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Treasurer: Alex Guerrero
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**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING – Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Sylmar High School / Spartan Hall
13050 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342**

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

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Melvin Canas of DONE called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m and in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Housekeeping, Speaker Cards and Timekeeper – Mr. Canas explained the protocol for this meeting. Peggy Courtney will serve as timekeeper.

3) Recognition of Outgoing Board – Mr. Canas and Ms. Job recognized the outgoing board members, the incoming board members and stakeholders. Abigail Moreno from Councilmember Felipe Fuentes’s office presented the outgoing board members with Certificates of Appreciation (Roy Smith, Chris Shows, Brenda Resendes, Patricia Rau, Dennis Orellana, Carlos Lara, Joanne Fernandez, Laurie Fadness and Peggy Courtney).

4) Seating and Roll Call of the new Board – The Sylmar Neighborhood Council’s quorum is 11. Mr. Canas called the new Board to come forward and administered the oath. 21 of the 21 new board members were present: Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Cheri Blose, Hector F. Cabrera, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Tammy Flores, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Gregory Hoerner, Francis Hughes, Ann Job, Derek Martin, John M Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, Maria Silva and Diane Valencia.

5) Poetry by Trini Rodriguez of Tia Chuchas’s – Ms. Rodriguez performed the Chumash Song, “Welcoming Song.”

6) Election of Officers

Public Comment – Since there were only three speakers card regarding this item, it was determined that each speaker could have 1 minutes 30 seconds.

Natalie Vital spoke, thanking the old and new Board;

David Levin spoke complaining about the “sample ballot”;

Octavio Silva spoke supporting the Board.

a) President – Cheri Blose nominated Artemia (Tammy) Flores; Lucille Floresta nominated Kurt Cabrera-Miller; John Pacheco nominated Ann Job (she declined). Ms. Flores and Mr. Cabrera-Miller each had two minutes to address the Board as to their qualifications and take questions from the Board. The vote was taken. 14 votes for Tammy Flores (Guerrero, Job, Flores, Blose, C. Rubalcava, Martin, Diana Rodriguez, Valencia, E. Rubalcava, Hughes, Pacheco, Grubert, Silva, Postlmayr); 4 votes for Kurt Cabrera-Miller (Bloom, Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Bell); and 3 abstentions (David Rodriguez, Hoerner, H. Cabrera).

b) Vice President – Administration – Nominees: Diane Valencia, David Rodriguez (declined) and Maria Silva (declined). Diane Valencia won by affirmation.

c) Vice President – Communications – Nominees: Kathy Grubert (declined), David Rodriguez (declined), Kurt Cabrera-Miller (declined), Peter Postlmayr (declined), Maria Silva and Christian Rubalcava. The vote was taken. 11 votes for Maria Silva (Job, Flores, David Rodriguez, Hoerner, Hector Cabrera, Pacheco, Grubert, Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Silva, Bell); 10 votes for Christian Rubalcava (Guerrero, Blose, C. Rubalcava, Martin, Diana Rodriguez, Valencia, E. Rubalcava, Hughes, Bloom, Postlmayr); and 0 abstentions.

