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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING– MINUTES

Tuesday, August 30, 2016 – 6:30 PM

ITT Technical Institute

12669 Encinitas Avenue, Theory Room 13, Sylmar, CA 91342

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council General Board Minutes are a summary, not an exact, word-for-word transcript of what was said at the Meeting. The Minutes are not, nor were they ever meant to be, a comprehensive record of what was said about a particular issue or project.

- 1. Call to Order.** Diane Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:41p.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** Present were Wilson Bell, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva. Kathy Bloom, Hector Cabrera, Tammy Flores, Greg Hoerner, Frank Hughes, and Derek Martin were absent.

Also in attendance were stakeholders Marti Marshall and John Holmes.

- 3. Housekeeping, Sign-In Sheets, Speaker Cards for Agenda Items, Recording and Timekeeper.** Speaker Cards were not necessary. Dr. Rodriguez agreed to take the minutes and serve as timekeeper.
- 4. Welcome and Announcements.** Maria Silva welcomed everyone to ITT Tech. She provided background information on the college and urged committee chairs to look into holding their meetings at the facility.
- 5. Discussion and possible action** to approve the SNC's Neighborhood Council Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, including the SNC's Neighborhood Council Outreach Survey for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the SNC's Neighborhood Council Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and the SNC's Neighborhood Self-Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Ms. Valencia, along with and Ms. Job, first led the Board Members in a discussion on the Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Form for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Board Members reviewed that year's "Big Vision" and talked about whether the Council increased significantly its outreach to the community and addressed Sylmar's growing homeless population. Furthermore, Board Members reviewed how the goals set for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 stacked up against the realities. Board Members found, for instance, that the SNC increased its stakeholder database from 950 to 1,147 (1,500 was the target number).

Next, Dr. Rodriguez led the discussion on the Neighborhood Council Outreach Survey for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Board Members reviewed general outreach activities and took stock of whether the SNC uses digital tools (Website, Facebook account, virtual phone line, etc.), print materials (business cards, letterheads, templates for newsletters, etc.), and so on. This discussion segued into the Neighborhood Council Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Board Members came up with the following Big Vision/Slogan: "Sylmar: Better Informed, Better Prepared, Better Connected." Goals were identified. Among these were increasing emergency preparedness, participating in the Clean Streets LA grant challenge, and preserving and enhancing equine and semi-rural qualities in Sylmar. Finally, Wilson Bell closed the discussion with an update on the budget, stating that a future meeting would take place to align the budget with the goals outlined for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

1st by Wilson Bell, 2nd by John Pacheco. Vote – 13 Yes (Wilson Bell, Cheri Blose, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, Maria Silva, Diane Valencia), 6 Absent (Kathy Bloom, Hector Cabrera, Tammy Flores, Greg Hoerner, Frank Hughes, and Derek Martin), 0 Abstentions, 1 Ineligible (Emily Rubalcava).

- 6. Discussion and possible action** relative to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council approving the sending of a letter of support to the Planning and Building Department of the City of Los Angeles, regarding their denial of permits to construct a ground based solar electrical energy generating facility without first applying for and receiving approval of a Zone Variance and Conditional Use Permit. The SNC's Planning & Land Use Committee recommends this action and feels that the public should have the opportunity to express their concerns for such power generating installations as it relates to heat, glare, noise and other potential negative impacts and allow the developer to address concerns prior to a permit being issued. Example: 13333 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar. 1st by Christian Rubalcava, 2nd by Cheri Blose. Vote – 14 Yes, 0 No, 6 Absent.

- 7. Discussion and possible action** to submit a Community Impact Statement relative to City Council File 16-0298 (Shared Spaces/Neighborhood Councils). Ann Job presented a draft of the Community Impact Statement. 1st by John Pacheco, 2nd by Christian Rubalcava. Vote – 11 Yes (Wilson Bell, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Kathy Grubert, Ann Job, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, David Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Emily Rubalcava, and Maria Silva), 3 Abstentions (Cheri Blose, Christian Rubalcava, and Diane Valencia), 0 No and 6 Absent (Kathy Bloom, Hector Cabrera, Tammy Flores, Greg Hoerner, Frank Hughes, and Derek Martin).
- 8. Discussion and possible action** to submit a Community Impact Statement relative to City Council File 16-0917. Last day to take action on this Council file is September 23, 2016 (Eve Sinclair/Board of Neighborhood Commissioners/Appointment). Ann Job presented. 1st by Peter Postlmayr, 2nd by Kathy Grubert. Vote – 8 Yes (Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Lucille Floresta, Ann Job, John Pacheco, Peter Postlmayr, Diana Rodriguez, Christian Rubalcava, and Emily Rubalcava), 6 Abstentions (Cheri Blose, Maria Silva, Wilson Bell, Kathy Grubert, David Rodriguez, and Diane Valencia), 0 No, and 6 Absent (Kathy Bloom, Hector Cabrera, Tammy Flores, Greg Hoerner, Frank Hughes, and Derek Martin).

9. Board Member Comments/Announcements.

10. Future Agenda Items.

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- 11. Closing Remarks, Acknowledgments, and Adjournment.** 1st by David Rodriguez, 2nd by Maria Silva. Meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.