



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**  
**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**Approved**

**Meeting Location:**  
**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
**Villa Scalabrini Retirement Home**  
10631 Vinedale Street  
Sun Valley, CA 91352

\*No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote \*\*No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

BOARD MEMBER	BOARD POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE
Balbuena, Jesse	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Carbajal, Jackelyn arrived at 6:41 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Chávez, Norma O.	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Fierro, Martha <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Steven arrived at 6:57 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	X		X
García, Rosalío	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Gonzalez, Joel	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Grigorian, Vahe	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
O’Gara, Barbara	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
O’Gara, Mike <b>President</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Perez, Carmen excused	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Power, Richard <b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Soto, Sergio resigned	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
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> excused	Community Interest Stakeholder		X	
<b>TOTAL: 18</b>	<b>14 Present, 3 Absent, 1 resigned, 1 Ineligible</b>			

**ITEM 1:** Call to Order at 6:35 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by Norma Chavez. The Code of Conduct was recited. President O’Gara announced that Sergio Soto resigned due to his national guard duties.

**ITEM 2:** 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. Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall gave an update on the Glencrest Hills burglaries. He also talked about the coming installation of screws on the rear license plate and how this has helped reduce the number of stolen plates.

**ITEM 3:** Presentation Announcements from elected officials or their representatives. Lorraine Diaz Deputy from CD2 Paul Krekoryan’s office, Karla Maqueda Rep. from CD6 Nury Martinez office, Caroline Menjivar from Mayor Garcetti’s office, Mark Ross Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney’s office, Michael Menjivar representative from LAUSD District 6 Board Member Kelly Gonez, Jude Hernandez from the office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, and Kevin David Budget advocate.

**ITEM 4:** Jose Peña provided an update on the landscaping at Vulcan Materials. No permission has been granted to remove old trees on Peoria Street. Mr. O’Gara will share with Mr. Peña the name of the person to contact from Urban Forestry and Karla Maqueda will also reach out to the Urban Forestry Division. Mr. Peña will get back to Mr. O’Gara every two months regarding the matching paint for the walls so there are no white spots. Mr. O’Gara also reminded Mr. Peña of the trimming of the bushes on Glenoaks Blvd.

**ITEM 5:** Comments from the EmpowerLA representative Betty Wong. Raquel Beltran has completed 63% of her tour visiting all NC. Bylaws committee is currently working on them. Some members have not completed the demographics survey.

**ITEM 6:** D.O.N.E General Manager, Raquel Beltran, was unable to attend the meeting.

**ITEM 7:** Public Comments on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion), two minutes each. *Michael R. Guzic* announced he is a 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District political runner against Congressman Tony Cardenas. *Jaime Del Rio* announced he is a political runner advocating for water related issues. Rudy Melendez announced he is a Council member candidate for CD2.

**ITEM 8:** Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion), two minutes each. Norma Chavez, Fernangeles Elementary PTA President, extended an invitation to an upcoming Zumba fundraiser event at Sun Valley High School.

**ITEM 9:** The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently open are Two (2) At-Large, One (1) business, two (2) Senior Representatives, and two (2) Youth Representatives. There are qualifications that apply to all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES which are available at [www.SVANC.COM](http://www.SVANC.COM) or contact Mike O’Gara at [MikeOGARASVANC@aol.com](mailto:MikeOGARASVANC@aol.com).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 10:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve appointment of Vanessa Gonzales, Polytechnic High School student, to a Youth Representative Council Position. Vanessa Gonzales was not present. Mr. O’Gara has made several attempts to get in touch with her.

**ITEM 11:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the **Minutes of the Board meeting from November 12, 2019. Moved: Richard Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro. Discussion took place. 13 YES, 0 NO, 1 INELIGIBLE.**

**ITEM 12: Rick Power moved to approve the proposal** and Terms and Conditions from Barkley Communications, LLC (Susan Lustig) to redesign the SVANC website for \$4000 (Terms \$2000 up front, \$2000 upon completion). The services and additional assets (Plug ins and Graphics) shall include: Setting up the WordPress CMS (Content Management System) selecting, purchasing and implementing a template/theme that works for SVANC, creating the pages, writing of text, design of visuals, 30 day warranty, and therefore, creating a website that is easy to use for our community and board members, and **Rosalío García seconded** it. Discussion took place.

