



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
(DRAFT)

Meeting Location:
Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
 Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221

* 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	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Chávez, Norma O. Secretary	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Fierro, Martha 1st VP	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Steven	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Gonzalez, Joel	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Grigorian, Vahe	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
O’Gara, Barbara excused	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
O’Gara, Mike excused	At-Large Stakeholder Director		X	
Perez, Carmen excused	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Power, Richard 2nd VP	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica President	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie Treasurer	Community Interest Stakeholder	X		
TOTAL: 17	10 Present, 7 Absent, 0 Ineligible			

ITEM 1: Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by Norma Chavez. The Code of Civility was recited.

ITEM 2: The President’s Opening Remarks were as follows:

A. We have Openings For; (4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 terms end 2021 and 2 terms end 2023) There are also one year appointed positions for: 3 (2) seats available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2021) (1) seat available for Youth Representative Stakeholder, (age 14- 21, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2021) Qualifications for all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES, further information and Candidate Filing Form are available at: <https://www.svanc.com/boardcandidate-appointments/>

B. Just a reminder regarding our email addresses. To contact all board members use board@svanc.com. To contact the executive board only use info@svanc.com. When using either address, it needs to be placed on the Blind Copy line (**bcc**) as to not violate the Brown Act.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments no comment was made

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Jessica Orellana (Valley Field Deputy from the office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl)

- Food distribution on August 14th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at El Cariso Community Regional Park in Sylmar. Multiple families in one vehicle are welcomed
- Toll free line at 1 (888) 700-9995 to report to the County any workplace concerns/violations regarding COVID-19
- San Fernando Valley District Office phone number (818) 901-3831
- Visit lahop.org to make an outreach request of someone who is experiencing homelessness. Provide the location of the individual and a service outreach team will be dispatched.

B. Jude Hernandez (Field Deputy from the office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas)

- Call (818) 501-3911 if you need help with your unemployment application. You may also e-mail at jude.hernandez@sm.ca.gov
- To report illegal dumping go to Caltrans website to service request. This is very similar to the MyLA311 app.
- Focusing on assisting constituents with COVID issues
- Working on the homeless currently living in areas around the freeways

C. Vickere Murphy (State Senator Portantino) stated that their office continues providing assistance with EDD cases and invited the community to reach out to them for help.

D. Caroline Menjivar (Field Deputy from the office of Mayor Garcetti)

- The Census self-responses closes on September the 30th.
- A new Bridge Home opened in Van Nuys. There are two locations in Van Nuys and one in Sylmar. There will be one in Canoga opening soon.
- There is an open COVID-19 pop-up testing location in Van Nuys today and there will be one in San Fernando Recreational Park tomorrow from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. On the 25th and 26th there will be one on Pacoima San Fernando Gardens from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. No insurance is required, but if insured, then bring your card to bill them. All information is confidential.
- If you are interested in organizing a Census Phone Banking Party, the city provides all the materials including a phone script.

E. Kelly Gonez (LAUSD Board member for district 6) joined the meeting and was given the floor at 8:04 pm

- Back to school is on August the 18th. There will be distance learning only. Every student will have a laptop, a tablet and/or a hot spot. There will be virtual orientations.
- LAUSD has transitioned to community of schools. There are LAUSD 23 schools in Sun Valley and 9 belong to SVANC.

ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative Betty Wong.

- Suspension letters have been sent to members with an expired Code of Conduct. If not completed soon, they will be removed from the board.
- There are some members whose Funding training will be expiring on September the 30th. The training can be completed via Cornerstone or through the City Clerk website under Neighborhood Councils.
- An updated Contact List of all members is needed. The list must have the personal and public e-mail and phone number
- Mayor Garcetti will be visiting the VANC virtually on August 13 at 6:00 pm. All board members are invited to attend.
- During SVANC's virtual meetings board members must log on with their audio/video on to be considered present.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS Maria Leonido, Community Engagement Coordinator with Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County. NHS is available to assist homeowners with keeping their home during this time. We are providing counseling services, online workshops and more to help people get through this difficult time and protect their investments.

