



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**(DRAFT)**

**Meeting Location:**  
**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Office**  
 8720 Sunland Blvd.  
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
Carbajal, Jackelyn <i>(excused absence)</i>	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Danielian, Serj:	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Fiero, Martha: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Garcia, Steven W.	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Grigoryan, Vahe	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	<b>No</b>
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director	X		<b>No</b>
O’Gara, Barbara <i>(excused absence)</i>	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
O’Gara, Mike: <b>President</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Power, Richard: <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Soto, Sergio <i>(excused absence)</i>	Business Stakeholder Director		X	<b>No</b>
Sower, Cindy: <b>Treasurer</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory</b> <i>(excused absence)</i>	Community Interest Stakeholder		X	
-At-Large Vacancies (4)				
-Resident Vacancies (3)				
-Business Vacancies (0)				
-Youth Vacancies (2)				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8 Present, 6 Absent, 3 Ineligible (of which 2 Absent)</b>			

**ITEM 1: Call to Order by Mike O’Gara at 6:35pm. Mike O’Gara then asked everyone to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The Code of Civility was read. Mike O’Gara asked Cindy Sower to take Roll, since the Secretary resigned.**

**Mike did talk about spending the day at City Hall, Speaking on behalf of SVANC and our opposition to AB516. He thanked everyone who helped on this.**

**ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments:** SLO Esther Vasquez was on vacation, SLO Rich Wall was off on training. No Foothill Reps.

**ITEM 4:** Presentation/announcements from **elected officials** or their representatives.

**Jude Hernandez from Assembly Luz Rivas office** updated us on Higgins Termite Encampment, even removed the burnt trees. Cut them down from the previous encampment fires. He explained the process with removals from state property. Summer Recess for Assembly starts July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jennifer Serron from the Sun Valley Library** started to speak and was asked to sit back down and to speak in public comment.

**Caroline Menjivar** deputy from CD6 Nury Martinez area announced that this would be her last meeting, she was leaving to take a deputy position with Mayor Garcetti office. She will be taking the position that Jacqueline Serrano vacated earlier this year. Updated us on Motion 5611 which was updated May 29<sup>th</sup> regarding sidewalks needing repairs that affect the Handicapped, LAHNI. Right now, it takes 3-5 years when handicapped are involved to repair sidewalks. This project was coming to an end and has been extended to 2020. Caroline then read a press release from Nury Martinez on her position with AB516. The vote taken in City Hall was approved. Bonin was the only one who voted NO, and there were two absences. Everyone else VOTED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO OPPOSE AB516. Caroline thanked us all for our hard work outreaching, and for those who were able to attend the hearing at City Hall today. Later in the evening Caroline did come back and state that although she would be gone from her position for the upcoming Cleanup and Movie Event, she would be there as the Mayor's Rep to lend her support.

**ITEM 5: Public Comment** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Members of the public were limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker.

Mike O'Gara asked **Jennifer Serron** from the Sun Valley Library to now come up to the speaker. Jennifer talked about the various summer programs and projects during the summer. She was quite excited about the opportunity drawings they will be having, for example dodger tickets and different events for families to enjoy.

**Pablo Estrada** GRID Program sharing resources-Summer Night Lights at Sun Valley Park (others as well that are not in our boundaries) The goal in keeping kids and teens busy. Urging people to come out to support their projects, and they would welcome any donations.

**Karl Kunak** congratulated the people who did the Agenda, he liked that it was informative and easy to read. Mr Kunak did go on to speak for well over 3 minutes about the devastation that had occurred to the Wildlife Waystation. With the fires and floods, it has been hard for them to recoup. They need help with items, labor all types of things. He hopes people will take the fliers he printed at his own expense and help them.

**Rudy Melendez** who is a stakeholder of the environment, would like the SVANC to reevaluate work by our elected officials. He feels our community is neglected especially CD2. Mr Melendez will continue to return to keep our elected and the SVANC accountable.

**ITEM 6: Board member comments** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Board members are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker; and additional discussion time if request is made to place an item on an agenda of a future meeting.

