



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES (FINAL)
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
6:30pm – 8:30pm
SVANC Board Approved 12/8/2015

Meeting Location:
 Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
 10631 Vinedale Street
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

Board Member	Category	Seat	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*
Aggas, Gary President	Resident	R5	PRESENT	YES
Allen, Mark B.	Business	B1	PRESENT	YES
Bartlett, Susan	Business	B5	PRESENT (out 8:35pm)	YES
Bille, Elizabeth; 1st V.P.	Resident	R1	PRESENT (in 6:35pm)	YES
Chapman, Eric	Resident	R2	Absent (excused)	YES
Cuevas, Lysander	Resident	R3	Absent	YES
Culley, Gene	At-Large	A5	Absent (excused)	No (EX)
Dahlquist, Ron	Senior Rep	S2	PRESENT	No (EN, FN)
Dueñas, Angelica	Resident	R6	PRESENT	YES
Housden, Linda	At-Large	A6	PRESENT (in 6:33pm)	No (EX)
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean; Treasurer	At-Large	A4	PRESENT (in 7:01pm)	YES
Jimenez, Briana	Youth Rep	Y1	Absent (excused)	No (A)
Khalaf, Sam	Business	B2	PRESENT	YES
Koenig, Mylo; Secretary	At-Large	A1	PRESENT	YES
Monroy-Cantor, Julie	At-Large	A3	Absent	No (EX)
Novoa, Rene	Youth Rep	Y2	PRESENT	YES
O'Gara, Barbara	Business	B6	PRESENT	YES
O'Gara, Mike; 2nd V.P.	At-Large	A2	PRESENT	YES
Perez, Carmen	Business	B7	PRESENT (in 6:35pm)	YES
Sower, Cindy	Business	B4	PRESENT	YES
Sower, Michael	Business	B3	PRESENT	YES
Thum, Wendy	Resident	R4	PRESENT	YES
Torrero, Jesse	Comm. Int.	C1	Absent (excused)	YES
Vacas, Monica	Resident	R7	PRESENT (in 7:16pm)	YES
(VACANT)	Senior Rep	S1		N/A
TOTAL 24			18 Present, 06 Absent	

(*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired)

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

- Mr. Gary Aggas, President, officially called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:30pm
- Major John Wells, from the North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy, in Sun Valley, led the Color Guard in honor of Veterans' Day.
- Major Wells invited everyone to their Veterans' Parade to be held on Friday, November 13, at 08:00am, guests are encouraged to enter the school through Allegheny.
- The Color Guard led the Board and public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- SVANC's Code of Civility was recited by the Board
- Mr. Mylo Koenig, Secretary, took roll
- At 6:31pm, 13 board members were present. Quorum was met.
- There were approximately 20 members of the public present

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks

- Mr. Aggas asked if Mr. Dahlquist and Ms. Housden had taken/updated their Ethics certification to enable them to vote on Funding Items at this meeting, neither had. Mr. Aggas then offered his and Secretary Koenig's assistance to these members in order to become current with the Ethics certification.
- Mr. Aggas announced that there is one Senior seat open on the Board. Interested persons needs to apply by Thursday, December 1, 2015, by 05:00 pm.

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- Senior Lead Officer Vasquez (present) and Senior Lead Officer Wall (not present)
- Senior Lead Officer Esther Vasquez stated the following:
 - Crime is up by about 13% in the Foothill Division; Sun Valley crime is down about 2%
 - The holiday season typically shows an increase in crime stats, so Officer Vasquez asked everyone present to please be vigilant and not leave any valuables in the car in full view, and to lock their car and house doors.
 - Officer Vasquez also warned everyone present about fraud crimes. She stated that fraud is appearing in many forms, like phone calls, paying money to get a job, emails—national and internationally, in person knock-on-you-door scams, etc.
 - There have been two reported 'fake' kidnappings. The Officer said if anyone gets this type of call, please call 911 from another phone because usually the so called 'kidnappers' are on one phone.
 - The Officer said that they served search warrants at two marijuana clinics in the last month, both of which were in Sun Valley.
 - The prostitution problem is being monitored closely by the LAPD, especially over the weekends in the community and at the truck stops.
 - Any motor home activity, especially long term stay, should be reported to the LAPD.
 - A toy give-away will be held at Fernangeles Park, Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00am to 02:00pm, for ages 10-13.