ITEM 7: Board Member Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each). There was no comment.

ITEM 8: Motion/Discussion/Vote to consider Valerie Gaitan-Real's application for a seat on the SVANC's board.

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 9, 3 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,

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ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 18, 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara, Perez,

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara, Perez,

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to incorporate the 2019-2020 rollover of the funding for \$10,000 to the 2020-2021 funds. **1st: Martha Fierro, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia.** Eddie Venegas, treasurer, reviewed the rollover funds.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara, Perez,

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to incorporate the encumbered funds for \$2,355.00 from the 2019-2020 budget to the 2020-2021 funds. **1st: Rosalio Garcia, 2nd: Martha Fierro.** Eddie Venegas, treasurer, reviewed the encumbered funds.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara, Perez,

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve payment to Barkley Communications for \$412.50 for the maintenance of the SVANC website and newsletter for May 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia.**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara, Perez,

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve e-mailing the previously approved fireworks letter sent to Mayor Garcetti to all the San Fernando Valley neighborhood councils' executive committees. It has been sent to the entire cc list on the letter plus the Neighborhood Councils of Sunland-Tujunga, Pacoima, Arleta, and Sylmar. Foothill Trails is working on their letter **1st: Norma Chavez, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia.**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Gonzalez, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal., Garcia S, Grigoryan, B O'Gara, M O'Gara, Perez,

ITEM 16: Discussion/Action Elections 2020-2021 Standing Committee Chairs. Monica Vacas opened the floor for nominations.

A. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Outreach/Community Affairs Committee**. Norma Chavez moved to nominate **Monica Vacas** and Wendy Thum seconded it. Monica Vacas accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 10 votes in favor, 0 against. The motion passed. (BAC was created)

B. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Finance and Budget Committee**. Norma Chavez moved to nominate **Eddie Venegas** and Monica Vacas seconded it. Eddie Venegas accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 10 votes in favor, 0 against. The motion passed. (BAC was created)

C. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM)**. Norma Chavez moved to nominate **Joel Gonzalez** and Monica Vacas seconded it. Joel Gonzalez accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 10 votes in favor, 0 against. The motion passed. (BAC was created)

D. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Beautification Committee**. Monica Vacas moved to nominate **Wendy Thum** and Bobby Kumar seconded it. Wendy Thum accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 10 votes in favor, 0 against. The motion passed. (BAC was created)

E. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee**. Serj Danielian moved to nominate **Martha Fierro** and Monica Vacas seconded it. Martha Fierro accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 10 votes in favor, 0 against. The motion passed. (BAC was created)

F. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **CHSRA High Speed Rail Committee**. Monica Vacas moved to table this item for next meeting. (BAC was created)

ITEM 17: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs: Outreach and Beautification Committees will be hosting a meeting on July 21, from 12 pm to 1 pm to bring ideas for possible projects. The board and the community were invited to attend and to bring ideas. Some ideas in mind are to paint murals on metal boxes around Sun Valley.

ITEM 18: Announcements from Board members

- Rosalio Garcia thanked Mike O'Gara for his hard work as SVANC President and wished him good health.
- Norma Chavez: made a correction to the agenda to change the last two items from 26 and 27 to 23 and 24, requested an update of the mailing list be made given that some members have not received some e-mails, and inquired about the status of SVANC's Facebook account and other social media to maintain the community informed.
- Susan Lustig informed the Council of current talks with Mike Sower to be able to get back the SVANC'S Facebook account, will update the e-mailing list and encouraged Board members to check the SPAM folder to make sure e-mails are not being sent there.
- Jackelyn Carbajal is in charge of social media, except for Facebook.
- Betty Wong reminded the Board to update the officer's list on SVANC's headings and to request a translator at least 72 hours prior to the meetings.

ITEM 19: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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