



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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 arrived at 6:37 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carbajal, Jackelyn	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Chávez, Norma O.	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Fierro, Martha 2nd VP	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Steven	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 excused	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
O’Gara, Barbara	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
O’Gara, Mike President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Perez, Carmen excused	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Power, Richard 1st VP	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Sower, Cindy Treasurer	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie 2nd Signatory excused	Community Interest Stakeholder	X		
TOTAL: 17	11 Present, 6 Absent, 1 Ineligible			

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 there were fliers with information on the voting center locations, and fliers for the citizenship workshop information session scheduled for February the 27th from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

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. No representatives were able to attend the meeting.

ITEM 3: Presentation Announcements from elected officials or their representatives. Lea Gonzalez from the office of Tony Cardenas, Karla Maqueda Rep. from CD6 Nury Martinez office, Jude Hernandez from the office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas,

ITEM 4: Jose Peña provided an update on the landscaping at Vulcan Materials. Mr. Peña stated that they are currently working on creating a more uniform landscape and on the setting up of an irrigation system. A landscape architect will be hired.

ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative Betty Wong. Cindy Sower will be calling a meeting soon to work on the Bylaws. An ethics training will be given in Spanish as a group. The ethics training due date is April the 25th. There will be a funding training in February 27 from 6 to 8 pm. Voting in Los Angeles has changed and now one is able to vote in any location. The Charter of Neighborhood Councils’ anniversary will be celebrated in June the 30th.

ITEM 6: D.O.N.E General Manager, Raquel Beltran introduced herself to the Council and the community. Ms. Beltran informed the Council that she has completed 75% of the listening tour of NCs. Ms. Beltran shared information on the goals of the D.O.N.E: strengthen direct support, improve the relationship with NCs, make themselves available on NC's advocacy, and be a resource from City Hall. DONE wants to provide trainings and support on governance, parliamentary procedures, outreach, etc. Ms. Beltran held a very thorough session of questions and answers with board members in which some of the topics discussed were the consistency from City Hall requirements for contracts and paperwork procedures, translation centralized in the department, trainings in Spanish, board member job descriptions, reducing the number of hours one must put in as a volunteer for paperwork and City Hall procedures, problems with Cornerstone, language consistency between Spanish and English for fliers created for workshops, and the autonomy of the Neighborhood Councils. Ms. Beltran took note of all the concerns addressed.

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. *Kevin Davis*, budget advocate, informed the Council that no money was being requested at this moment. *Michael R. Guzic* announced he is a 29th Congressional District political runner advocating for affordable housing, and climate change. *Bill Hallard* is on the ballot for CD6.

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 or contact Mike O'Gara at MikeOGARASVANC@aol.com.

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the **Minutes of the Board meeting from January 14, 2020. Moved: Richard Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro. Discussion took place. 11 YES, 0 NO.**

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Possible Action on a grant to Fernangeles Park & Recs. for Spring Festivities for children for an amount not to exceed \$200.00 (Saturday, April 11th). **Moved: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place.**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Balbuena, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, Kumar, Gonzalez, Garcia, Vahe, Perez

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Possible Action on a grant to Sun Valley Park & Recs. for Spring Festivities for children for an amount not to exceed \$200.00 (Date TBD). **Moved: Mike O'Gara, 2nd: Rick Power. Discussion took place.** Jason Sheperd declined the funding for the Spring Festivities on April 4th from 12:00-2:00 pm. **ITEM TABLED**

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve purchase of a replacement monitor for computer on the back desk which keeps blurring out to where one cannot distinguish words on the screen. Not to exceed \$175.00. **Moved: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place.**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Balbuena, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, Kumar, Gonzalez, Garcia, Vahe, Perez

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to buy an audio headset, with necessary adapters, to monitor the output of the audio mixer used to set microphone levels for our Board meetings. Not to exceed \$60.00. **Moved: Mike O'Gara, 2nd: Eddie Venegas. Discussion took place.** Eddie Venegas has an extra headset that he will be donating to SVANC. **ITEM TABLED**

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve paying a bill for AT&T Telephone Company that has gone to COLLECTION AGENCY from a dispute between AT&T and SVANC and Spectrum to get our phone number back after it was taken from us. Dispute date back to March 2019. Not to exceed \$235.44. **Moved: Mike O'Gara, 2nd: Rick Power. Discussion took place.** City Clerk is currently working on solving this issue. **ITEM TABLED**

ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion/Vote to support the Budget Advocates program. Not to exceed \$150.00. **Moved: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place.** No information provided to see how much budget. **ITEM TABLED**

ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote to co-sponsor the Valley Alliance Mixer for their anniversary. To be held at CBS Studio in March. Not to exceed \$250.00. **Moved: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Eddie Venegas. Discussion took place.** SVANC members were invited to participate in this annual celebration where elected officials are present and discussion is open

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Balbuena, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, Kumar, Gonzalez, Garcia, Vahe, Perez

ITEM 18: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve MER for January 2020, **MOVED: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place.**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Balbuena, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,,Power, Sower, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, Kumar, Gonzalez, Garcia, Vahe, Perez

ITEM 19: Report by Committee Chairs: Wendy Thum, Beautification Chair, announced a meeting on February 21, 2020 to discuss activities for Earth Day (time to be determined) 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 work in progress to get joint meetings with Outreach Committe.

ITEM 20: Rudy Melendez announced his candidacy to CD6.

ITEM 21: Board Members Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. There was none.

ITEM 22: Mike O’Gara announced 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.

ITEM 23: Rick Power moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm and Eddie Venegas seconded. Motion adopted.

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