

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

California

**PRESIDENT:** Christian Rubalcava  
**VICE PRESIDENTS:**  
**Administration:** Andres Rubalcava  
**Communications:** Maria Silva  
**SECRETARY:** Michelle Underwood  
**TREASURER:** George Ortega



**Office:** 13521 Hubbard Street  
 Sylmar, CA 91342

**Mailing:** P.O. Box 921023  
 Sylmar, CA 91392-1023

**Telephone:** (818) 833-8737  
**E-mail:** Board@SylmarNC.org  
**Website:** www.SylmarNC.org

**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
 General Board Meeting – Draft Minutes  
 Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 6:30 PM  
 Sylmar Charter High School- Spartan Hall  
 13050 Borden Ave. Sylmar, Ca. 91342**

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Acevedo, Brielle	Present	Yes	At-Large
Bloom, Kathy	Present (left at 8:30PM)	Yes	CBO
Blose, Cheri	Present	Yes	ER
Cabrera, Hector	Present	Yes	At-Large
Durio, Chad	Absent	No	At-Large
Floresta, Lucille	Absent	Yes	Business
Gonzales, David	Present	Yes	Renter
Lara, Carlos	Absent (arrived at 8:30PM)	Yes	Business
Magana, Veronica	Absent (arrived at 8:30PM)	Yes	CBO
McMillan, Penelope	Present	Yes	Senior
Montano, Guadalupe	Present	Yes	Home/Condo
Opperman, Bob	Present	Yes	Home/Condo
Ortega, George	Present	Yes	Recreation
Pacheco, John	Present	Yes	At-Large
Rubalcava, Andres	Present	Yes	Home/Condo
Rubalcava, Christian	Present	Yes	Renter
Silva, Maria	Absent (arrived at 8:30PM)	Yes	Home/Condo
Underwood, Michelle	Absent	Yes	Business
Velasquez, Jose	Present (left at 9:08PM)	Yes	Education
Zelaya, Donald	Absent (arrived at 8:38PM)	Yes	At-Large
<b>VACANT</b>			<b>Student</b>
<b>TOTAL: 20</b>	<b>PRESENT 13, Absent 7</b>		

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:36PM by Mr. C. Rubalcava. There were 10 stakeholders present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Marti Marshall. For anyone new: The Sylmar NC is a volunteer council who represents Sylmar connecting City services and advocating at City level for Sylmar. Snacks and water are

available on the side. Restrooms are in back. There are Public Comment cards if you wish to speak, limited to two minutes.

2. Roll Call Roll Call was called by Mr. C. Rubalcava there were 14 Boardmembers present and quorum (11) was met.

<b>SNC ITEM 2 Roll Call</b>	
<b>Present –13</b>	<b>Absent-07</b>
Acevedo, Bloom, Blose, Cabrera, Gonzales, McMillan, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Velasquez	Durio, Floresta, Lara, Magana, Silva, Underwood, Zelaya

3. Housekeeping and welcome: For anyone new, the Sylmar NC is a volunteer council who represents Sylmar connecting City services and advocating at City level for Sylmar. Snacks and water are available on the side. Restrooms are in back. There are Public Comment cards if you wish to speak, limited to two minutes.

4. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations:

