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## SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Committee Chair: David M. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**St. Didacus Church – Parish Center/Room 3**

14337 Astoria St., Sylmar, CA 91342

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee Minutes are a summary, not an exact, word-for-word transcript of what was said at the Meeting.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rodriguez at 6:35 p.m. Present were committee members Wilson Bell, Kathy Bloom, Maria Silva, and Carlos Lara. Diana Rodriguez was absent.

Also present were Raymond Carrillo Ceja, Maria Castillon, Giselle Cristobal, Jesse Escalera, Eugene Hernandez, Maria Herrera, Marti Marshall, Abigail Moreno, Ruben Rodriguez, James Russell, and Naiya Winn.

2. **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.
3. **Public Comment** on matters not appearing on the agenda:
  - a. Public Officials & Representatives. **Abigail Moreno** from the Office of Council District 7 said that, in light of Councilman Felipe Fuentes's departure, staff will continue to serve Sylmar residents and attend community meetings.
  - b. Stakeholders. **Marti Marshall** said that she would like the e-mail of every Board Member put up on the SNC Website under their profile picture. **Eugene Hernandez** also said that the e-mail of every Board Member should be up on the Website. He mentioned that the Transit Coalition's presentation to the Board at its August 25<sup>th</sup> general meeting failed to include a discussion on bus routes up and down Polk and Hubbard Streets.
4. **Community Presentation.** Principal Maria Herrera of Sylmar Biotech Health Academy talked about her school and its emphasis on health and science. She said that SBHA, which shares a campus with Sylmar Charter High, is a "Linked Learning" school with strong ties to the Youth Policy Institute and Los Angeles Mission College. Principal Herrera introduced three of her high school seniors—Raymond Carrillo Ceja, Giselle Cristobal, and Naiya Winn—who talked about their learning experiences and internship opportunities.

### Old Business

5. **Discussion and update** relative to preparations for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council's Town Hall and Resource Fair scheduled for October 15, 2016. Dr. Rodriguez went over the draft agenda and schedule for the event. Marti Marshall mentioned that everyone needs to do their part in promoting the Town Hall. Eugene Hernandez said that the Sylmar Neighborhood Council should do a press release.
6. **Discussion and update** relative to preparations for the Outreach Committee's beautification project at Osceola Elementary School scheduled for October 1, 2016. Carlos Lara provided an overview of the project. Maria Silva said she would inform Sylmar students and teachers about the event. 1<sup>st</sup> by Wilson Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Silva. Vote – 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

### New Business

7. **Approval of Minutes** of the August 9, 2016, Outreach Committee Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> by Maria Silva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson Bell. Vote – 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.
8. **Discussion and possible action** relative to which business and/or individual to recommend for recognition at the Sylmar Neighborhood Council's general board meeting on October 27, 2016. Dr. Rodriguez said that the Committee should start thinking about which individuals the Board should recognize at the October 27<sup>th</sup> general meeting. The Committee will revisit the issue at its next meeting.

9. **Discussion and possible action** relative to setting a date for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council's second community mixer in November. Kathy Bloom suggested League Pizza Parlor. Wilson Bell suggested the Crawfish Company. Thursday, November 3, was mentioned as a possible date.
10. **Committee Member Comments** on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. Dr. Rodriguez first offered the floor to stakeholders in the audience. Jesse Escalera introduced himself; a resident of Chatsworth, he said he visits Sylmar often and wants to know what's going on in the community. Maria Castellon also introduced herself; she recently moved back to Sylmar and commented on how dirty the streets are. Eugene Hernandez said a traffic study needs to be done along Hubbard Street and Eldridge Avenue where Mission College is located. Wilson Bell thanked everyone for coming and encouraged stakeholders to invite their neighbors and friends to the SNC meetings. Kathy Bloom said she was happy to see new faces in the audience. Carlos Lara mentioned that Mission College was interested in working with the Outreach Committee to hold a community cleanup in November. Maria Silva thanked Principal Herrera and her students for attending the meeting. Dr. Rodriguez thanked the Committee for the stellar job it is doing.
11. **Future Agenda Items:** Please e-mail the committee chair at [David.M.Rodriguez@SylmarNC.org](mailto:David.M.Rodriguez@SylmarNC.org).
12. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgments, and Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 7:42p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> by Wilson Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Silva. Vote – 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Minutes by David M. Rodriguez