**Item 7: Comments from our DONE representative. Betty Wong was giving a training to another NC and was unable to attend.**

**OLD Business:**

**ITEM 8:** Review, correct and approve minutes from our April and May Board Meeting. Review Correct and Approve Minutes from our June Special Exec. Joint Board Meeting. All Minutes were reviewed and approved by the board. **(Motion APPROVED; 9 YES, 0 NO, 6 ABSENT)**

**ITEM 9:** Mike O'Gara announced that there were board seats available as follows:

Three (3) Resident Stakeholder, Three (3) AT-Large Stakeholder, Two (2) Senior and Two (2) Youth representative seats available and invited anyone to go to SVANC.COM to apply.

**NEW Business:**

**ITEM 10:** The President announced that everyone (Board members and Stakeholders alike) were invited to sign up for SVANC Committees, clipboards were on the back table.

**ITEM 11:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve up to \$200 to feed 25 volunteers for a cleanup at The Sheldon Skate Park on July 12, 2019. Funding is for breakfast quesadillas, water and juice boxes. Cindy Sower reminded Mike O'Gara that funding votes were roll call votes. A Roll Call Vote was taken. **(Motion Approved; 8 YES, 0 NO, 6 ABSENT, 1 INELIGIBLE)**

**ITEM 12:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to Co-Sponsor "Movies in The Park" with Council District 6 at the Skate Park on July 12, 2019, Not to Exceed \$200. **(Motion Approved; 8 YES, 6 ABSENT, 1 INELIGIBLE)**

At this point Cindy Sower referred the board to Page 14, first paragraph of Funding guidelines about voting and fiscal year, as per Melvin Canas. Since this vote, however City Clerks office Melvin Canas has corrected this. All Operational expenses approved in the annual Budget do not have to be reaffirmed. All other funding matters would have to be reaffirmed, with exceptions of events between July 1-July 15 2019.

**ITEM 13:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase IDs on a neck lanyard for new members, not to exceed \$60.00. **(Motion Approved; 7 YES, 1 NO, 6 ABSENT, 1 INELIGIBLE.)**

**ITEM 14:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to help host the Neighborhood Council Congress to be held at City Hall on Sept 28, 2019 not to exceed \$200. **(Motion Tabled 8 Yes to table)**

**ITEM 15: Treasurers Report:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve May Monthly Expense Report (MER). Cindy Sower went over the current MER. The amount presented at EX Meeting was different than what was given in this report. Upon investigation, Paola Posada our Funding Rep explained that our Translation Services had been reimbursed. Possible Rollover minus Pizza/water expenses and the monthly fee of Constant Contact will be close to \$8000.

**ITEM 16:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the subscription to Constant Contact on a yearly basis July 2019 - June 2020, not to exceed \$459 as opposed to \$45 per month SAVINGS is \$81/yr. **(Approved 7 YES, 1 NO, 6 ABSENT, 1 INELIGIBLE.)**

**ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Anek Manasian who was later joined by Gloria Arrieta, Monica J, Arlin Villa Franca, Monica J.** and others from the area on old San Fernando Road near the Public Storage that was previously discussed at our Public Safety Meeting with LAPD, CD2 and CD6, wanted to talk about the

enormous amount of trash, the drug dealing, crime, vandalism and burglaries out of control in their area. They are asking for help, wanting to know why our NC was doing nothing.

**ITEM 18:** Board member comments: Although discussion is not allowed during this time many board members did speak about what we had been doing in the community. Mike talked about Public Storage and how Mr Dickens even joined him at City Hall earlier that day. Rick Powers, Wendy Thum both talked about the necessity of becoming involved. Cindy Sower explained how we had just held a Public Safety Committee meeting and their area was discussed and how the one thing that was discussed was the need for more police patrol. We reminded this group that the Captain looks at the numbers, the calls to service and there are none. If you do not call, there is no record of the crime and the captain cannot justify more resources. We invited them to stay afterward and get phone numbers and emails. Cindy invited them to be her guests at CPAB Thursday.

**ITEM 19: Adjournment:** Mike O’Gara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 and asked everyone who did not help set up to please stay and help clean up.