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- Mr. Nigel Sánchez, Aide to Congressman Cárdenas, stated the following:
 - The Congressman is hosting his Annual Veterans' Day forum on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at Byrd Middle School, 04:00pm – 07:00pm
 - A health care fair will be held on November 21st, where free health services will be available for the attendees, at Branford Recreation Center, 10:00am-01:00pm
- Ms. Lorraine Diaz, Field Rep., CD-2 Councilmember Krekorian, announced the following:
 - She thanked SVANC's board members and attendees for their participation at the clean-up two weekends ago.
 - The LADWP will hold a community meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015, regarding the proposed rates increase, 06:00pm, at North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional library; and on Saturday, November 14 at Van Nuys City Hall.
 - The LAPD is holding a community forum on December 3rd, 2015, called "The Days of Dialogue," at the Alicia Broadous Community Center in Pacoima
 - Flyers were distributed with emergency numbers related to El Niño events
- Mr. Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Martinez, stated the following:
 - CD6 is having a community clean-up on Saturday, November 14th, 2015. Mr. Huerta thanked SVANC for sponsoring the breakfast and lunch for the day of the clean up.
 - Mr. Huerta thanked Poly HS, specifically Mr. Rene Novoa and Mr. Bennett for being great partners during the clean-up event.
 - Officer Vasquez mentioned that the LAPD along with the Councilwoman's office will hold an Operation Valley Girl Human Trafficking Task Force meeting on Thursday, November 19th, 2015, at Van Nuys City Hall, on the 2nd Floor, at 06:00pm, in response to the high demand of information regarding this issue. This request will not only benefit CD6, but the whole Valley, which has several tracts that have been known for having human trafficking and prostitution activities.
 - Regarding the sidewalk repair program, due to a lawsuit against the City, it was ordered that the City has to start fixing its sidewalks. Due to this lawsuit, the City now allocates \$30 million dollars per year for up to 30 years for this purpose. The allocation of these funds is still being vetted in Committee.

- Mr. David Gonzalez, LAUSD’s Education Deputy for Mónica Ratliff, invited the community to Poly HS, Monday, November 16, 2015, 06:00PM, to a meeting regarding Local Control and Accountability Plan (ALCAP). Mr. Gonzalez introduced Principal Ari Bennett.
- Principal Ari Bennett, Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley, introduced himself and announced the following:
 - Thursday, November 12, 2015, 07:00 pm, a special community meeting will be held for the Modernization Project at Poly HS.
 - Mr. Bennett stated he is a candidate for the LAUSD Superintendent position.
- Mr. Greg Bartz, LADWP’s Community Liaison, stated the following:
 - He is available for questions regarding billing, account issues, rate increases, etc.
 - He announced a number of upcoming community meeting dates regarding the rate increases and encouraged the public to attend these meetings in order to have their voices heard on these issues
 - He discussed a ‘Water Assessment’ for construction projects.
 - He talked about the Rain Barrel rebate program
 - He recognized the clean up area between Arleta and Laurel Canyon on Sheldon

ITEM 5: Presentation from Carlita Mead regarding the Flashcam Vandalism Deterrent Camera System Program that is a completely portable self-contained, solar powered, deterrent system

- This presentation had to be postponed due to a scheduling conflict with Ms. Mead and will be scheduled for next month

ITEM 6: Public Comment on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that aren't on the agenda

- Ms. Patrea Patrick, from Shadow Hills in District 7, thanked everyone for the Tujunga-wash clean-up and for supporting the Rail sign.

