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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting – Draft Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

**Sylmar Charter High School – Spartan Hall
13050 Borden Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91342**

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Bloom, Kathy	Present	YES	CBO
Blose, Cheri	Present (6:34PM)	YES	ER
Cabrera, Hector	Absent	YES	At-Large
Cabrera-Miller Kurt	Present (6:36PM)	YES	Business
Cabrera-Miller Sheldon	Absent	YES	At-Large
Dumont, Paul	Present	YES	Business
Floresta, Lucille	Present (6:42PM)	YES	At-Large
Gatmaitan, Gene	Absent	NO	Home/Condo
GonzalesGonzales, David	Present	YES	Renter
Grubert, Kathy	Present	YES	Business
Job, Ann	Absent	YES	Senior
Montano, Guadalupe	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Ortega, George	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Pacheco, John	Present	YES	At-Large
Postlmayr, Peter	Present	YES	Home/Condo
Rubalcava, Andres	Present	YES	CBO
Rubalcava, Christian	Present	YES	At-Large
Silva, Maria	Present	YES	Education
Underwood, Michelle	Present	YES	Renter
Valencia, Diane	Present (6:34PM)	YES	Recreation
Zelaya, Donald	Present	YES	At-Large
TOTAL: 21	13 PRESENT, 08 Absent		

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by Mr. C. Rubalcava. There were thirty-four stakeholders present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. C. Rubalcava.

2. Roll Call

The roll was not verbally taken. Ms. Underwood noted who was present. There were 13 Boardmembers present and quorum was met.

SNC ITEM 2 Roll Call	
Yes – 13	Absent – 08
Bloom, Dumont, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Underwood, Zelaya	Blose, Cabrera, K. Cabrera-Miller, S. Cabrera-Miller, Floresta, Gatmaitan, Job, Valencia

Ms. Blose joined the meeting at 6:34PM.
Ms. Valencia joined the meeting at 6:34PM.

3. Housekeeping: Speaker Cards, Recording, and Timekeeper. Welcome from Facility Host. Assemblymember Luz Rivas was sworn in on August 2018 and voted on 100s of bills. The Assemblymember was asked by stakeholders if she had read all the bills that she had voted on. She stated that she had staff help with the bills she voted on. The Assemblymember had sponsored AB 263 to honor Caltrans workers that had fallen on the job. The ceremony will be held next Thursday to honor the fallen worker in Sylmar. The purpose of the bill was also intended to raise awareness for highway worker safety. The Assemblymember co-sponsored a freeway beautification event with SVANC to clean up an off-ramp. While participating in the event on the off-ramp, stakeholders learned to understand the issues facing workers of Caltrans. Caltrans has promoted a new supervisor for the district. The community is now getting the response for the freeway they need. Homeless people are wandering the freeway which is dangerous for the homeless and the drivers. CHP is working with the homeless to get services provided to them so they will not be living on adjacent property of the freeway. The SNC went to the office to discuss a property on Roxford where a state property needs to be beautified and that clean-up project will start this Friday. Additional plans will be worked on with the Council Office to beautify the area. The Assemblymember’s Office had requested the help of the community for new ideas from the community to plan projects between January and February 2019. Questions were asked from the community.

Mr. K. Cabrera-Miller joined the meeting at 6:36PM.
Ms. Floresta joined the meeting at 6:42PM

Senator Bob Hertzberg spoke about the end of the Senate session on August 30, 2018 and how he looks at the top line and bottom line of the budget. The tax structure is very volatile and the state charter requires only 1% of reserves, but the Governor has fought to maintain two rainy day funds. The Senator discussed how he is very concerned about a possible down turn in the economy, but the State currently has \$19 Billion in reserves. The Senator is focusing on two issues; the homeless issue that is impacting and how that crisis impacts the community. Recently, \$85 Million was sent from the State to the City of Los Angeles for temporary housing. The second plan is to work with the CEA to grant \$3000 per household for house bolting. The Senator thinks that Storm water capture SB1 if passed, we will all be screwed. Another priority on his agenda is to fight for local transportation needs in the Valley. Money is currently being spent on large freeway projects and not local Metro transportation. The Senator wants all of us to fight for the SFV. The Senator took question from the community.

4. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations:
 - a. FD Anna Marie Rodriguez, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez's Office- the Councilmember has two events planned for next month. Dia de los Muertos on November 3 and 4 at the Pacoima City Hall from 12:00PM-9:00PM on Saturday and from 12:00PM to 6:00PM on Sunday. The second event is a Salute to Veterans which is a free breakfast on November 11, 2018 from 7:30AM to 10:00AM. Location will be given once RSVP. To RSVP either email cd7.rsvp@lacity.org or call 818-756-8409.
 - b. FD Benita Trujillo, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office-Absent
 - c. Steve List, CD 7 Community Forrest Advisory- Absent
 - d. FD Arturo Garcia Mendoza, Assemblymember Luz Rivas- the Assemblymember took his time.
 - e. NEA Vanesa Serrano, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)-Absent
 - f. FD Jackie Serrano, Office of Mayor Garcetti- Absent
 - g. FD Lea Gonzalez, Congressmember Tony Cardenas-Absent
 - h. FD Eveline Bravo-Ayala, Senator Hertzberg's Office-Absent
 - i. LAUSD Kelly Goenz- no new representative yet
5. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.
 - a. John Holmes- concerned with three fires in the last three weeks in the community
 - b. Leslie Aisenman-Proposition 8
 - c. Marti Marshall-California Constitution
 - d. Patti Rau-Homelessness issue dispute on NextDoor.
 - e. Jessica Ramos- submitted grant proposal for Model United Nations
 - f. Tom Weissburth- fires in the community
6. City Liaison and Representatives Reports
 - a. Animal Services - Leah Blose no report
 - b. Budget Representative - Donald Zelaya and George Ortega no report
 - c. City Attorney - Christian Rubalcava no report
 - d. D.W.P. - George Ortega no report
 - e. Homelessness - Ann Job no report
 - f. Planning - Cheri Blose (Valley) and Guadalupe Montano (City Hall) no report
 - g. Public Safety - Diane Valencia no report
 - h. Public Works - Christian Rubalcava no report
 - i. Resilience – John Pacheco no report
 - j. Sustainability – Lucille Floresta no report
 - k. Transportation – Penny McMillan met with LADOT and shared the issues that face Sylmar with traffic. LADOT will be working with the SNC to solve the problems of Sylmar.

7. Presentation by Janiele Maffei, Chief Mitigation Officer for the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). Ms. Maffei discussed the resources available to the community by the CEA. Spoke on the benefits of earthquake insurance and why residents should have the additional insurance.

8. MEET AND GREET 8:05PM

Meeting was called to order at 8:20PM

Ms. Underwood took roll. Seventeen Boardmembers were present after the break.

SNC ITEM 8 Roll Call after the break 8:35PM	
Yes – 17	Absent – 04
Bloom, Blöse, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya	Cabrera, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – Christian Rubalcava NPG for Veteran’s Day Parade was submitted late. The Board may have to have a special meeting to discuss.
- b. Beautification Committee – Steve List There will be a Community Freeway Beautification Project on Friday, October 26, 2018 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Attendees are to meet at 13204 Golden State Road Sylmar, California 91342. For more information call 818-504-3911. The next Smart Gardening Workshop will be held at Lopez Canyon on October 27, 2018 and the topic will be winter vegetables. The workshop starts at 9:00AM until 11:00AM. For more information please call 800-773-2489.
- c. Budget Committee – George Ortega There will be a NPG to YMCA for Thanksgiving baskets.
- d. Bylaws Committee – Diane Valencia Eleven Boardmembers currently not compliant with Ethics and Funding. A list will be compiled and compared with DONE’s records.
- e. Outreach Committee – Carlos Lara-Absent
- f. Planning & Land Use Committee – Peter Postlmayr requested community input for ingress and egress. Update on Supported Housing on the vacant lot near the Jack in the Box. PLUC requested changes in elevations to the project. Community Plan for Sylmar has been completed and the books were not provided. SNC will need to print the books to review and comment. Pacoima Beautiful is planning a project at 12667 San Fernando Road.
- g. Homeless Services Committee – Paul Dumont no report
- h. Emergency Preparedness – John Pacheco Next meeting will be on October 30, 2018 CERT graduates in November and will receive Sylmar backpacks. On Monday ARC will provide training on emergency preparedness.
- i. Equestrian Committee – Cheri Blöse Meeting next week. Ms. Blöse will be reaching out to school for photography help.
- j. Public Safety Committee – Diane Valencia There were a couple of brush fires on October 5, 2018. There must be a multi-jurisdictional and multiple areas effort. Longer time for stakeholders to interact with LAPD SLOs. Fire Station may be a ballot measure to have Prop F five years to get a station in Sylmar. LAFD Rapid Response is currently staffed four hours a week for four days a week.

