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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Regular Board Meeting
AGENDA

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

<https://zoom.us>

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE SUN VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **(669) 900-6833**, and enter **987 6658 0221** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to **2 minutes** per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

AB 361 Updates:

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual board member in their

personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Code of Civility

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule

- A. Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755
- B. Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, 36373@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0854
- C. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, 33272@lapd.online

ITEM 4: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- A. Representative from City Council District 6, councildistrict6@lacity.org
- B. Diana Gonzalez (City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, CD2, diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org)
- C. Michelle Vergara (L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, michelle.vergara@lacity.org)
- D. Salvador Manriquez (Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 39th District, salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov)
- E. Field Deputy (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District)
- F. Esmeralda Marcial (LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez, 6th District, esmeralda.marcial@lausd.net)
- G. Lilia Monterrosa (Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 29th District, lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov)
- H. Jason Maruca (Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, jmaruca@bos.lacounty.gov)
- I. Katherine Castrejon (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov)

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 8: Review and discuss the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently open

- (5) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 terms end in 2023, 3 terms end in 2025)
- (5) seats available for Business Stakeholder (3 terms end in 2023, 2 terms end in 2025)
- (1) seat available for Residential Stakeholder (term ends in 2023)
- (1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)

There are also one year appointed positions for:

- (2) seats available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2023)

Qualifications for all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES, further information and Candidate Filing Form are available at:

<https://www.svanc.com/board-candidate-appointments>

For ITEMS 9 TO 10: The applicant will make his candidate statement. A brief question and answer session will be held after which, a vote will be taken. If appointed, the applicant will be seated on the Board and will have full privileges including the ability to vote, except on funding matters. The new Board members will then read the SVANC Code of Civility which will serve as the Oath of Office.

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Monica Vacas to an open Business Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2025 (5 minutes, Chávez, Elections)

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Richard Gonzales to an open Residential Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2023 (5 minutes, Chávez, Elections)

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to do the following appointments to the 2022-2023 committees

- A. Second Vice-President
- B. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - two members (appoint chairperson)
- C. NCEPA - representative
- D. Outreach/Community Affairs - member
- E. CHSRA High Speed Rail - member
- F. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee – member
- G. Planning and Land Use Management Committee - member

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Wendy Thum to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a budget of \$1,200 for outreach and informational materials for upcoming SVANC elections. (Chávez, Elections)

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter of support regarding the construction of an over-in-height fence within the front yard setback and within the 25-foot long Building Line located at 8400 North Laurel Canyon Boulevard. (Chávez, PLUM)

Case Number: ZA-2022-4806-ZAA (no cases were found)

[ENV-2022-4507-CE](#)

<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/01/8400-n-laurel-canyon-blvd-01-2023-fence.pdf>

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve hosting the **LAPD Foothill Division Community Coffee Time** monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month from 9:00 am to 10:15 am at the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council's office with use of SVANC's available technology. (Chávez)

Our community has been following this meeting at the various locations where SLO Perez has been allowed to hold it, but the community has dealt with the many issues that come with holding a meeting outside, including inclement weather and bad sound. SVANC should use its office as best possible to serve its stakeholders and given that this is a meeting of great importance to the community it seems fit that SVANC provide the venue.

ITEM 15A: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve up to \$100 for coffee expenses for the **LAPD Foothill Division Community Coffee Time** monthly meeting, if item 15 is approved. (Thum, Chávez)

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Citizenship Workshop Event in partnership with the International Rescue Center and 43rd District Assemblywoman Luz Rivas tentatively scheduled with three meetings: information session on May 20, volunteer training date

TBD, and filling out applications on June 3. (Chávez)

ITEM 16A: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve up to \$930.00 for expenses for the Citizenship Workshop for May 20 and June 3 to purchase supplies, plus food and beverages to feed the volunteers over the course of 12 hours. (Chávez)

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to reschedule the February 27 Puppet Show for March 29, due to outbreaks of flu and COVID-19 at the Sun Valley Library. (Thum)

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve funding for another "Storybook Theatre" event in June from Theatre West. This is live children's theatre in both English and Spanish that is performed free of charge at a park in Sun Valley. This year's show will be "Hansel and Gretel." Funding request is up to \$600 for outreach materials that will include printing expenses for flyers and programs plus goodie bags for children. (Thum)

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the following CIS to support the City Council's resolution to recommend that the CA State Legislature amend the Brown Act so Neighborhood Councils can continue to meet virtually.

Conclusion of 23-0002-17, https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0002-S17_misc_1-10.pdf
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislative action that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local legal legislative bodies, including appointed boards, commissions, advisory bodies, and Neighborhood Councils, to Conduct most meetings virtually in the absence of any special circumstances, subject to appropriate safe guards to ensure full and robust opportunities for public participation, including by persons who lack means of digital access.

SVANC Proposed CIS: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/02/CIS-SVANC-Resolution-23-0002-17.pdf>

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve holding in-person monthly Board Meetings at the Sun Valley Public Library the second Tuesday of every month. (Thum)

Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. There will be no discussion on these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda. Any member of the Board may request that an item be removed.

ITEM 21: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 10, 2023
(Venegas)

https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2023/01/2023_01_10_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf

B. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2022

https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/02/SVANC_Dec_2022_MER.pdf

C. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2023

https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/02/SVANC_Jan_2023_MER.pdf

D. Approve of one-time payment of \$1,320.50 which brings LA DWP current through statement date Jan 26, 2023.

https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/02/ladwp_svanc_bill_1-26-23.pdf

ITEM 22: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Lily Lee
2. Finance and Budget – Emilie A. Hill
3. Beautification – Wendy Thum
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Vacant

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. CHSRA High Speed Rail – Serj Danielian
2. Homelessness – Emilie A. Hill
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez
5. Cindy Sower MyLA311 Project – Eddie Venegas

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Serj Danielian
2. VANC – Emilie A. Hill
3. NCEPA – Vacant
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez
5. NCBA – Wendy Thum
6. C-PAB – Serj Danielian
7. Homelessness – Emilie A. Hill
8. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) – Wendy Thum
9. NCSA – Lionel Mares

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email info@svanc.com

ITEM 23: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 24: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 25: Adjournment

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In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the SVANC office at 8720 Sunland Blvd, Sun Valley, CA 91352, at our website: : www.svanc.com or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Eddie Venegas, Secretary, at: secretary@svanc.com.

Reconsideration and Grievance Process –

For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.svanc.com.

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