- a. Adrianna Nunez-Bulky Pickup Supervisor spoke about move in move out procedures with LA Sanitation. Key points are to call in advance, place all bags and boxes at the curb. There are fliers and pamphlets on the table. Call 311 or go to MyLA webpage or use the Mobile App. Q/A: Is there a recommended amount of time? Once ready they will come out on day of trash collection. Is there a limit? No, this is a one time, pick up. Q/A: If there is no room on Hubbard, what about the alley? If specified in the alley, they will send a special truck.
- b. Brenda Yanez Zamora Luz Rivas Office: Assemblywoman Luz Rivas - Staff Jude Hernandez covering for Brenda gave a report on the bills that Assemblymember Rivas passed and are signed by the Governor. AB1313- if you owe a school related debt, , you won't have to pay the debt to get a copy of your transcript. AB1121 – Student transfers for victims of bullying. Bullying has changed and goes beyond the classroom. Bill makes it easier to transfer schools for a safer environment. Regarding the fire – Brenda was at the recreation center setting up cots. Fire Recovery Resources Guide – Luz convinced the Governor to call a State of Emergency which opens up funding. Pamphlet will be mailed to anyone in the Sylmar area. Q&A: John – State assistance is important but when there's a Federal declaration the resources open up. Governor's office is the one who communicates with that. Assemblymember Rivas is back from Sacramento but she is busy creating legislation. Use the website to set a meeting with the Assemblywoman.
- c. Susana Carmona – CD7 – Juan Solario is on vacation. She left some handouts at the resource table. Regarding the Saddleridge Fire – Broke out on 10/17 @ 9 p.m. Councilwoman was notified and at the command post. 2300 homes were under mandatory evacuation. City opened the local shelters, Sylmar Recreation Center open 10/17 to 10/22. A virtual local assistant center opened. Information will be at

lacity.org/recovery. Resources are available from City, County and State. Thankful to all who listened to the warnings and chose to evacuate. During the fire the Councilwoman worked to make sure information was transferred in real time in all social media outlets. Juan was at the office taking calls. He also conducted evacuation site visits. This time everything worked. Equine evacuations went much better than in 2017. Staff worked with Red Cross and Animal Services to be sure all had an escort. Prior to the fire, Councilwoman Rodriguez worked with County Supervisor Kathryn Barger to refurbish the Helipad. During the fire it has served as a refilling station for water. Susan will stay after to answer any questions regarding the fire. Polk St. will be resurfaced in November. Councilwoman Rodriguez is aware about the McClay at 210 problems and is working on it as well as the street markings on the road. Regarding the petition for the new Senior Center, Councilwoman Rodriguez has asked Rec and Parks on the feasibility study. That petition will serve and add value to what Councilwoman Rodriguez has already requested. Juan would like to remind everyone that next year will be annual Senior Ball for Senior's in February. The event includes a Meal, Resources and Dance. The annual Dia De Los Muertos will shut down Van Nuys Blvd. on Saturday and Sunday Nov 2 and 3. It is a free event. There will be a workshop on ancestral knowledge. A Veterans Festival has been planned with the committee for Nov. 10, the day before Veterans Day. Each veteran will receive a free meal. Food trucks will be available to the general public. Mission College will provide 5 cakes for the 5 military branches. Susan recognized Stakeholder Ray. He notified their office regarding Metro Link fences missing. The fence has been replaced. This is an example of how the office of Councilwoman Rodriguez has worked with residents on quality of life issues. Q&A: Cherie Blose asked that she heard Monica had a plan but no one knew what the plan was for evacuations. Cherie would like to set a meeting up to find out what that plan is. Susan said she thinks the plan is with the departments. Cherie said then the public isn't to know the evacuation plan? Susan said she would refer that to Juan. Cherie also clarified that horses evacuated were evacuated by residents to private barns and not to Hansen Dam because they didn't know that the Hansen Dam Center was open. There was a lot of equipment sitting there at Hansen Dam but they did not do the evacuations. Cherie emphasized that we need to set up a meeting so that we know what the plan is.

- i. Bob – Agrees on a meeting with Councilwoman Rodriguez is needed regarding her evacuation plan. He signed up for notify L.A. and the only notification he received was at Sesnon and Reseda evacuation lifting. We did not receive anything for Sylmar. He joined it the morning of the fire. Notify L.A. failed Sylmar. Also, the location where Station 31 should be is less than a mile from where fire started. If Fire Station 31 had been in existence then that resource would have been on this fire much sooner. Has the Councilwoman initiated anything to get that Fire Station open? Some constituents are paying taxes on their properties for that Fire Station. Councilwoman Rodriguez is failing them by not advocating for it. Susan asked what station is it Station 31? Bob asked, who would like to meet with Monica Rodriguez to ask her about the fire station? There was much applause from the audience.

