current reason though not an excuse. She shared that the future additional of new staff should alleviate this problem.

**14. Discussion and possible action** to review the absences for SNC Director and Retail Representative, Frank Hughes at the SNC’s General Board meetings for June, 2016; October, 2016, January, 2017; February, 2017, per Section 7: Absences: Any Director who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Council Board Meetings during any six (6) month period or four (4) regularly scheduled meetings within any twelve (12) month period will be subject to removal by a majority vote of the Board. Absences for all Directors shall be recorded in the Council’s meeting minutes or other manner of Council record keeping. Upon missing the stated number of Board meetings, the President shall notify the Director of their absences and place the removal of the Director on the agenda of the next General or Special Board meeting, whereupon the Board shall determine the validity of the absences before taking action to remove the Director. Any regular General meeting of the Board, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Member attendance.

- This item was skipped as it pertained specifically to Frank Hughes and he resigned.

**15. Election** of SNC Officers, including but not limited to all members of the Executive Committee. Seme Park presided over the elections.

**Moved to postpone this item until the April General Meeting** by Ann Job; seconded by John Pacheco

**Discussion:** Ann Job expressed that with so much going on, i.e. the bylaws getting presented to the board in 2 days, she recommends postponing to the next month. Maria Silva responded that although Diane Valencia is doing a great job, there is no reason why we cannot elect someone. She expressed the need for leadership. David Rodriguez shared the thoughts of Ms. Silva. He expressed a need for new leaders to lead the board. John Pacheco expressed that it would be nice to have time between who is nominated and voting for. Kurt Cabrera-Miller would like not postpone the vote especially since there were so many community members present. Kathy Grubert noted that all the executive roles are heavy lifting roles and a redistribution of the roles should be looked at. Diane Valencia expressed again a need for a meeting with the board, separate from the general meeting, to have an open dialogue to triage what is working and what’s not. Wilson Bell spoke to address mumbles from the crowd that only the board votes on the roles and that not everyone in the audience was even aware the vote was happening.

**Motion Failed** by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (3): Wilson Bell, Ann Job, John Pacheco; No (13) Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, George Ortega, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

#### **Nomination of Candidates**

David Rodriguez nominated Kurt Cabrera-Miller, second by Maria Silva. Kurt Cabrera-Miller accepted the nomination

Ann Job nominated Diane Valencia, seconded by ?, Diane Valencia accepted the nomination.

Both candidates introduced themselves and shared some of their history in Sylmar and on the neighborhood council.

**Kurt Cabrera-Miller won the election with 9 votes to Diane Valencia’s 8 votes.**

**Kurt Cabrera-Miller** (9): Kathy Bloom, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Greg Hoerner, George Ortega, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva

**Diane Valencia** (8): Wilson Bell, Cheri Blose, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, Emily Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia

16. **David Rodriguez presented of Certificates of Recognition** for St. Didacus Catholic Church, Sylmar Branch Library, Coffee and Cream, El Cariso Community Regional Park, Denny's Restaurant, and Discovery Charter Preparatory School for hosting the meetings of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council and its Committees.

17. **Recess** – 8:15pm – 8:25pm

18. **Discussion** relative to the proposed use of the National Guard Armory in Sylmar as a year round 24/7 homeless facility with wrap-around services.

Presented by Community Discussion

There were 23 speaker cards submitted for this topic alone. Some of the community members spoke in groups to allow more time for others. There was a large turn out in support of the homeless population and in support of the Armory moving to a 24/7 facility. There were also members of the community who spoke against the idea of the Armory continuing as a full time facility. Many expressed the concern that a plan of how this will happen and what the impacts would be had not been made available to review. The discussion ran much longer than expected. Many members of the board expressed a need for a town hall meeting on this issue and a desire to hear more of the stories people were sharing without the time constraints of a board meeting.

19. **Discussion and possible action** to issue a letter in support of Assembly Bill 332, introduced by Assembly member Bocanegra. The bill is intended to help local communities to reduce illegal dumping and will amend current law to allow local governments to vacate a street or alley where persistent illegal dumping has been occurring. The letter should be sent to the District Office care of Rosemary Jenkins.

Presented by Rosemary Jenkins

Motion to defer this item to the Land Use Committee as there are too many unanswered questions with this proposed bill.

**Moved** by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by John Pacheco

**Discussion:** Going to the Land Use Committee is fine though Rosemary notes that the vote is coming up and they are looking to receive letters of support soon.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 17 eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (1) Christian Rubalcava; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

20. **Discussion and possible action** to send a letter of support to the Los Angeles City Council Budget & Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee, relative to funding for Los Angeles Fire Department resources in Sylmar, as noted in the LAFD's draft 2017-2018 budgets. Greg Hoerner recused himself for this item.