Yes - 11	No - 02	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Kumar, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum,	Gonzalez, Grigoryan	NONE	Steve Garcia	Balbuena, Perez, Soto, Venegas

**ITEM 13:** Mike O’Gara moved to appoint Norma O. Chávez as secretary of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and Cindy Sower seconded. Discussion took place. **13 YES, 0 NO, 1 INELIGIBLE.**

**ITEM 14:** Rick Power moved to appoint Joel Gonzalez as liaison for the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and Cindy Sower seconded. Discussion took place. **13 YES, 0 NO, 1 INELIGIBLE.**

**ITEM 15:** Rick Power moved to appoint Serj Danielian as liaison for the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition and Rosalío García seconded. Discussion took place. **13 YES, 0 NO, 1 INELIGIBLE.**

**ITEM 16:** The position remains open given that Sergio Soto has resigned as member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council.

**ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote** to approve a Citizenship Workshop Event Proposal which will have three meetings. First meeting will be an INFORMATION Session on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Holy Rosary School Auditorium. This meeting is for the people who are going to apply (CLIENTS) for the free workshop to learn what documents they must bring to the WORKSHOP to be held on March 21, 2020. There will also be a training session for volunteers who will help fill out the forms for the clients on Thursday, March 19, 2020. **Moved: Mike O’Gara, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steven Garcia. Discussion took place. 13 YES, 0 NO, 1 INELIGIBLE.**

**ITEM 18:** Rick Power moved to approve a Citizenship Workshop Budget not to exceed \$836.00 (See attachment.). Bobby Kumar seconded. Discussion took place. Assemblywoman Luz Rivas will provide the copy machines.

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, Gonzalez, Gregoryan, R Garcia, Kumar, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum,	NONE	NONE	Steve Garcia	Balbuena, Perez, Soto, Venegas

**ITEM 19:** Report by Committee Chairs: Wendy Thum, Beautification Chair, announced a meeting on January 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Mike O’Gara, Land Use, informed the Council of the construction of 56 units on an empty lot at Glenoaks. Cindy Sower, Emergency Prep. & Public Safety Chair, announced the installation of screws on the rear license plate for free at the Kohl’s parking lot.

**ITEM 20:** Mike O’Gara announce that the Sun Valley Area neighborhood Council needs Volunteers (Especially Bilingual Individuals) for several upcoming events a citizenship Workshop on March 21, and two events that will take place at several different dates which are: Tables setup at multiple different public events to get out the word and encourage ALL stakeholders to participate in the Census count, and several different dates to register stakeholder/citizens to register to vote in the Primary Election in March and the Federal Elections in November. Please see Mike O’Gara.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 21:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve MER for November 2019, **MOVED: Mike O’Gara, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rick Power**

<b>Yes - 13</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, Gonzalez, Gregoryan, R Garcia, Kumar, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum,	NONE	NONE	Steve Garcia	Balbuena, Perez, Soto, Venegas

**ITEM 22:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve MER for December 2019, **MOVED: Mike O’Gara, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro**

<b>Yes - 13</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, Gonzalez, Gregoryan, R Garcia, Kumar, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum,	NONE	NONE	Steve Garcia	Balbuena, Perez, Soto, Venegas

**ITEM 23:** No public comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda.

**ITEM 24:** Joel Gonzalez recommended a calendar of SVANC meetings and events be added to the SVANC website. Cindy Sower thanked President Mike O’Gara for running the meeting fast.

**ITEM 25:** No further comment from President. Mr. O’Gara

**ITEM 26:** Rick Power moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and Bob Kumar seconded. Motion adopted.

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