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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Location:
Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352
(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Board Position
Allen, Mark; 2nd Vice Pres	Absent	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Carbajal, Jackelyn	Present	YES	Youth Representative Stakeholder Director
Correa, Steve; Secretary	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Dueñas, Angelica	Absent	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Fierro, Martha	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Garcia, Steven; Treasurer	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Khalaf, Sam	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
O'Gara, Barbara	Present	YES	Senior Representative Stakeholder Director
O'Gara, Mike	Present	YES	At-Large Stakeholder Director
Perez, Carmen	Absent	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Power, Rick	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Sower, Cindy; President	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Sower, Michael	Absent	YES	Business/Property Owner

			Stakeholder Director
Thum, Wendy	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Venegas, Eddie	Present	YES	Community Interest Stakeholder Director
(VACANT)			Residential Stakeholder Director
(VACANT)			Residential Stakeholder Director
(VACANT)			Residential Stakeholder Director
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(VACANT)			Senior Representative Stakeholder Director
TOTAL: 15	11 Present, 4 Absent		

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

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

Ms. Cindy Sower called the meeting of the SVANC to order at 6:30 PM. The pledge was recited. Mr. Correa took roll call. Eleven Board members were present, meeting quorum. The SVANC Code of Civility was read.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks.

Ms. Cindy Sower thanked all the candidates for statements. She mentioned the Egg Hunt at Fernangeles Park. She announced elections for SVANC Board on April 27 at Poly High School. She said LA city councilmember Nury Martinez will swear in the new board at the next board meeting. She stated the Egg Hunt will need volunteers for tabling. Ms. Cindy Sower stated that the SVANC Earth Day event had grown, and gave thanks to Ms. Susan Lustig for the help. She announced that Ms. Monica Vacas had resigned. She gave thanks to Mr. Mike O'Gara for taking over those responsibilities.

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments (will always be allowed to address the board when they are ready, to facilitate their schedule)

Senior Lead Officer Ms. Esther Vasquez announced that people should lock their doors and be careful. She stated there would be no April tamper-resistant screw drive, but there would be in a May holiday. She announced a fitness run fundraiser at Hansen Dam.

ITEM 4: Announcements from Elected Officials or their representatives.

Sun Valley Branch Senior Librarian Ms. Jennifer Serrano announced that it was National Library Week and Worker Day. She invited everyone to the Library's Cake & Punch event on Thursday 2PM to 4, as well as to see a podcast group at 5:30.

Ms. Carolina Goodman from the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles spoke about the matching funds program in the city. She stated that the League helped create the program. She stated that city councilmember introduced a motion to make it easier to qualify into the program. She talked about the city Ethics Commission report on another city council file on Developer Contributions, and Behested Payments. She stated that she shared a sample Community Impact Statement for the board, urging for people to call their city representatives to support the council files.

Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama from DONE announced the March 28 EmpowerLA awards winners. She stated that NC agendas should have ADA compliance notices. She stated that special meetings, now, must have opportunities for public comment on the agenda. NC funds rolling over fiscal year-to-year has been approved by the city. There will be a funding training at city hall on April 23, and more for each region to come. SVANC elections will be at Poly High School, April 27, for which DONE will distribute mailers, and fliers, and a food truck for voters. The homeless resource fair will be Sat, April 20, in front of city hall, Grand Park, 9AM-1PM. She stated that new board members will need to take ethics and funding trainings within a month of election, or DONE will attempt to remove them. Ethics training done online requires a minimum of 2 hours, but in person may not. Anyone interested in being Treasurer, Cardholder, or Second Signer must take a live training, as opposed to the online training. Trainings need to be renewed every 2 years. Ms. Dueñas' trainings will expire May 11.

Ms. Cindy Sower stated that Mr. Thomas Soong had called her stating that he will be mailing fliers out to areas designated by herself, and Mr. Mike O'Gara. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama clarified that the Walkingman canvassing will be provided by the Elections Outreach division.

ITEM 5: Presentation by Kelly Gonez Representative of LAUSD School Board District 6.