Presented by Diane Valencia – SNC Vice President of Administration / Public Safety Liaison

**Moved** by Diane Valencia; seconded by Kurt Cabrera-Miller

**Discussion:** John Pacheco asked for some history on this as the last he heard the fire department was going in a positive direction. Ms. Valencia shared that it has been going well but it all comes down to the budget. We have been unable to get the mayor and budget committee to keep these resources on the budget. It has been advised that now it's up to us to push for it and write letters.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

21. **Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the submission of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) from the Sylmar Neighborhood Council in support of Council File 15-1252 (Addressing Longer Emergency Calls Service Delivery and Response Times/ Sylmar Residents / Fire Department / Improvement Measures) Greg Hoerner recused himself for this item.

Presented by Diane Valencia – SNC Vice President of Administration / Public Safety Liaison

**Moved** by David Rodriguez; seconded by Wilson Bell

**Discussion:** Christian Rubalcava asked if other Neighborhood Council have submitted letters on these items. Diane Valencia is unsure if others have, but it would be a good item for outreach to get more force behind the issue.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 22. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the submission of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) from the Sylmar Neighborhood Council in support of Council File 15-1252-S1 (Concerned Length of Response Times / Fire and Emergency Service Calls / Sylmar Residents / Long-Term Solutions). Greg Hoerner recused himself for this item.  
Presented by Diane Valencia – SNC Vice President of Administration / Public Safety Liaison

**Moved** by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by John Pacheco

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the **16** eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 23. Discussion and possible action** to issue a letter of support for the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued sale and dispensing of beer & wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,680 SF restaurant having 68 seats and hours of operation 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily at 13165-13169 N. San Fernando Road (Las Lomas Mexican and American Restaurant). Applicant: David Vazquez; Owners Representative 818-367-231: Paul Olivares, JPL Zoning 818-781-0016 - Planning and Land Use Committee recommends supporting this application. (10)  
Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

**Moved** by Cheri Blose; seconded by George Hoerner

**Discussion:** David Rodriguez encouraged everyone to go eat at this restaurant. The food is great!

**Motion Passed** by vote of the **16** eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 24. Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter to be sent to Williams Homes and City Planning, based on recommendations from the Planning and Land Use Committee which approves various mitigation measures for the project at 13267 – 13275 W. Foothill Blvd. Williams Homes, Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lot ZA-2006-2596-ZV-YV-ZAA-ZAD-SPR-PA2. This item is continued discussion from February PLUC Meeting on Mitigation for Reduced setbacks for front and rear yards, fences and walls being over eight feet in the required setback, six walls in lieu of two walls, and location of recycling area on the front half of lot in lieu of rear half.

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

**Moved** by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Cheri Blose

**Discussion:** David Rodriguez commented on what is going on along Foothill Blvd. The community opposes the cookie cutter homes going up. He expressed concerns about traffic, congestion and quality of life. Cheri Blose shared that board agrees and sadly they did not have any clout at the time this development was approved. At least with the new land use map, we will be able to have more of a say for future developments. Eugene Hernandez shared his concerns that the land use committee seems to have approved all the developments, which have come through. Ebony Chilies shared that approving apartment complexes is part of solving the homeless problem. Adriana Serrano asked if this development would result in a signal at the intersection at Harding. John Pacheco responded that the developer has not provided any information about a signal but we have pointed out all of the accidents occurring at this intersection and have recommended at least a right turning lane.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the **16** eligible members present. Yes (12): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, and Emily Rubalcava; No (3) Ann Job, David Rodriguez, and Maria Silva; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 25. Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter, as recommending by the Planning and Land Use Committee, opposing any action on an Entertainment/Show Permit Application for 13647 Foothill Blvd. (La Oficina Bar Café). Applicant has not responded to requests for presentation to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

Peter moved that this should be opposed, as they have not presented to the Land Use Committee or the SNC as a whole. It was also noted that Kurt saw their license was revoked for 30 days.

**Moved** by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Kurt Cabrera-Miller

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the **16** eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 26. Discussion and possible action** related to 13872 Polk Street - AA-2016-3873 - This is a 39,381 sf. lot to be subdivided into 2 parcels. Property is located in the “K” District Overlay. The Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) is requesting approval to advise that no action be taken by the City’s Planning Department until the PLUC receives additional information and has the opportunity to ask questions from the applicant or applicant’s representative.

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

We have asked this applicant to come present to us to gather more information on what their plan will be. Since they have not presented to us, Mr. Postlmayr suggests opposing this. A vote yes would approve the PLUC to take no action until additional information is received.

**Moved** by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by Ann Job

**Discussion:** Ortega agrees since he saw the site and doesn’t see how the lot can be subdivided and still retain enough space for the “K” District Overlay. It was also commented that the SNC and the PLUC only have advisory roles in these matters.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the **16** eligible members present. Yes (15): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 27. Approval** of Minutes of November 17, 2016 General Board Meeting

Presented by Diane Valencia, minutes are not ready so item has been tabled.

- 28. Approval** of Minutes of January 26, 2017 General Board Meeting

Presented by Diane Valencia, minutes are not ready so item has been tabled.