- ii. Maria – Has lived in Sylmar for over 50 years. Councilwoman Rodriguez hasn't done much. She read a Dear Neighbors letter from Monica Rodriguez pointing out the part about how it takes all working together and, the Councilwoman's commitment to prioritizing public safety. Councilwoman Rodriguez is failing Sylmar. Maria sees that Councilwoman Rodriguez loves to be in the public eye. Our Sylmar NC safety committee has done a lot more than what Councilwoman Rodriguez has done. She needs to do more to get that fire station 31 for us. Sylmar has only a tiny little fire station. Many of us voted for Councilwoman Rodriguez because of the fire station. We've had many homes lost. In 2008 half of Maria's home burned down. Councilwoman Rodriguez talks a good talk but doesn't serve our community. Please send that message.
- iii. Kenny – Surprised when Susan said everything was so perfect. The Red Cross was not able to get there for hours and hours. Is the Councilwoman aware there was a huge space of time, before any help arrived at the evacuation center in Sylmar? Juan was at the office but he wasn't at Sylmar Rec Center. There is a lag time. It's good that the Red Cross is coming in and helping to do a Resiliency Plan for Sylmar. Pacoima has it. If it wasn't for the CERT members (150) Red Cross would be overwhelmed. Janet Gibson, Battalion 12, came out to get it started. Red Cross needs to work with CERT. Hopeful that the new Resiliency project will be different as to getting an evacuation center started when the need arises.
- iv. Diane – Red Cross arrived 6 hours after the fire started. The park was unequipped. Park is pre-determined to be an evacuation center and they were not prepared. The story we hear from CD7 is that everything is fine but the evacuation center wasn't ready. There wasn't even water and coffee for people. There should be wheel chairs for people for the ability to get people into the building. Regarding the Fire Station: in June 2018, Councilwoman Rodriguez, stated in her newsletter that she advocated for \$200,000 for a study and after a year, we haven't been able to get any information. Was the study done, was there an RFQ? Susan said she took notes and would get these concerns back to Juan so he can follow-up.
- v. Peggy – Ray W. is very helpful and big thank you to him.
- vi. A stakeholder- said it is insulting that everyone got back to Oakridge. Saddleridge and Legends at Cascade was left off the map. Those were the two first communities impacted by the Saddleridge fire. The residents had to self-evacuate, from the fire. It was nice to have the media to know we needed to leave. We would have had to shelter in place with no resources for traffic. No police. We hit a bunch of hot spots. As far as the Notify Alert system, EMD governs that. Maybe police and fire should have access to send alerts. The LAFD had responded, but EMD wasn't set up to operate the Emergency Operation Center. Also as to LADOT, we didn't have traffic control. Bike Lanes need signs showing can use bike lanes. He heard that \$200, 000 is ready for the ground breaking but he has not seen Fire Station 31 on the proposed budget. There would already be a feasibility study. More attention needs to be paid to the Sylmar community.
- vii. Ann Job – Sylmar NC needs to invite Monica Rodriguez to come out to listen, talk with us and answer questions at an upcoming meeting or Town Hall.

- viii. Armando – asked about an article he read in the LA Times where the Mayor is proposing housing the homeless in Army barracks at storage facilities and he would like to know more about it.
  - ix. Tom – We don't need a fire station anymore, we need two more fire stations. City is not meeting national standards today. We, taxpayers will have to pay. We want a Town Hall style meeting with Councilwoman Rodriguez to meet with us.
- d. Assemblywoman Luz Rivas - Staff Jude Hernandez covering for Brenda gave a report on the bills that Assemblymember Rivas passed and are signed by the Governor. Bill that if you owe a school related debt, AB1313, you won't have to pay the debt to get a copy of your transcript. AB1121 – Student transfers for victims of bullying. Bullying has changed and goes beyond the classroom. Bill makes it easier to transfer schools for a safer environment. Regarding the fire – Brenda was at the rec center setting up cots. Fire Recovery Resources Guide – Luz convinced the Governor to call a State of Emergency which opens up funding. Pamphlet will be mailed to anyone in the Sylmar area. Q&A: John – State assistance is important but when there's a Federal declaration the resources open up. Governor's office is the one who communicates with that. Assemblywoman Rivas is back from Sacramento but she is busy creating legislation. Use the website to set a meeting with the Assemblywoman.
  - e. Field Rep. Michelle Vergara, Congressman Tony Cardenas- Absent
  - f. Benita Trujillo, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl- Absent
  - g. Representative East Valley, Office of Mayor Garcetti – Absent
  - h. FD Eveline Bravo-Ayala, Senator Hertzberg's Office-Absent
  - i. FD Jarrod Degonia, County Supervisor Kathryn Barger-Absent
  - j. Senior Lead Officers-Absent
  - k. FD Esmeralda Marcial, LAUSD District 6 – Absent
  - l. Daniel Tamm, Los Angeles Department of Sanitation- Daniel was there to speak about problems with trash and recycling and moving out bulky items when someone is moving. When he heard there were two previous speakers he left right away as he lives near the fire in the Sepulveda area and he had just received a warning to evacuate.
5. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.
- a. Mary – Bob's neighbor lives in Sylmar. She talked about the fire and recovery. She was not evacuated because there were no announcements, which is a failure. Her job is recovery and