(Ms Gonez is set to arrive at aprox 7:15pm, and we will do our best to accommodate Ms Gonez' schedule)

ITEM 6: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Members of the public are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. NOTE: Public comments shall not be subject to discussion

Ms. Cindy Sower called for public comment. None was given.

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Board members are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker

Ms. Thum invited everyone to take a sandwich.

Mr. Correa commented that a representative for Assemblymember Luz Rivas had invited everyone to a Policy and Pie meeting at the last regularly scheduled SVANC board meeting. The Assemblymember talked about policy plans for the office, and what bills were introduced in the current session. There will be more of these meetings to come. He stated that it was a good meeting, and that the SVANC should similarly have a policy discussion meeting.

Mr. Khalaf said that there is a learning curve to being on the SVANC board, and that new boardmembers should take into consideration that things won't happen right away, but they should persist, and convince people of their ideas.

Ms. Cindy Sower stated that there are examples that prove what Sam is saying, like that on the issue of fireworks, and that new boardmembers should not let that dissuade them.

ITEM 7A: Public comment

Mr. Serj Daniellian commented that he has had discussions with the city councilmember Nury Martinez about the issue.

A representative for a Home Owners Association at 9330 Sunland Blvd introduced herself as a representative and that is concerned with the homelessness and trash in the area. She is happy to see a Beautification committee, and a place to air out concerns.

Mr. Mike O'Gara commented that he will provide help to new boardmembers that need computer help for doing trainings.

Mr. Chris, a stakeholder living nearby on Penrose said that its nice that people can come together and watch out for each other.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 8a: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from September 11, 2018 Board Meeting.

SVANC Item 8a-1 Amend September 11 minutes to correct "Caroline Menjivar's" name from Carolina, on item 16. Motion: Sower, Cindy Second: Thum Time: 7:05 PM

Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

SVANC Item 8a-2 Approve Minutes from September 11, 2018 Board Meeting Motion: O'Gara, Mike Second: Thum Time: 7:05 PM

Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

ITEM 8b: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from October 9, 2018 Board Meeting.

SVANC Item 8b Approve Minutes from October 9, 2018 Board Meeting Motion: Thum Second:

O’Gara, Mike Time: 7:06 PM

Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O’Gara, Barbara; O’Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

ITEM 8c: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from November 13, 2018 Board Meeting.

SVANC Item 8c Approve Minutes from November 13, 2018 Board Meeting Motion: Power Second: Fierro Time: 7:07 PM		
Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O’Gara, Barbara; O’Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

ITEM 8d: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from January 8, 2019 Board Meeting.

SVANC Item 8d-1 Amend January 8 minutes to correct the date of the SVANC Earth Day event to April 20. Motion: Sower, Cindy Second: Thum Time: 7:09 PM		
Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O’Gara, Barbara; O’Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

SVANC Item 8d-2 Approve Minutes from January 8, 2019 Board Meeting Motion: O’Gara, Mike Second: Thum Time: 7:09 PM		
Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O’Gara, Barbara; O’Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

NEW BUSINESS**ITEM 9a: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from February 12, 2019 Board Meeting.**

SVANC Item 9a Approve Minutes from February 12, 2019 Board Meeting Motion: Venegas Second: O’Gara, Mike Time: 7:10 PM		
Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O’Gara, Barbara; O’Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

ITEM 9b: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from March 12, 2019 Board Meeting.

SVANC Item 9b Approve Minutes from March 12, 2019 Board Meeting Motion: O’Gara, Mike Second:		
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Fierro Time: 7:12 PM		
Yes—11	No—0	Absent—4
Carbajal; Correa; Fierro; Garcia; Khalaf; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Venegas		Allen; Dueñas; Perez; Sower, Michael

ITEM 10: Committee Reports: Outreach, Beautification, Planning/Land Use, Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness, VANC, Plan Check, LANCC, Budget Advocates, HSR, (Note: Finance will be heard in Item 14.)

Finance: Ms. Cindy Sower stated that there were problems with a missing receipt on Domino's Pizza from the previous month, meaning that it is not possible to produce a MER for March. She stated that there may need to be a vote at a special meeting to resolve this.