- d) Treasurer** – Alex Guerrero was only nominee. He stated he would accept but only with the knowledge that in September he would have to step down due to his work/school schedule and the birth of the new addition to his family. There were no other nominees and he won by affirmation.
- e) Public Relations Coordinator** – Nominees: David Rodriguez and Christian Rubalcava (declined). David Rodriguez won by affirmation.
- 7) Board Designation** of 1st and 2nd Signatories and Bank Card Holder. Ann Job nominated Alex Guerrero as 1st Signatory. There no other nominations. 1st by Diane Valencia, 2nd by David Rodriguez. The vote was taken. 20 Yes (Bell, Bloom, Blose, Cabrera, Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Grubert, Guerrero, Hoerner, Hughes, Job, Martin, Pacheco, Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, C. Rubalcava, E. Rubalcava, Silva and Valencia); 0 No and 1 Abstencis (Flores).
Ann Job suggested she remain as 2nd Signer and Bank Card Holder for the remainder of the fiscal year for continuity sake. 1st by Derek Martin, 2nd by Maria Silva. The vote was taken. 19 Yes (Bell, Bloom, Blose, Cabrera, Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Grubert, Hoerner, Hughes, Job, Martin, Pacheco, Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, C. Rubalcava, E. Rubalcava, Silva and Valencia); 0 No and 2 Abstencis (Flores and Guerrero).
- 8) Appointment by President of Committee Chairs** for Standing Committees required by SNC Bylaws.
- a) Budget** – As defined by the SNC Bylaws regarding the duties of the Treasurer, the Treasurer (Alex Guerrero) shall be the Chair of the Budget Committee.
- b) Bylaws** – Diane Valencia was nominated for Bylaws Chair. There were no other nominees. The vote was taken. 16 Yes (Bell, Blose, Grubert, Guerrero, Hoerner, Hughes, Job, Martin, Pacheco, Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, C. Rubalcava, E. Rubalcava, Silva, Valencia). 0 No and 5 abstencias (Bloom, H. Cabrera, Cabrera-Miller, Flores and Floresta)
- c) Planning & Land Use** – Peter Postlmayr was the only nominee. He was appointed with 20 Yes (Bell, Bloom, Blose, Cabrera, Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Grubert, Guerrero, Hoerner, Hughes, Job, Martin, Pacheco, Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, C. Rubalcava, E. Rubalcava, Silva and Valencia); 0 No and 1 Abstencis (Flores).
- d) Outreach** – David Rodriguez was the only nominee. He was appointed with 20 Yes (Bell, Bloom, Blose, Cabrera, Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Grubert, Guerrero, Hoerner, Hughes, Job, Martin, Pacheco, Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, C. Rubalcava, E. Rubalcava, Silva and Valencia); 0 No and 1 Abstencias (Flores).
- 9) Public Official and Community Representatives** Announcements and Presentations. Jim Leahy, representing Patty Lopez from the 39th District, congratulated the outgoing Board and presented certificates of appreciation to Kathy Bloom, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Peggy Courtney, Cheri Blose, Laurie Fadness, Lucille Floresta, Joanna Fernandez, Kathy Grubert, Alex Guerrero, Ann Job, Carlos Lara, Derek Martin, Patricia Rau, Brenda Resendas, Dan Orillano, Peter Postlmayr, Christian Rubalcava, Chris Shows, Maria Silva, Roy Smith, Diane Valencia.
Brian Gavidia, from Mayor Eric Garcitti’s office, informed the Board of the release of the proposed Budger for FY ’16 – ’17 of \$8.7 Billion. He also explained “Clean Street”, an online way to inform City Hall of the state of the streets in Sylmar. E-mail address: cleanstreetsla@la.org.
Abigail Moreno, from Councilmember Fuentes’s office, invited all to the groundbreaking for the upgrades to Sylmar Park on May 9 at 10 am.
Jacqueline Sorrento, from Congressman Tony Cardenas’s office, informed the Board of the Congressional Art Ceremony to be held at the Pacoima office on May 2 at 5 pm. The 1st prize is a trip to Washington, D.C. Eugene Hernandez asked her why Congressman Cardenas never had a Town Hall meeting.
- 10) Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items Marty Marshall** was concerned that the ballots cast at the Sylmar polls were not secret due to the way the poll workers were handling the online devices.
Jeff Woodruff spoke for Nancy Woodruff who is running for Council District 7.
Eugene Hernandez praised Tammy Flores and asked why there waas no response to his complaints.
Joe Greblo spoke on behalf of those handing out “Sample Ballots”. He had made sample ballots in the past when hang gliding members wanted to know how he planned on voting.
Dan Feinberg spoke against abstaining when voting.
Daniel Wheeler spoke about the danger of hikers smoking on the trails above Veterans’ Park.
Nina Royal, owner of North Valley Register, asked new Board member to submit articles to her for publication.
Jose Castillo spoke against gang violence.
Les Aisenman wants to have longer open comments.
John Holmes spoke about the improvements to Olive View Hospital and the lack of concern for fire and emergency services. The hospital will have 2 centers and increased parking. He asked stakeholder to submit comment cards stressing the need for improved fire and emergency services.

11) Recess.

- 12) Neighborhood Council Board Orientation.** Melvin Canas took over the meeting and explained the role of the NC; laws governing the NCs, such as the Brown Act, Public Records Act, etc. He stressed the importance of getting to know the Bylaws, establishing liaison with City departments and working with CIPs. There is be a Board Retreat later in the year.
- 13) Board Designation of NC Liaisons to City Department.** Tammy Flores suggested this item be tabled due to time. 1st by Diana Rodriguez; 2nd by Wilson Bell. A reverse vote was taken. 20 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstencia.
- 14) Formation of Non-Standing Committes and Appointment of Committee Chair(s).** Cheri Blose was appointed to Chair of the Equestrian Committee. Except for the Equestrian Committee, a 1st was motioned by Wilson Bell to table the remainder of this item until the next meeting due to time; 2nd by Kurt Cabrera-Miller. A reverse vote was taken. 20 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstencia.
- 15) Adjournment.** 10:10 pm
- 16) Board Member Comments/Announcements**
- 17) Future Agenda Items – Formation of Ad Hoc Committees.**

Minutes by Patricia J Rau