she works for the City of L.A. If anyone sustained any damages or are underinsured, she urged people to contact 211 with the County as they are taking names for SBA declaration for people to get loans. Even a renter or homeowner can register so we can see that everyone qualifies. It's important to get to the numbers and how public assistance is provided. As far as notification, she did not get notice to evacuate and the media was the best outlet. EMD is responsible for those notifications. Go to City Public Safety Committee meetings and Fire Commission meetings. The more that attend, the better. Make our voices heard. The Emergency Operations board meets twice every two months. Get your voices heard.

- b. Marti Marshall – Since November is Veterans Day month, Marti said there are 4 sections in the California Constitution that identify benefits for Veterans and Veterans who are Disabled from Service connected injury. On this day, 10/24/63, Sandy Colfax won the Cy Young Award by unanimous vote and also won in 1965 & 1966. He refused to pitch in the 1965 World Series because of his observance of the Jewish Holiday.
- c. Tom – Last month's meeting was stopped three times for the elected officials, representatives who arrived at different times. He would like the reps to speak right after the break or just before the break so there won't be these stopping and starting times to accommodate their schedules. As we sit here tonight, there might be two people who are paid to be here. Give the paid repos two spots only. Also, think about the people who lost homes and who are losing homes right now from the fires and asked for a moment of silence for them.
- d. Ann Job – Community has lost a dear soul, Bonnie Rogers. Ann got to interact with her when Ann was president. She was always there. Never heard Bonnie say anything cruel or mean. Will miss her. Sylmar is lucky when we have people like Bonnie.
- e. A stakeholder said thank you to the Board for hosting Sylmar NC meetings in Sylmar.

## 6. President and Executive Committee Report

- a. President spoke about the following: We funded softball with snacks. There were over 100. They lifted the banners up in Sylmar Recreation Center with their names. Thank you to Diane and Janet who arrived right away when the evacuation center was set up. They took water and coffee to the rec center. Thank you to Andreas for setting up a communications center at the SNC office. Opened the office and they were communicating through our Facebook page. 30,000 reached through our Facebook page. Thank you to all for helping residents.
- b. Penny McMillan attended City Council committee. Councilwoman Rodriguez has put in a motion for the Sr. Center in Sylmar.
- c. Andreas and David met with Fire Station 91 to assist with a fundraising for things they need. They also captured drone footage near Stetson Ranch so we can see the damage done during the fires and show to the public.
- d. David – Everyone came out to help and shows how close we are in the community. Reach is important in communication. Our posts reached 39,436 people in Sylmar. We had 17,900 people engage with us in commenting, sharing, liking the page. 4.1 thousand likes on Facebook which means shows on someone's feed. EmpowerLA has 2.9 thousand. Sylmar is

higher than EmpowerLA. Comments: For those who don't use Facebook what can we do? David is working to embed the live feed from Facebook onto the website.

- e. Diane met Beatrice who lives in Veterans housing and is former Air Force. She helped to get a wheelchair from Olive View. She would like to find Beatrice so she can thank her.