Mr. Mike O'Gara commented that a missing receipt may be obtainable from Domino's, or that there is a missing receipt affidavit form. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama agreed. Ms. Cindy Sower said that she could not get an affidavit.

SVANC Treasurer Mr. Steven Garcia stated that the board started the year with \$42,000, spent \$25 thousand, has \$68 hundred earmarked, and has a net balance of \$97 hundred, which is under the threshold of what can roll over year-to-year.

Mr. Mike O'Gara commented that there are bills that haven't been paid, including for minutes.

Outreach: Ms. Cindy Sower stated that the SVANC Election and Earth Day events were getting focused.

Beautification: Ms. Thum stated that the recent cleanups were successful. The Earth Day event is coming up, and help is needed.

Planning: Mr. Mike O'Gara stated that there was an application for alcohol at a building on Tuxford and Glenoaks, to sell beer and wine, which was approved under conditions. There was a hearing with many giving public comments. The city council district office had not met with the applicant, and got a delay until they could discuss it, a rare occurrence.

ITEM 10A: Presentation by Kelly Gonez Representative of LAUSD School Board District 6.

Ms. Kelly Gonez stated that she has visited all the schools within the school board district. She visited Sun Valley Magnet, and worked with Principal Tadeo Climaco on the Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School program. She was joined by School principals and favors the Measure EE for school funds. There will be a period of 12 years, and exemptions for seniors and people with disabilities. She introduced Principal Vasquez from Poly High School.

Principal Vasquez stated that she was on the SVANC Board. She said that she knows tax is a hard idea, but she also knows what students need.

Principal Martinez from Fernangeles Elementary stated that she has 640 students. The school does bilingual classes. It is a title 1 school which has dropped in enrollment, which means a drop in

funding. The school will have a full time nurse and a full time psychiatrist, and Measure EE funds will secure these.

A student stated that he is pushed by the whole school to succeed, and that there is outdated technology.

Ms. Amy Fall asked about apartments, and lots of lands being taxed. School Boardmember Gonez answered that it was thought out, and that they did not want the tax to be regressive, so they structured it so that only square footage of living space is taxed, as opposed to land, and that every floor on an apartment will be taxed as well.

Ms. Thum thanked the Poly students for cleaning up around Kohl's.

Item 10B: Committee Reports

Public Safety: The SVANC CERT class graduated almost 40 students. There was a SVANC meeting with officer Richard Wall and about a dozen stakeholders, deemed a success.

VANC: The next Valley Alliance meeting will be on Thursday, April 11.

LANCC: The April meeting passed, but was not attended by Mr. Mike O'Gara.

Budget Advocates: There were documents distributed by Budget Advocates, including a white paper which is long.

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March. (A supplemental report will also be provided with anticipated expenses.)

There is no MER.

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to update the SVANC STANDING RULES. DONE has recommended that we update in writing our STANDING RULES that had previously been agendized and approved.

There was no vote needed, as changes were already approved.

ITEM 13: Public Comment on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

Ms. Cindy Sower called for public comment. None was given.

ITEM 14: Board Member Comment on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

Ms. Carbajal urged the students from Poly to come to the SVANC Earth Day event, and should apply for SVANC Youth Representative Stakeholder Director, because it looks good on resumes.

Mr. Khalaf stated that he agreed with the idea that the board should have a committee to understand local issues and bills coming from Sacramento. He asked if the board could stop having presentations by people who support new taxes.

Ms. Cindy Sower stated that Ms. Gonez' presentation was agreed to be about the Sun Valley Magnet program as opposed to the tax, agreed by with Ms. Esmeralda Marcial.

Mr. Mike O'Gara commented that the SVANC meetings are public, and anyone can comment. Ms. Gonez was called away to Washington at the time of the SVANC March meeting. The tax ballot

proposal was approved last minute, on April 9. The school board can provide a subscription for agendas, and they have sent four in a day.

ITEM 15: Adjournment

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