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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

El Cariso Park – Community Room, 13100 Hubbard Street, Sylmar, CA 91342

The Agenda is posted for public review at: 1) Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342; 2) Sylmar Branch Library, 14561 Polk St., Sylmar, CA 91342; 3) Mission College, Office of the President posting location, 13356 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342; 4) Su Taxes, 13517 Hubbard St., Sylmar, CA 91342; 5) Roxford Veterinarian Clinic, 13571 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, Ca 91342; and 6) Ross Liquor, 12643 San Fernando Rd., Sylmar, CA 91342. As a courtesy, and as time permits, agendas may be emailed to Stakeholders if requested. Agendas may also be found on the SNC website at www.SylmarNC.org

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The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Comments from the public on agenda items will only be heard when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agended Items period.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed by visiting our website at www.SylmarNC.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact President Ann Job at Ann.Job@SylmarNC.org.

The below times are only estimates. Items may be addressed in a different order and/or at different times.

7:00 – 7:02 p.m. **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2)**

7:02 – 7:05 p.m. **2. Roll Call - Secretary (3)**

7:05 – 7:07 p.m. **3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper – Diane Valencia (2)**

7:07 – 7:12 p.m. **4. (Tabled) Approval of Minutes of the March 27, 2014 General Board Meeting (5)**

7:12 – 7:22 p.m. **5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations (10)**

7:22 – 7:32 p.m. **6. Board Member Community Announcements (10)**

7:32 – 7:42 p.m. **7. Public Comment on Non-Agended Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction (10)**
Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Public speaker cards (forms) are located on the welcome table. Please fill out and submit to the Secretary or President.

7:42 – 7:47 p.m. **8. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve Sylmar Neighborhood Council monthly expenditure report (MER) for April, 2014 (5)

7:47– 7:52 p.m. **9. Discussion and possible Board action** on which bylaws (2009 or 2014) the Board will follow for Committee bylaw authority and structure. (5)

- 7:52 – 8:12 p.m. **10. Discussion and possible Board action** to determine Committees, other than Standing Committees, and their general purpose. Stakeholders are welcome to make recommendations to the Board for consideration. Such committees are to be other than Ad Hoc (which are for temporary issues and for a short duration) (20)
- 8:12 – 8:22 p.m. **11. President to appoint Committee Chairs** (or members if using 2014 bylaws) for the Committees, other than Standing Committees. (10)
- 8:22 – 8:32 p.m. **12. Discussion and possible Board action** pertaining to the creation of any Ad Hoc Committees which are to be for a short duration and disbanded when the purpose is completed. President to appoint Chair (10)
- 8:32 – 8:37 p.m. **13. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the purchase of one (1) ticket at the non-member price of \$35, for Ann Job (Senior Representative and President) to attend the 5th Annual Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition (LAAAC) Aging Summit on May 8 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The slogan of the LAAAC is “Keeping the Promise: Strengthening the Safety Net for Seniors.” Ms. Job will assess the value this group may have for Sylmar’s seniors. She will report her findings to the Board, and also to the seniors who meet at El Cariso Community Center. The cost of the ticket will come out of Outreach Category, Advertising Line. (5)
- 8:37 – 8:42 p.m. **14. Discussion and possible Board action** pertaining to replacing Ross Liquor, 12643 San Fernando Rd., Sylmar, CA 91342 as a posting place, by Cell Corner, 12637 San Fernando Rd., Sylmar, CA 91342, subject to approval from DONE as noted in the SNC’s Bylaws dated 2/27/09, Article IV, Section 5a. (5)
- 8:42 – 8:47 p.m. **15. Board Member Comments** - Comments from Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (5)
- 8:47 – 8:52 p.m. **16. Future Agenda item suggestions from public and board members.** (5)

Write to Executive Board by email at ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, 13517 Hubbard St., Sylmar, CA 91342.

The next General Board meeting will be **May 22, 2014**, at 6:30 PM, at Sylmar High School/Spartan Hall

- 8:52 – 8:54 p.m. **17. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** (2)

Grievance Procedure

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted to the Secretary who will forward the grievance to the Board. The Board of Directors shall then refer the matter within fifteen calendar days to an ad hoc grievance panel. The ad hoc grievance panel will be comprised of five Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time to time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved within fifteen calendar days of forwarding the grievance to the panel. Thereafter, a panel Member shall prepare a written report within three days to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors will receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations within ten (10) days prior to any meeting of the Board. But, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board Members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and /or State and federal law. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.

Reconsideration of Agenda Items - Bylaws (Article IV)

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the Agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall (1) make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the Agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. For a Board Member to submit a motion for reconsideration the Board Member must have previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then the Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

(Remove after 05-01-14)

Approved by: AJ, DV, KG, PR, MS