NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Gayle Sutton
NC #2 Vice Chair	Jerry Placeres
NC #2 Secretary	Michael Shaw
City Council Liaison	Council Member Rocky Rhodes

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 Follow-up – Simi Valley Temporary Demonstration Project

      No Action: Receive Information

   b. Water Conservation Program

      No Action: Receive Information

7. New Business: None

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: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

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

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

   Chair Al Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Al Brown	P	Gayle Sutton	P
George Bowman	P	Kenyon Harman	A
Karl Birch	P	Hillary Herrera	A
Gloria Bowman	P	Rick Herrera	E
Robert Guenther	P	Kátia Moore	P
Lillian Jacobs	P	Jerry Placeres	P
Michael Shaw	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 George Bowman and seconded by Michael Shaw to approve the April 14, 2026, minutes. The motion carried.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentations(s)

   a. Southern California Edison Governmental Relations: Energy Safety, Reliability, and Affordability

      Ian Anderson, Government Relations Manager, Northern Region, presented an update on Southern California Edison's (SCE) ongoing wildfire mitigation efforts in Simi Valley. SCE is strengthening the electrical grid by upgrading equipment, installing covered conductors, improving vegetation management and inspection programs, and expanding real-time weather and fire risk monitoring. These mitigation strategies are especially important because Simi Valley is in one of the highest wildfire risk areas in the region due to its climate, terrain, and vegetation. Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) are temporary outages used during extreme fire-weather conditions to reduce the risk of equipment-related ignitions. Simi Valley has not experienced a PSPS event this year due to higher moisture levels, but events may increase as conditions become hotter and drier. SCE has installed 105 miles of covered conductor in Simi Valley, with another 35 miles planned, and now uses 37 local weather stations to guide PSPS decisions. During PSPS events, the Simi Valley Senior Center will serve as

a Community Resource Center, offering device charging and emergency support. Residents are encouraged to prepare for potential outages, monitor the SCE Outage Map, and explore available support programs. More information and rebates for back-up power equipment are available at sce.com/psps and marketplace.sce.com/. Ian Anderson emphasized SCE's continued commitment to partnering with the community to reduce wildfire risk year-round.

7. New Business

a. Review of a request for a Cluster Development Permit (CD-S-2025-0001) and Tentative Map (TT-2025-0004) to construct 58 single-family homes on a 19.53-acre parcel, located at 6024 Cochran Street

Audience members asked questions or made comments relating to: Construction traffic, earthmoving, concerns about flooding, traffic and parking, the narrow-curved section of Cochran Street, safety and traffic at the Cochran Street overpass, elevation views of the development from all directions, construction-phase concerns, sewer lines, slopes, and the Homeowners Association. Comments included that the project is a significant improvement over the previously proposed assisted living facility and that neighbors wished the trail system would be open to the broader community.

The applicant responded to the above questions as follows: The applicant offered to provide direct contact numbers so residents can reach them with any concerns, emphasizing their commitment to collaborating with the community and maintaining open communication. They noted that they are working to keep all soil on site and stated that the development is expected to improve property values. The applicant explained that they are working closely with both private and City engineers who are highly qualified to determine sewer requirements. The Homeowners Association will maintain open slopes, trails, and green space. The trails will be accessible only to residents within the gated community.

Executive Board members asked questions and made comments relating to: The need for sidewalks, home pricing, water runoff concerns, solar panels and battery systems, EV charging, underground SCE utilities, the previously approved assisted living project at this site, land ownership, site views, and sound. Comments included support, with one executive board member noting that the project is a positive addition to the neighborhood.

The applicant responded to the above questions as follows: The anticipated home prices could reach the upper end of two million dollars. The applicant explained that the project is designed to accommodate a 100-year flood, with on-site detention basins that regulate water flow and function like underground reservoirs. State law requires solar installations for new construction, and the applicant has already engaged with Southern

California Edison regarding utilities. Both exterior and interior sprinkler systems will be installed to contain potential fires within each home. Utilities will be underground where feasible. The applicant confirmed that they will not be building the previously approved assisted living facility. No sidewalks are planned for the community. The applicant shared an example from Thousand Oaks to illustrate that narrower streets generally encourage slower driving. The applicant owns the land. A berm-like feature along the freeway will help mitigate sound. The Homeowners Association will maintain all green spaces, and the community will be gated and fenced.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made by Michael Shaw and seconded by Jerry Placeres:

Motion: Recommend approval of the request for a Cluster Development Permit (CD-S-2025-0001) and Tentative Map (TT-2025-0004) to construct 58 single-family homes on a 19.53-acre parcel, located at 6024 Cochran Street

Executive Board vote:	**7 Ayes**	**2 Noes**	**1 Abstention**
Audience:	**6 Ayes**	**0 Noes**	**0 Abstentions**
Unincorporated Area Vote:	**None**		

The motion carried.

b. Election of Officers

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Executive Board conducted an open vote to select a chair. Of the ten votes cast, Gayle Sutton received six votes, which constitutes a majority of the Executive Board. George Bowman received three votes, and Al Brown received one vote. Gayle Sutton was elected Chair.

By consensus of the Executive Board, Jerry Placeres was elected Vice Chair, and Michael Shaw was elected Secretary.

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, thanked the outgoing Executive Board members for their dedicated service and noted they will be recognized by the City Council on June 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. She announced a free residential clean-up day on May 17, 2026, at the Simi Valley Landfill, with proof of residency required. The Simi Valley Youth Council's Teen Wellness Night will take place on May 22, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. The Police Department's Community E-Bike Safety Education Event is scheduled on May 26, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Rancho Santa Susana Community Center, 5005 E. Los Angeles Avenue. Kelly Duffy noted City offices and the library will be closed on May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day and announced that the Traffic Calming Pop-Up Demonstration will take place on May 27, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of Sycamore Drive and Cochran Street. The next Neighborhood Council #2 meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026, with no meeting in June.

9. Executive Board Comments

Kátia Moore announced that *Politica Fest* will take place at the Simi Valley Town Center on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gayle Sutton shared her experience serving on the Community Projects Grant Review Committee, noting that the grant selection process was extremely challenging due to high demand and limited available funding of $150,000 provided through the City's agreement with Waste Management.

Lillian Jacobs expressed her appreciation for the outgoing officers and acknowledged the new possibilities that come with bringing in new leadership.

Michael Shaw announced several planned events for the City's 250th Anniversary celebration, including fireworks, family-friendly activities at the Reagan Library, a family movie in the park, a 5k run, and a car caravan.

Gloria Bowman provided an update on the Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee, noting that the compliance deadline for the City's website under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has been extended to June 30, 2026. She also reported that residents needing assistance with flood map information may contact the City.

George Bowman shared that he attended a meeting hosted by Ventura County Supervisor Janice Parvin, where speakers emphasized the importance of educating parents about e-bikes and their three classifications. He also reported attending the Ventura County Board of Supervisors meeting, where the Board unanimously approved moving forward with exploring the potential transfer of the Simi Valley Library property to the City.

Al Brown thanked Karl Birch for his service on the Neighborhood Councils.

Karl Birch thanked the Executive Board, shared that it was an honor to serve, and reiterated his support for the Neighborhood Councils program.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.