- k. Youth Affairs Committee – Donald Zelaya First Committee event November 5 all schools at Mission College to help our youth in the community. December 9 Movie Night at School. Working on the student teacher recognition.

10. Discussion and possible action on allocating \$2050 to Clean Streets, Clean Starts from the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) budget. This item was approved last fiscal year but requires a vote for the current fiscal year. \$2950 has been set aside from a special account titled the “Clean Streets Fund.”

Public comment: Tom Weissburth

SNC ITEM 10 Motion to approve allocating \$2050 to Clean Streets, Clean Starts Moved: Grubert Second: Postlmayr				
Yes – 04	No – 10	Abstain– 3	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 04
Blose, Ortega, Postlmayr, C. Rubalcava	Bloom, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Pacheco, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya	Floresta, A. Rubalcava, Silva	NONE	Cabrera, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job

11. Discussion and possible action on approving a Motion for Reconsideration by Board Member Diane Valencia relating to action taken on item 14 of the June 28th, 2018 General Board Meeting. This motion requires a second and a majority vote of the board.

Public comment: no comment

SNC ITEM 11 Motion to for Reconsideration by Board Member Diane Valencia relating to action taken on item 14 of the June 28th, 2018 General Board Meeting. Moved: Valencia Second: Underwood				
Yes – 06	No – 0	Abstain– 1	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 04
Bloom, Blose, Gonzales, Grubert, Underwood, Valencia	K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Floresta Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, Zelaya	A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava Silva,	NONE	Cabrera, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job

12. Discussion and possible action (If reconsideration approved) related to Council File 16-0881 (Gated Communities / Provide Fire and Police Departments Emergency Access / Install Universal Emergency Access Systems), including possible approval of a Community Impact Statement (CIS).

Public comment: no comment **NO ACTION**

13. Discussion and possible action on approving an Emergency Fund that does not exceed \$1000 and is consistent with the City Clerk’s Neighborhood Council Funding Policies. This fund can only be used if the Mayor declares an emergency within SNC boundaries.

Public comment: no comment

SNC ITEM 13 Motion to approve an Emergency Fund that does not exceed \$1000. Moved: Montano Second: Dumont				
Yes – 15	No – 2	Abstain– 0	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 04
Bloom, Blose, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Floresta, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava Silva, Underwood, Zelaya	Gonzales, Valencia	NONE	NONE	Cabrera, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job

14. Discussion and possible action on removing the following Board Members from the Sylmar NC for violation of Bylaws Section 7: Absences. Maria Silva: July 2018, August 2018, September 2018

Public comment: no comment **No second, MOTION FAILS.**

15. Discussion and possible action on approving the August 23rd, 2018 General Board meeting minutes.

Public comment: no comment **WITHDRAWN**

16. Discussion and possible action on approving the September 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Public comment: no comment

SNC ITEM 14 Motion to approve August 2018 MERS. Moved: K. Cabrera-Miller Second: Ortega				
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Yes – 17	No – 0	Abstain– 0	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 04
Bloom, Blose, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	NONE	Cabrera, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job

17. Board Member Comments / Announcements Mr. K. Cabrera-Miller recommended that the Board screen shot the website to preserve all the information on the current website. Ms. Valencia stated that website needs to be working to be compliant and to get the information out to the public. Ms. Valencia also stated that she will work with Mr. C. Rubalcava to improve the social media that has been very successful working with Mission College and all of the community schools. She also thanked the Boardmembers for all their efforts.

18. 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

19. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment no remarks

Public comment: no comment

SNC ITEM 19 Motion to adjourn Moved: Valencia Second: Postlmayr 9:24PM				
Yes – 17	No – 0	Abstain– 0	Not Eligible –0	Absent – 04
Bloom, Blose, K. Cabrera-Miller, Dumont, Floresta, Gonzales, Grubert, Montano, Ortega, Pacheco, Postlmayr, A. Rubalcava, C. Rubalcava, Silva, Underwood, Valencia, Zelaya	NONE	NONE	NONE	Cabrera, S. Cabrera-Miller, Gatmaitan, Job

The Next Sylmar Neighborhood Council General Board meeting will be:

November 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm

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