## 7. Committee Announcements and Reports

- a. Senior Committee –No Report
- b. The Bylaws Committee- Working on adding important items to the board rules. So that some of our board rules will make it more transparent. Will present next meeting. Working to provide all a folder on code of conduct and board rules. Have had two meetings so far and working on ideas on how we can make the wording more transparent. Has a binder at the back table available during the meetings.
- c. Government and Community Relations- No Report
- d. The Emergency Preparedness Committee- Thank you to Hector for our biggest jump in petitions for the Sr. Citizen Center happened on a Sunday at Santa Rosa with addition of 136 signatures between 9 am. to 12 noon. Now jumped up 223 signatures + 89 from door knocking. Have been invited to go back to Santa Rosa. Over the fire weekend we went to the SFV Disaster Preparedness Fair. Our booth located at the entrance. We gave away first aid kit, masks. Signed up 144 Sylmarians to add to our email list. There was a lot of interest in the equestrian issues. Will roll out Map Your Neighborhood presentation. Have been working on bilingual equestrian priorities. On the night of the fire because the commander of the CERT program is from Sylmar, we were able to activate folks to get out there. Red Cross has pre-designated supply caches and they did not put one in Sylmar. We are more disaster prone than other communities. When we activate a Shelter, we want to be able to open it up ourselves.
- e. Public Safety – Diane Valencia – Fire broke out just as the committee's meeting ended. Diane called the president at Oakridge who didn't know about the fire. Notify LA did not notify. The Public Safety committee held a special committee meeting and will have 3-4 items for the next board meeting regarding: Community Impact Statement / Council File regarding LAFD response times, funding for Fire Service Day and money allocation for signs at Stetson Ranch to honor Albert Torres. The anniversary of the Loop Fire is next week. It was one of the deadliest fires where 12 men died. Committee would like to get communication out to the community by all means possible beyond Facebook and NextDoor. This is an important day for the Forest Service where they meet at the monument to remember those lost in the Loop Fire. Public Safety Committee will be having the US Forest Service come back for debriefing on the fire regarding equestrian and emergency response issues. There are issues with access for the ranch owners reaching the ranch. They met with the Battalion chief to work on ideas for identification. The 2nd Saturday of May is Fire Service Day and is supported by Sylmar NC. LAFD will be going big next year. Diane was named honorary fire chief in a prior year. They are planning to close down Polk and land a helicopter. Last year had a few hundred people come through the event but few board members showed. Save the date now, its seven months away. Anytime we are funding an event we need to be engaged. Fire Stations are inspected

each year which is actually every other year (odd/even numbers). Theirs is right before Fire Service Day. Additional improvements to the fire station are being planned. The Loop Fire happened in 1966 and the men who died were the El Cariso Hot Shots, an average age of 20. It's a national event in the firefighting world. Changes were made nationally that day. Captain Torres services.

