



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Robert Martins
NC #3 Vice Chair	Serena Kahm
NC #3 Secretary	David Kritzer
City Council Liaison	Council Member Joseph Ayala

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Review

This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Executive Board. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce their intentions at this time.

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.

6. Informational Presentation(s)

a. Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Community Traffic Calming and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program – Simi Valley Temporary Demonstration Project

No Action: Receive Information

b. Managing Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Recycling Programs

No Action: Receive Information



7. New Business
 - a. Nomination of a representative and Alternate to the Committee for Community Rating System (CRS) and Program for Public Information (PPI)
Action: Nominate and Vote to Recommend Representative(s)
8. City Staff Comments
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 give an Ad Hoc Committee Report, or to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
10. Adjournment: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

/s/
Cynthia McCullough
Deputy Environmental Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Robert Martins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Council Member Ayala was in attendance.

Robert Martins	P	Ellen Bebo	P
Serena Kahm	P	Richard Bebo	P
David Kritzer	P	Ashley Callinan	A
Steve Busco	P	Cheryl Deitrick	P
Andy Goitia	P	Melissa Hill	P
Nick Palky	P	Guy Nohrenberg	P
Donald Wismar	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 Nick Palky and seconded by Richard Bebo to approve the February 12, 2026, minutes. The motion carried.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Ayala informed attendees that the City will be releasing upcoming information regarding efforts to modernize e-bike regulations and encouraged residents to stay attentive to City updates.

A resident commented on the short-term rental ordinance and urged fellow community members to attend the upcoming City Council meeting to ensure that public input is heard.

6. Informational Presentation(s)

a. National Flood Insurance Program: Committee for Community Rating System (CRS) and Program for Public Information (PPI)

Brent Siemer, Deputy Public Works Director (Development Services) – Engineering, reported that the City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System (CRS), which provides flood insurance premium discounts for its public information activities, developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The goals of the CRS program are to reduce flood damage, expand insurance coverage, and encourage floodplain management, which

provides residents with a 20 percent reduction in flood insurance premiums. The Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee oversees the City's public information efforts related to floodplains and insurance and meets annually, with the 2026 meeting scheduled for April 23. FEMA has removed 1,903 properties, in total over 439 acres, from the Special Flood Hazard Area, reducing insurance requirements while identifying 53 newly at-risk properties. Residents are encouraged to review their flood risk and consult with insurance agents, as flood damage can still occur outside designated hazard areas. Property owners may pursue a Letter of Map Amendment, with the City available to assist. A Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) is an official FEMA document that removes a property or structure from a high-risk Special Flood Hazard Area when it is shown to sit on natural high ground above the Base Flood Elevation. For additional information, residents may contact Public Works at (805) 583-6786.

7. New Business

- a. Nomination of a representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee

Upon conclusion of discussion, David Kritzer moved and with a second from Nick Palky to nominate Steve Busco as the representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee

The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, announced that the City offers programs supporting homeownership, and interested residents may join the Interest List by visiting the City's website. Recruitment for all four Neighborhood Council Executive Boards is open through March 31, 2026, for a two-year term running from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and residents of the City of Simi Valley. Executive Board members were asked to save April 23, 2026, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Annual Program for Public Information, with the representative vote to occur in April. The Youth Employment Service Job and Career Fair will be held on March 21, 2026, at the Simi Valley Public Library. Vendor registration is open for Craft Fest 2026 on June 6, 2026, with food vendor applications due April 4, 2026, and craft vendor applications due May 31, 2026. Applications are open for the Simi Valley Arts Commission through March 13, 2026, and for the Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board through March 27, 2026. Bingo Bonanza will be held March 28, 2026, at the Senior Center, with pre-sale tickets available through March 21, 2026. Traffic signal malfunctions may be reported to Police Dispatch at (805) 583-6950, and traffic engineering questions may be directed to Public Works at (805) 583-6786.

9. Executive Board Comments

Andy Goitia provided a brief summary of the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) meeting he attended as the Neighborhood Council representative, noting that the discussions were highly informative.

Donald Wismar, Richard Bebo, and Ellen Bebo addressed recent City Council comments regarding short-term rentals. Ellen Bebo expressed concern that Neighborhood Council recommendations were not reflected in the Council's discussion.

Serena Kahm shared that following the Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) presentation, she and her son participated in the shelter's reading program. She noted that the program is very popular and recommended signing up in advance.

Steve Busco and Nick Palky spoke regarding issues related to e-bikes and commented that the Planning Commission appeared responsive to Neighborhood Council advisory input on short-term rentals.

Guy Nohrenberg stated that the Planning Commission's position on short-term rentals aligned with that of the Neighborhood Councils. Nohrenberg expressed dissatisfaction that a Council Member made comments he believes undermine the advisory role of Neighborhood Councils. Nohrenberg then questioned the value of Neighborhood Councils if their perspectives are not acknowledged.

Robert Martins informed residents with children or grandchildren aged ten or younger about the availability of tax-advantaged "Trump Accounts" through the official Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website. He noted that these accounts provide \$1,000 for eligible children born between 2025 and 2028, and that an additional \$6.25 billion donation from Michael and Susan Dell will fund \$250 contributions for eligible children age ten and under.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.