- 29. Approval** of Minutes of February 23 2017 General Board Meeting

Presented by Diane Valencia, minutes are not ready so item has been tabled.

- 30. Treasurer’s Report** – The monthly report was handed out to everyone to review.

- 31. Review and Adoption** of the February, 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Presented by Peter Postlmayr, Chair - SNC Planning & Land Use Committee

**Moved** by Greg Hoerner; seconded by David Rodriguez

**Discussion:** The CIP line is for the Emergency Preparedness. John Pacheco asked a question for a stakeholder who had to leave earlier regarding the money, which was reallocated. Wilson Bell clarified that the money redistributed from the original budget in November to round off numbers distributed to Outreach and CIP.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the **16** eligible members present. Yes (14): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Ineligible (1) Emily Rubalcava; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 32. Discussion and possible action** to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,500 to hold a Council District 7 Candidate Debate on a date to be determined and to be held at LA Mission College or alternate location.

Requested by Ann Job, Chair of the Government Affairs Ad Hoc Committee.

This would be a debate between the two candidates, which came out of the forum. Ann Job expects this will be less than \$3,500 since the forum expenses were less than that amount.

**Peter Postlmayr made a motion to defer this to the Budget Committee.**

**Moved** by Peter Postlmayr; seconded by John Pacheco

**Discussion:** Ann Job is concerned that the vote for CD7 is in 5 weeks and this cannot afford to wait. Maria Silva commented that this is needed and asked if we have reached out to the other neighborhood councils to combine efforts. Ann Job responded that another neighborhood councils have expressed interest, though she couldn’t remember which one at the moment. John Pacheco’s expressed concern as to why the Sylmar Neighborhood Council should foot the whole \$3,500. Kathy Grubert spoke about how the forum went and how the next forum can address questions directly

from stakeholders. Marty Marshal expressed concerns that the budget doesn't reflect the amount needed and the protocol. Eugene Hernandez echoed Ann Job's concerns on the urgency for this issue.

**Motion withdrawn by Peter Postlmayr**

**Motion to approve the money for the debate**

**Moved** by Greg Hoerner; seconded by Wilson Bell

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (14): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Ineligible (1) Emily Rubalcava; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 33. Discussion and approval** to adjust the SNC's budget to use the Clean Streets LA Challenge award money (\$1,500) in the next fiscal year (2017/2018). This would allow the SNC to receive the funds in July, thereby providing a full year to spend the funds.

Presented by: Christian Rubalcava, SNC Public Works Liaison

**Moved** by Christian Rubalcava; seconded by David Rodriguez

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (14): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Ineligible (1) Emily Rubalcava; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

- 34. Discussion and possible action** to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to the Relay for Life of the North Valley for the purposes of holding its "Relay Walk" on April 29-30, 2017, at Olive Vista Middle School in Sylmar. She already met with the Outreach Committee. Support at the \$2,500 level would include the SNC logo on the T-Shirts.

Presented by: Adriana Serrano, Community Manager, Relay for Life, American Cancer Society

**Moved** by Wilson Bell; seconded by Maria Silva

**Discussion:** The Outreach Committee recommends the board approve this and sees it as a way to engage the community we normally wouldn't run into. The Budget Committee recommended approving but noted it should be a "not to exceed" motion. There is only \$400 left on the NPG, the remaining money would have to come from Operations. The money needed would come from the left over of expenses each month. Maria Silva expressed that there is plenty money in Operations and only 3 months left in this fiscal year budget. Peter Postlmayr asked about attendance. Currently there are 45 teams registered. Last year there were 35 teams just at Sylmar, which has 600 people. Since the event has been combined with San Fernando, they are expecting 2,000 people to show up. Vallarta Supermarkets has been a sponsor in the past and is expected to be a sponsor at the \$2,500 level.

**Motion Passed** by vote of the 16 eligible members present. Yes (14): Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Kathy Grubert, Greg Hoerner, Ann Job, George Ortega, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Maria Silva; No (0) None; Ineligible (1) Emily Rubalcava; Abstain (1) Diane Valencia

**35. Board Member Comments / Announcements**

**Kurt Cabrera-Miller** – Pointed out that the executive team has a lot of work to do and thanks Diane for all the amazing work she does.

**Christian Rubalcava** – UC board of trustees approved tuition increase. He would like to lobby against this and discuss it further at the next meeting.

**David Rodriguez** – He expressed that we need to start doing the hard work of engaging the community. We need to hold more town halls and be more active in soliciting the input of our residents.

**Maria Silva**– Expressed the urgent need for a town hall on the issue of homelessness to hear more of their stories and hear what the community feels.

**Peter Postlmayr** – He shared that the SNC should insist on the forum and not wait for the city to set it up.

**Ann Job** – She expressed her thanks to Diane Valencia for all her hard work and calls on the board to help out with the heavy lifting done by the Executive team.

**36. Future Agenda Items**

Write to Executive Board by email at ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-1023



The next General Board meeting will be on April 27, 2017, location to be determined

**37. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** Adjourned at 10:19pm.

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