- f. Outreach- Bob Opperman, Monument in El Cariso Park and its very moving. Take the time to read it. We are looking to get out and let ourselves be known to significant organizations including churches, hand gliding group, wildlife learning center is anxious to have an event with the board.
  - g. Equestrian Committee- Will report under item 8.
  - h. Communications-no report
8. Report by Equestrian Committee Chair Cheri Blose on the postponement of Make Your Horse Count 2019. Make Your Horse Count – Cherie Blose After our last meeting pressure was put on to get our event authorized. Vanessa actually walked things through. We finally got approved two weeks before the event. The downside is that it is too late to get people to come. Then we had the fire. We were still going to hold it and when the Dept. of Parks closed the park, then that was it. Stetson wasn't hurt too badly. The Olive View County Park was decimated. We're going to hold it May 17. It's a postponement and everything is staying in place. We will need to get new insurance The Mariachi bands couldn't commit to them. Now it will be better all the way around. In the meantime we have the new pictures from the kids in the 4th grade class. We had 15 entries from all the 4th grade classes. Vote for the top three and whoever wins will be on our posters next year. Please vote tonight. The Coalition for all teachers who contribute get a \$25 gift certificate to Office Depot. Any kids that contribute get a ribbon. The fire – The Yarnell Ranch was hit hard. It took 9 rigs and 24 men. He keeps 2 people 24/7 and he let the horses out into the arena. Those men can rope and caught all the cattle. They missed one bull. The bull came back when they brought everyone back in. Vallarta Markets owner opened his ranch to help. Cherie said smoke inhalation is deadly to a horse. When we evacuated that ranch 15-18 years all died. Many homes have horses and they didn't know where to go. We're going to work on with John's committee mapping it out. May 17, 2020 will be the new date for Make Your Horse Count.
9. Presentation by Los Angeles Family Housing on homelessness in the San Fernando Valley and ways to get involved. Melanie Berringer, Community Engagement Officer In Los Angeles County we have almost 60,000 homeless. There are 8 service planning areas. We are SPA 2. LAFH is lead agency in care coordination for the area. We have 12-13% of the homeless population. It takes a lot of care between LAFH and other agencies. There are misconceptions about the main causes of homelessness. #1 cause is lack of affordable housing. LAFH goal is to bump up the goal of more Affordable Housing. LAFH has 27 sites and 9 sites in the pipeline. They recently opened a site for veterans. LAFH's mission is to transition out of homelessness and poverty. LAFH also provides the services with their connection to rehabilitation and mental health care. The use the "Housing First" model and they approach every case individually. Measure H went toward over 40% to help LAFH in their work. In 2020 will open the Arroyo at the old Armory and it will be Bridge Housing for women experiencing homelessness. A current site in North Hollywood has 250 but it is not sufficient. This new site will house 85. There will be a dining hall and garden. With these sites crime and tents in the area go down when Bridge housing opened. Broke ground and at 20% completed by end of October. It's a wonderful use of the reclaimed area. Get involved by volunteer opportunities on site throughout the site. Main sites are in No Hollywood, Pacoima, and Tujunga Come as often as you'd like. Questions: Contingency for evacuating. Odds of a fire nearby are greater. There are questions about use of empty buildings including large sites. They have 9 projects we are looking to expand.



Every building requires permitting like everyone else. They have a budget to build more. Diane said that there is a special evacuation plan for the area. LAFH is very aware of the areas. Spa 2 is responsible for 15% of the homelessness. Others to be built: Sylmar, Canoga Park. Comment about the cost of building units is too high. We need to find a cheaper way. We need to rethink the solution. The high cost \$533,000 is estimated for Permanent Supportive Housing, not Bridge Housing. Sylmar – Arroyo won't have individual studios. Its far lower to build Bridge Housing. PSS cost is a little lower. It takes the cost of higher permitting standards. They need to be LEED certified. PSS is for chronic homeless. It is for people who are suffering from mental health issues. That cost is taken into account for those services. There are 8 SPAS. At 15% that's 7,000 homeless in SPA 2.

Please Vote for the Make Your Horse Count Posters that are posted on the wall during the break.

10. Meet and Greet (15 Minute Break) returned from Break at 8:30PM.

**Veronica Magana joined the meeting at 8:30PM**

**Carlos Lara joined the meeting at 8:30PM**

**Maria Silva joined the meeting at 8:30PM**

**Kathy Bloom left the meeting at 8:30PM**

<b>SNC ITEM 10 Roll Call</b>	
<b>Present –15</b>	<b>Absent-05</b>
Acevedo, Blose, Cabrera, Gonzales, Lara, Magana, McMillan, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Velasquez	Bloom, Durio, Floresta, Underwood, Zelaya

11. Discussion and possible action on approving a letter from the Sylmar NC PLUC Committee in support of a conditional use permit for 14089 Foothill Blvd. – Chevron Gas Station. Existing use is gas station with convenience market and car wash. Proposing to add beer and wine sales for off-site consumption. Discussion: They have not filed an application and this item postponed until they do. **-Item Postponed**