ITEM 7: Board member comments on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that aren't on the agenda

- None

Unfinished Business

ITEM 8: Review, correct, and approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 Board Meeting

- Mr. Koenig motioned to table this item because the minutes are not ready, seconded by Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz
- The Item was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- A roll call vote to TABLE the approval minutes to next month was taken of all board members present

SVANC ITEM 151110-08 (7:45p) TO TABLE carried 18/00/00/06 (TABLE 08/11/15 meeting minutes to next month)				
Yes – 18	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 06
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille Dahlquist; Dueñas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Koenig; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Chapman; Cuevas; Culley; Jimenez; Monroy-Cantor; Torrero

- Motion 151110-08 (table 10/13/2015 meeting minutes) carried 18/00 with 06 absent
- The Item was TABLED

NEW Business

ITEM 9: Committee Reports

- Outreach: Ms. Bille stated that they will be focusing on supporting the election committee.
- Beautification: Ms. Thum stated that Ms. Diaz, CD2, went over a lot of the clean-up activities for the event held in CD2; this information should include the assistance of Graffiti Buster’s crew, which included about 130 additional volunteers
- CPAB: Ms. Bartlett stated that the CPAB meeting was cancelled
- VANC: Mr. O’Gara stated that VANC will have a meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2015, at the CVS where three seminars are being held: What it means to be on the Neighborhood Council; How you are going to affect the City Council and the City Depts.; Leadership Skills; and, How and Why you file a Community Impact Statement.
- LANCC: No comment
- Plancheck: No comment
- Homeless: Ms. Housden stated that the homeless count will start in January 2016.
- Planning: No comment

- Marijuana Clinics: Ms. Bartlett stated that Officer Vasquez covered the latest developments
- Budget Advocates: Ms. Thum stated that DONE required two Budget Advocates
- Finance: Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz, stated that there will be a finance training on November 17th, San Pedro.
- Election: No comment
- Emergency Preparedness – Mr. Khalaf said a meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th, 10:00am, to prepare for any of El Niño events.

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve funds for one or two FlashCAM 880SX2 Vandalism Deterrent Camera System Program(s) to fight graffiti in Sun Valley, up to but not exceed a total \$6,000.00 each

- Mr. Novoa motioned to TABLE this Item, seconded by Mr. O'Gara
- The motion to TABLE was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Mr. O'Gara stated this Item was supposed to be scheduled for the following month, and was supposed to follow an educational presentation tonight which did not take place
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 151110-10 (8:07p) TO TABLE carried 16/00/02/06 (TABLE FlashCAM 880SX2 Camera System Purchase)				
Yes – 16	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 02	Absent – 06
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille Dueñas; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Dahlquist; Housden	Chapman; Cuevas; Culley; Jimenez; Monroy-Cantor; Torrero

- Motion 151110-10 (to TABLE FlashCAM 880SX2 Camera System Purchase) carried 16/00 with 02 ineligible and 06 absent
- The Item was TABLED

ITEM 11: Discussion of SVANC Bylaws section regarding attendance of Board Members

- Mr. Aggas read the following “three consecutive absences without a compelling reason given and approved by the Executive Board at regular scheduled Board meeting, should constitute a Director’s resignation, four absences of regularly scheduled Board meetings, within 12 consecutive months without a compelling reason given and approved by the Executive Board shall constitute a Director’s resignation”.
- Mr. Aggas stated that action would be taken shortly on board member absences
- Mr. Aggas stated asked if there were any questions and if the absence policy was clear
- No comment followed

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve funds to purchase candy canes for the LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers to distribute to area schools over the holidays, up to but not exceed a total \$500

- Mr. O'Gara motioned to accept this Item, seconded by Ms. Sower
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Discussion included concerns that SVANC be identified as a supporter at the time of distribution and possible methods to accomplish this
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 151110-12 (8:16p) carried 16/00/02/06 (LAPD Foothill SLO Holiday Candy Cane Distribution to Area Schools)				
Yes – 16	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 02	Absent – 06
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille Dueñas; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Dahlquist; Housden	Chapman; Cuevas; Culley; Jimenez; Monroy-Cantor; Torrero

- Motion 151110-12 (LAPD Foothill SLO holiday candy cane distribution to area schools) carried 16/00 with 02 ineligible and 06 absent

ITEM 13: Discussion regarding an exterior sign for the SVANC office

- Mr. Khalaf said that a sign for the exterior of SVANC’s office would cost about \$1,200. It will be discussed further in the Outreach committee.

