


NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

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AGENDA

NC #4 Chair	Pete Stong
NC #4 Vice Chair	Vacant
NC #4 Secretary	Raine Wiseman
CS Coordinator	Emily Habib
City Council Liaison	Council Member Dee Dee Cavanaugh

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Public Statements/Comments

This is the time allotted for public statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Executive Board not on the agenda. Statements and comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker.

NEW COMMENT PROCEDURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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- a. Watch the Neighborhood Council Meeting live online at Zoom:
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- b. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please sign-on via this Zoom Link: <https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/98056942279> and use the raise hand function when this agenda item is called. If you wish to make a public comment, you must be signed into the meeting and available at the time this agenda item is called.
- c. Or, if you are unable to sign-on to Zoom and wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Neighborhood Council meeting to the Community Services Coordinator at ehabib@simivalley.org and include the Agenda Item topic and/or your comments. These emails will be provided to the Neighborhood Council prior to the meeting and made a part of the record.

6. Informational Presentation: None

7. New Business

- a. Discussion/Action on Municipal Code amendments for Single Room Occupancy (SRO) developments in Commercial Planned Development and Mixed-Use Overlay Zones

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

9. Executive Board Comments

This is the time allotted for Executive Board member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Councils, to request a future agenda item, or to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

/s/ _____
Yvette Moore
Administrative Officer

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Services Coordinator at (805) 583-6756. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pete Stong called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Secretary Raine Wiseman noted that a quorum was present.

Atif Akbar	A	Jennifer Warner	P
Ken Dickerson	P	Raine Wiseman	P
Peggy Hanessian	P	Susan Barney	P
Richard Moore	P	Bryan Chan	E
Victoria Wright	E	Sherri Rangel	P
Joe Barrona	E	Gayle Sutton	E
Pete Stong	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jennifer Warner and seconded by Raine Wiseman to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentations

a. The US Census Bureau presents an overview of the 2020 Census

Justine Fisher, Partnership Specialist, gave the presentation. She informed the Executive Board that the first Census took place in 1790 and has continued to take place every 10 years since. One of the more important uses of the collected data is for the fair distribution of billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities according to their populations. This helps these communities determine where to build everything from schools to supermarkets, and from homes to hospitals. Census information is also used to draw the lines of legislative districts and reapportion the seats each state holds in Congress.

The 2010 census failed to count as many as one million people, with over half being small children and a smaller percentage being homeless. The 2020 census will attempt to correct this flaw in the system. For the first time, people can respond via the internet or call in their responses, though paper surveys will still be available.

- b. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee

Brent Siemer, Deputy Public Works Director (Development Services) /Floodplain Manager & NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator, gave the presentation. He explained that in 1991, the City joined the NFIP so that it could receive federal funds allocated to implement flood control programs. Part of this program includes the Flood Insurance Rate Maps which show the predicted areas that would flood in a "100 year storm". Anyone who lives in these areas is required to purchase flood insurance.

In 1999, the City joined the CRS. The ratings run on a scale from one to nine, nine being the worst. Through this system, by implementing specific improvements in many areas, an entity can raise its community rating. Each step up decreases the amount affected residents have to pay the Federal government for flood insurance. Simi Valley is currently near the top of level five. One way the City can move up a level is to create a NFIP Public Information Committee. This committee would include eight Executive Board members, two representatives from each of the four Neighborhood Councils, and would meet once a year to review and comment on City flood control efforts.

7. New Business: None

8. Community Services Coordinator's Report

Emily Habib reminded the Executive Board that the City Council would discuss the option of changing the Neighborhood Council boundaries, possibly to match the new City Council districts, on February 24, 2020. She also informed them that the appeal of the denial by the Planning Commission of the four story mixed use project at the Corner of Tapo and Alamo Streets would be heard by the City Council in March 2020.

An Executive Board member asked about the status of the opening of the Hobby Lobby in the old Walmart building on Cochran Street. She informed the Executive Board that the building permit is still proceeding through the permitting process and Hobby Lobby is anticipated to open at the end of the year.

9. Executive Board Comments: None

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.