NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair	Serena Kahm
NC #3 Vice Chair	Melissa Hill
NC #3 Secretary	Cheryl Deitrick
City Council Liaison	Council Member Mike Judge

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

   a. May 14, 2026

   b. July 16, 2026

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. Stormwater Quality Management 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: Thursday, September 10, 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 Robert Martins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Robert Martins	P	Ellen Bebo	P
Serena Kahm	P	Richard Bebo	P
David Kritzer	P	Cheryl Deitrick	P
Steve Busco	P	Melissa Hill	P
Andy Goitia	P	Guy Nohrenberg	P
Nick Palky	P	Vacant	
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 Serena Kahm and seconded by Andy Goitia to approve the April 16, 2026, minutes. The motion carried.

4. Correspondence

Executive Board member Ashley Callinan resigned.

Council Member Ayala wished to attend the meeting tonight but had a prior commitment with the Samaritan Center.

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

6. Informational Presentation(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. Election of Officers

By consensus of the Executive Board, Serena Kahm was elected Chair, Melissa Hill was elected Vice Chair, and Cheryl Deitrick 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 #3 meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2026, with no meeting in June.

9. Executive Board Comments

Executive Board members offered well wishes and expressed their appreciation to the outgoing members for their meaningful contributions.

David Kritzer shared he learned a great deal through his involvement with the Neighborhood Councils and thanked everyone for their support.

Steve Busco gave a report on the Community Projects Grant Review Committee, noting how impressed he was by the dedication of local nonprofit organizations, which he said reflects the strength of the Simi Valley community.

Melissa Hill provided a report on the Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee, highlighting their work to make the website more user-friendly. She

noted that residents can find information regarding properties located in flood zones.

Andy Goitia commended the Chamber of Commerce for the success of the Street Fair. He also thanked the officers and fellow Executive Board members for their service and friendship.

Robert Martins shared that he enjoyed his eight months serving as chair, extended his best wishes to everyone, and expressed his hope to visit in the future.

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

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

   Chair Serena Kahm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was not present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Serena Kahm asked each Executive Board member to introduce themselves to welcome and familiarize the group with the newly appointed members.

Serena Kahm	P	Jon Gatewood	P
Melissa Hill	P	vacant	
Cheryl Deitrick	E	vacant	
Ellen Bebo	E	vacant	
Richard Bebo	E	vacant	
Guy Nohrenberg	E	vacant	
Evelyn Gatewood	P	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

   Chair Serena Kahm requested that Item 3 be removed due to a lack of a quorum. By consensus of the Executive Board, Item 3 was removed from the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

   Item 3 was removed due to a lack of a quorum.

4. Correspondence

   Staff member Kelly Duffy shared a message from Executive Board member Guy Nohrenberg encouraging attendees to take care of their health and wellbeing.

5. Public Statements/Comments: None

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

      Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager for Transportation Planning at the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), presented an overview of the Simi Valley Pilot Safety Project, a temporary roadway demonstration aimed at improving traffic safety and pedestrian conditions. The pilot location, Sycamore Drive and Cochran Street, was selected following a detailed crash analysis and multi-factor evaluation, with Public Works approving the final site. Temporary curb and median extensions, using cones, were installed to test potential safety enhancements. Survey responses from 62 participants reflected mixed satisfaction. While most did

not expect the project to increase their active transportation use, referring to human-powered travel such as walking or bicycling, 62% supported continued investment in safety improvements. Comments favored revised signal timing and consideration of alternative design options. Safety data showed lower vehicle turning speeds, approximately five miles per hour for southbound right turns and three to five miles per hour for northbound left turns, along with fewer crosswalk conflicts compared to typical conditions. Next steps include developing final engineering designs and presenting results to the VCTC Board on October 9, 2026. The City will determine whether to pursue funding for full implementation.

b. Water Conservation Program

Ramona Mejia, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, with the City of Simi Valley, presented an overview of statewide conservation efforts to reduce the use of potable (drinking) water for irrigating non-functional turf. She highlighted Assembly Bill 1572, which prohibits the use of potable water on decorative non-usable turf at public, commercial, industrial, institutional, and Homeowners Association common area properties, with tiered compliance deadlines beginning in 2027. Non-functional turf refers to grass areas that serve no recreation or community purpose, such as decorative strips along sidewalks or buildings, medians, roundabouts, and unused patches near signage. Residential properties are exempt. Ramona Mejia outlined the City's compliance efforts, including removal of non-functional turf at City Hall and other City-owned properties. These projects were completed at no cost to taxpayers through rebates from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and a grant from the California Department of Water Resources, managed by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. Program goals include meeting state requirements, achieving significant water-volume and cost savings, improving irrigation efficiency, and creating visually appealing, drought-tolerant landscapes. The renovated civic center now serves as a model of sustainable public-space design. Resources are available at nonfunctionalturfca.org, with rebate details at bewaterwise.com/turf.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, welcomed the newly appointed Executive Board members and announced several upcoming community events, including the Free Residential Clean Up and Recycling Day on July 19, 2026, at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center. She shared that the Simi Valley Council on Aging will host Harmony for Hunger on August 23, 2026, with proceeds supporting the Meals on Wheels program. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is offering free summer events, including Movies and Music in the Park, and registration is open for the Young Artist Playground Summer Camp at the Cultural Arts Center. The Simi Valley Public Library is hosting an art exhibit titled

"Unearthed a Story." National Night Out will return to the Simi Valley Town Center on August 4, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ventura County Supervisor Parvin's End of Summer Pop Stop event will take place on August 6, 2026, outside the Simi Valley Public Library, featuring free Otter Pops and a meet-and-greet with the Ventura County Fire Department. She announced that the Youth Ride Free and College Ride programs have been extended through June 30, 2027, allowing Ventura County students to ride public transit at no cost with a valid school ID. Recruitment is underway for the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy, held Wednesdays from September 9, 2026, to October 14, 2026, at the Simi Valley Police Station. Kelly Duffy noted that the City Council adopted the FY 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program on June 8, 2026, and that a measure proposing an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax from 10% to 12% will appear on the November 2026 ballot. Kelly Duffy also reported that the City Council approved a letter supporting a feasibility study on transitional housing at the Samaritan Center. She noted that the study does not commit the City to funding or approving a project and that the City continues addressing homelessness through coordinated efforts between the Police Department and Neighborhood Services. Kelly Duffy announced a special recruitment for Neighborhood Council #3 Executive Board and encouraged members to share with their neighbors.

9. Executive Board Comments

Serena Kahn remarked that the arrival of the U.S. Hockey League in Simi Valley is exciting news.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, August 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.