ITEM 14: Discussion regarding a canopy with logo for outreach

- Mr. Khalaf said that this canopy can be used at outreach events, and the cost would be approximately \$600 with the logo. This item will be discussed further in the Outreach committee.

ITEM 15: Discussion regarding a refrigerator for SVANC’s office

- Mr. Khalaf discussed the idea of having a small refrigerator at the SVANC’s office, but a number of board members did not find this necessary

--(At 8:25pm, Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz motioned to extend the meeting by 20 min., seconded by Mr. Novoa. The motion carried 18/00)--

ITEM 16: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION on all pending City Planning applications

- Mr. O'Gara said that he needs to get paperwork for a subdivision, Starbuck's and Paper Stock. He will then call a meeting of the Planning Committee to go over these applications.

ITEM 17: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the Treasurer's Report

- Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz motioned to accept the **October 2015 Treasurer's Report**, seconded by Mr. Novoa
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- The Treasurer's report stated the following: \$748.92 was spent in October, leaving a balance of \$33,272.17 at the end of October.
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 151110-17 (8:30p) carried 16/00/02/06 (Approve October 2015 Treasurer's Report)				
Yes – 16	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 02	Absent – 06
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille Dueñas; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Dahlquist; Housden	Chapman; Cuevas; Culley; Jimenez; Monroy-Cantor; Torrero

- Motion 151110-17 (approve Oct. 2015 Treasurer's Report) carried 16/00 with 02 ineligible and 06 absent

ITEM 18: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the 2014-15 year end Treasurer's Report.

- Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz motioned to approve this Item, which was seconded by Mrs. O'Gara
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Mr. O'Gara had questions about the report and asked the Treasurer to present this report to the Executive Board for vetting before it's brought in front of the full Board for approval
- Ms. Dueñas motioned to TABLE this Item, which was seconded.
- A roll call vote to TABLE this item was taken of board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 151110-18 (8:37p) TO TABLE carried 11/04/02/07 (TABLE 2014-2015 Year End Treasurer's Report)				
Yes – 12	No – 04	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 02	Absent – 06
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille Dueñas; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower-C; Sower-M	Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Thum; Vacas	NONE	Dahlquist; Housden	Chapman; Cuevas; Culley; Jimenez; Monroy-Cantor; Torrero

- Motion 151110-18 (TABLE 2014-2015 Year End Treasurer's Report) carried 12/04 with 02 ineligible and 06 absent
- The Item was TABLED

ITEM 19: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fund our account for next month's anticipated expenditures

- Mr. Aggas motioned to approve next month's anticipated expenditures, seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- The anticipated expenditures for November are estimated at \$2,397.00 leaving a total of \$30,875.30 in the budget. This estimate does not include the cost of the candy canes, which is about \$500.
- After questions by Mr. Koenig, Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz noted that unlike the figures from last month's report, this report did not include approved items from tonight's meeting.
- A roll call vote was taken of board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 151110-19 (8:30p) carried 15/00/02/07 (Approve Next Month's Anticipated Expenses [November 2015])				
Yes – 15	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 02	Absent – 07
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille Dueñas; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Dahlquist; Housden	Bartlett; Chapman; Cuevas; Culley; Jimenez; Monroy-Cantor; Torrero

- Motion 151110-19 (approve next month's anticipated expenditures [November 2015]) carried 15/00 with 02 ineligible and 07 absent

ITEM 20: Public Comment

- None

ITEM 21: Board Member Comment

- Ms. Housden said that sandbags are available, free of charge, at Fire Station 77.
- Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz suggested that all expenditures should go through and be vetted through their respective committee before being assigned as an Item on a Board's agenda.

ITEM 22: Adjournment

- A motion was made by Ms. Thum to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Vacas. The motion passed 17/00. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46pm.