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## SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Concordia Jr / Sr High School, 13507 Eldridge Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

The Agenda is posted for public review at the Los Angeles Public Library (Sylmar Branch), 14561 Polk Street, Sylmar, CA 91342. As a courtesy, and as time permits, agendas may be emailed to Stakeholders if requested. Agendas may also be found on the SNC website at [www.SylmarNC.org](http://www.SylmarNC.org). You may also subscribe to receive them via email through the City's Early Notification System (ENS) at the following link: <http://www.lacity.org/government/Subscriptions/NeighborhoodCouncils/index.htm>

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The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker. Comments from the public on agenda items will only be heard when the respective item is being considered. Comments on other matters, not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items period.

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The below times are only estimates. Items may be addressed in a different order and/or at different times. Below times are inclusive of board discussion and possible vote.

- 7:00 – 7:02 p.m.    **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2)**
- 7:02 – 7:04 p.m.    **2. Roll Call – Ann Job (2)**
- 7:04 – 7:06 p.m.    **3. Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper – Diane Valencia (2)**
- 7:06 – 7:08 p.m.    **4. Welcome and Announcements by Board Meeting facility Host – Barbara Winslow (2)**
- 7:08 – 7:18 p.m.    **5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements & Presentations (5)**  
**5a. Questions / Comments from the Public (5)**
- 7:18 – 7:24 p.m.    **6. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction (6)**  
Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Public speaker cards (forms) are located on the welcome table. Please fill out and submit to the President or Vice President of Administration.

7:24 – 7:54 p.m. **7. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve adjustments, as recommended by DONE, to the draft Bylaws submission, previously approved by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council on March 26, 2015 (30):

- a) Page 7, Section 8 Censure -- add a statement to the effect that "The Council shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney throughout the censure process."
- b) Page 9, Section 2A Duties and Powers -- 3rd bullet point down - change "appoint" to "nominate", given that board approval is still needed.
- c) Page 12, Section 3B and C Committee Structure and Appointment -- change "appointed" to "nominated", given that board approval is still needed.
- d) Page 13, Section 1B Special Meetings – consider changing to 11 to match quorum, rather than 7
- e) Page 13, Section 2 Agenda Setting -- typo on 3rd line down "but"
- f) Page 16, Article XI, Grievance Process - Please add a statement to the effect that "The Council grievance review process will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the City. The rules and regulations established by the City shall take precedence over any inconsistent language in the Council bylaws."
- g) Page 17, Section 2 Training -- please add Code of Conduct to the list of trainings as is now a requirement as set by the Commission. Also, in terms of the time allowed for when the trainings are to be completed, please also add something to the effect "pursuant to established City rules and regulations" given that ethics and funding must be already completed at the time a board member is seated. There is no wait period for these two particular trainings to be able to vote on funding-related matters.

7:54 – 8:00 p.m. **8. Discussion and possible Board action** to move \$1,255.04 within Category 100 Operations onto line AUD – Audio and Video Equipment/Services, by reallocating Category 100 funds in the following manner: (6)

- \$389.15 from EDU/Training and Board Retreat
- \$300.00 from FAC/Facilities Related and Space Rental
- \$565.89 from TAC/Staffing and Temp Help

8:00 – 8:05 p.m. **9. Discussion and possible Board action** to move \$4,850.00 onto Category 200 Outreach – line ADV/Advertising by reallocating the following funds: (5)

- \$ 925.00 from Category 100 Operations – TRL/Translation and Transcription
- \$ 720.00 within Category 200 Outreach – EAR/Earmarked
- \$ 405.00 within Category 200 Outreach – MEE/Meeting Expense
- \$1000.00 within Category 200 Outreach – NEW/Newsletter Expense
- \$1000.00 from Category 300 Community Improvement Projects
- \$ 800.00 from Category 400 Neighborhood Purpose Grants

8:05 – 8:10 p.m. **10. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$1100.00 for a multimedia projector and screen with stand. (5)

8:10 – 8:15 p.m. **11. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$1250.00 for a countdown timer. (5)

8:15 – 8:20 p.m. **12. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$1200 for at least 1000 color, three-panel, double sided SNC brochures. (5)

8:20 – 8:25 p.m. **13. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$2500.00 for two 10'x10' pop-up tents and accessories. (5)

8:25 – 8:30 p.m. **14. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$750.00 for the purchase of raglan sleeve tee shirts. (5)

8:30 – 8:35 p.m. **15. Discussion and possible Board action** to approve the payment of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for casual dress shirts. (5)

8:35 – 8:38 p.m. **16. Board Member Community Announcements.** (3)

8:38 – 8:41 p.m. **17. Board Member Comments** - Comments from Board members on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (3)

8:41 – 8:43 p.m. **18. Future Agenda item suggestions from public and Board members.** (2)

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The next General Board meeting will be on May 28, 2015 at Sylmar High School, Spartan Hall.

8:43 – 8:45 p.m. **19. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.** (2)

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#### **Grievance Procedure**

Any Grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting. At that meeting, the Board shall refer the matter to an Ad Hoc Grievance Panel comprised of three (3) Stakeholders randomly selected by the Board from a list of Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a Panel. Within two (2) weeks of the Panel's selection, the Board shall coordinate a time and place for the Panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a Grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. Within two (2) weeks following such meeting, a Member of the Panel shall prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the Panel's collective recommendations for resolving the Grievance. The Board may receive a copy of the Panel's report and recommendations prior to a Board meeting, but, in accordance with the Brown Act, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board Members until it is heard publicly at the next regular Council meeting.

This Grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, such as the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws. It is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who merely disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings, which Grievances may be aired publicly at Council meetings.

Board Members are not permitted to file a Grievance against another Board Member or against the Council.

#### **Reconsideration of Agenda Items - Bylaws (Article IV)**

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the Agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall (1) make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the Agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. For a Board Member to submit a motion for reconsideration the Board Member must have previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then the Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

**(Remove after April 30, 2015)**

**Approved by: AJ/PR/DV**