**Donald Zelaya joined the meeting at 8:38PM**

12. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$250 from Neighborhood Purpose Grants for the Annual San Fernando Valley Veteran's Day Parade. The parade will be on November 11th at 11:11am and will begin at the corner of Laurel Canyon and Rinaldi and end at Ritchie Valens Park in Pacoima. Fred Flores gave details on the parade now in its 16th year. We had an unexpected bill on Friday for \$2,500 to get the freeway closures. It's been covered in the past, but this year it won't be covered. We have a small budget. Donations are welcome. Fires we had last year on parade day went to the fires. We started the parade with no freeway closures. LAPD closed the freeways for us last year. Sylmar has always been great and will have banners, a booth, seating and announcements. This year we want the SFV NCs. 70% of the veterans are in the Sylmar area. We want to continue this free event. Discussion: Maria – wife of a serviceman who served 25 years. Maria would like to amend the motion to \$750. (Amend motion Maria / Carlos Lara).

Point of Order: this may be kicked back because you cannot raise amounts not on the agenda.

A Suggestion was made to schedule a special Board meeting to approve a higher amount. Maria rescinded her amendment.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion passed**

<b>SNC ITEM 12 Motion to approve \$250.00 for the Veterans Parade Moved: A. Rubalcava Second: Lara</b>			
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No–00	Abstain–00	<b>Absent – 04</b>
Acevedo, Blose, Cabrera, Gonzales, Lara, Magana, McMillan, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Velasquez, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	Bloom, Durio, Floresta, Underwood

13. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$250 from Community Improvement Projects for a plaque honoring Captain Albert Torres, a Los Angeles Park Ranger who served the Northeast San Fernando Valley, including Sylmar and Stetson Ranch Equestrian Park. Captain Torres tragically passed away after patrolling areas affected by the Saddleridge Fire.

**Public Comment: Diane Valencia said Albert called at 11 p.m. the night of the fire and then again in the morning. The City should pay for this marker, not the NC. We are working on this as a committee and look forward to working together. - Item Postponed**

**Motion passed**

<b>SNC ITEM Motion to Postpone Item. Moved: Pacheco Second: Silva</b>			
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No –00	Abstain–00	<b>Absent – 04</b>
Acevedo, Blose, Cabrera, Gonzales, Lara, Magana, McMillan, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Velasquez, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	Bloom, Durio, Floresta, Underwood

14. Discussion and possible action on approving an amount not to exceed \$1000 for purchases needed during a local emergency in Fiscal Year 19-20. This fund would only be available when the Mayor declares an emergency.

Public comment: no comment

**Motion passed**

<b>SNC ITEM 14. Motion to approve up to \$1000.00 and strike the last sentence. Moved: Pacheco Second: Mc Millan</b>			
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No –00	Abstain–00	<b>Absent – 04</b>
Acevedo, Blose, Cabrera, Gonzales, Lara, Magana, McMillan, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Velasquez, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	Bloom, Durio, Floresta, Underwood

15. Discussion and possible action on approving the September 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).

Public comment: no comment

**Motion passed**

<b>SNC ITEM 15. Motion to Approve the September MERS Moved: A. Rubalcava Second: Ortega</b>			
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No –00	Abstain–00	<b>Absent – 04</b>
Acevedo, Blose, Cabrera, Gonzales, Lara, Magana, McMillan, Montano, Opperman, Ortega, Pacheco, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Velasquez, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	Bloom, Durio, Floresta, Underwood

16. Discussion and possible action on approving the September 2019 Meeting Minutes. - **Item Postponed**

17. Notice of Board Vacancy – Youth/At-Large Representative We are approaching 60 days and the seat will convert to an At-Large seat.

**Jose Velazquez left the meeting at 9:08PM**

18. Board Member Comments and Announcements: Cherie is going in for knee replacement and will not be at the next meeting. Sylmar Schools will be closed due to the fires.

19. Future Agenda Items Write to Executive Board by email at [ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org](mailto:ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org) or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-10

20. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment - Meeting adjourned in memory of Cpt. Albert Torres and Bonnie Rogers. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:09PM. (no vote was taken).

**The Next Sylmar Neighborhood Council General Board meeting will be:  
November 21st, 2019 at 6:30PM  
Location TBD**