



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
(DRAFT)

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 excused	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Grigorian, Vahe	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Kumar, Bobby joined at 6:35 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
O’Gara, Barbara excused	Business Stakeholder Director		X	**
O’Gara, Mike excused	At-Large Stakeholder Director		X	
Perez, Carmen	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	12 Present, 5 Absent, 2 Ineligible			

ITEM 1: Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by Norma Chavez. The Code of Civility was recited.

ITEM 2: The SVANC President, Monica Vacas, thanked all board members for attending the meetings regularly and for staying until the end. Ms. Vacas encouraged all board members to be critical thinkers with respect to the LADWP methane gas leak issue to make informative decisions instead of based on emotions.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall informed that grand theft auto has increased to 56%. Sixteen vehicles were stolen within one week. A few of these cars were left with the keys on. Officer Wall extended an invitation to the community to participate in their monthly Community Coffee meetings. Starting November the 3rd, meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am via zoom.

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Lanee Basulto (NC Elections Administrator)

- Lanee Basulto is SVANC’s 2021 Elections Administrator. SVANC is considered Region 1. Elections will take place on Tuesday, April 20, 2021
- The Elections Handbook will be emailed again given that many members did not receive it.

B. Karla Maqueda (CD6, Council President Nury Martinez, (818) 771-0236)

- Starting October 15th, LA DOT will go back to regular routine of parking enforcement.
- There will be a Drive –Thru Food distribution on Thursday, October 15th at 11:00 am at Mid Valley YMCA located on 6901 Lennox Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91405
- There will be a Pop Up Covid testing from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Food 4 Less on 8035 Webb Avenue. It is free and no appointment is necessary.
- There will be a Diaper Distribution Drive Thru. Call the office of Nury Martinez to reserve.
- Fernangeles Park will get some improvements. There will be a community meeting to discuss details. Details to come.
- LADWP and the County are working on creating two miles worth of walking path, increasing their basins, and creating outdoor classrooms on Arleta Avenue and Sheldon Street.
- Fernangeles and Sun Valley Library have Ballot boxes

C. Tiffany Zeytounian (CD2, Paul Krekoryan, (818) 755-7676, tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org)

- LADOT will resume parking enforcement starting on October 15th.
- Paul Krekoryan is working on planting trees along Glenoaks and Lennox

D. Lanira Murphy (Budget Advocate, lanira.murphy@budgetadvocates.org)

- Ms. Murphy is the Budget Advocate for Region 1
- It is expected to have 228 million shortfall for next year
- The department has an updated website www.budgetadvocates.com. They will start holding town halls starting on Saturday, November 14th.
- The Police and Fire departments were supposed to get increases, but given the budget that might not happen.

ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative. Betty Wong:

- Outreach will be assisted from EmpowerLA. There will be a training on Social Media and Digital Outreach Webinar.
- There will be a training on outreach for the elections on October 22nd
- VANC will have a meeting about social media policy at 1:00 pm on October 19th
- Planning 101 – Mandatory training for PLUM members due December 16th. Take the Project Training on October 13th, 15th, or 17th.
- There is a new definition of Community Interest Stakeholder. There must be a physical address within SVANC boundaries.
- Make sure the ZOOM account is set up so that the passcode/password and waiting room settings are turned off.
- Aging Webinar on October 29th at 7:00 pm to provide programs and information to the senior citizens. For information, email darnell@lacity.org
- Funding training has expired for Barbara O’Gara and Carmen Perez.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS There was no comment.

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: Arthur Ambarachyan was not present to address the SVANC regarding his request of a letter of support for his application to sell beer/wine at his business located on 8501 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley.

AMMENDMENT TO ITEM 9: Eddie Venegas moved to make an amendment to item 9 to read Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve writing a letter for Arthur Ambarachyan of no support to his application to sell beer/wine at his business located on 8501 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley. Rick Power seconded the motion.

Yes - 11	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	S Garcia	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve writing a letter for Arthur Ambarachyan of no support to his application to sell beer/wine at his business located on 8501 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 11	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	S Garcia	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O’Gara,

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ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the 2021 Elections Information Worksheet to provide the office of the City Clerk with SVANC's preferred mail ballot drop box hours and location, translation preferences, and election chair for the 2021 Neighborhood Council elections. Norma Chávez, the elections ad hoc committee Chair, read the information from the Elections Information Worksheet. The hours of operations will be 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The locations selected were SVANC's office at 8720 Sunland Blvd, Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies at 9171 Telfair Ave. and the Fernangeles Recreational Center at 8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd.

1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro

Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,

ITEM 11: Presentation from Mac Podenski, CD6 Director of Planning and Transportation, on the methane leak from the LADWP Valley Generating Station located on 11801 Sheldon Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352. Marty Adams informed that the leak is to be completely fixed by November. Council President Nury Martinez motioned for communities fund set up to go to residents within a radius of three miles from the Valley Generating Station, air conditioners and air purifiers to be provided to schools and residences within one mile, a culture change from LADWP with regards to environmental justice, decommission the plant. For more information, call Max Podenski at (213) 473-7006 or email at max.podenski@lacity.org.

ITEM 12: Presentation from Pacoima Beautiful representative Andres Ramirez on the methane leak from the LADWP Valley Generating Station located on 11801 Sheldon Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352. Pacoima Beautiful will host a community town hall on October 21st at 6:00 pm with LADWP representative Martin Adams, Congressman Tony Cardenas and Council President Nury Martinez. Pacoima Beautiful encouraged SVANC to get involved with the rally taking place on October 30th at the LADWP gate on Sheldon Street. Air Quality Management District is doing an analysis and when this is concluded they will host a town hall.

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Possible Action to create an ad hoc committee to further the study on The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power gas leak based on results from the presentations from ITEM 11 and ITEM 12. Wendy Thum will be the committee chair and Eddie Venegas member. **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rick Power**

Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,

Norma O. Chávez moved to extend the meeting fifteen minutes to allow approval of financial items and Martha Fierro seconded the motion.

Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Eddie Venegas**

Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for August 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara,

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for September 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve reimbursement to Eddie Venegas for the payment he made to Spectrum for \$136.26 for the month of September 2020. **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rick Power**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve reimbursement to Mike O'Gara for payment to Constant Contact for \$38.25 for the month of June 2020 for the fiscal year budget 2019-2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Eddie Venegas**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve reimbursement to Mike O'Gara for payment to Constant Contact for \$135.00 for the months of August, September and October 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Kumar, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 20: Discussion / Possible action to ask board members to have one volunteer respond to e-mails and follow up on them. This item was TABLED. **1st: Martha Fierro, 2nd: Rick Power**

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

ITEM 21: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently open are:

(4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 terms end 2021 and 2 terms end 2023)

There are also one year appointed positions for:

(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/board-candidate-appointments>

ITEM 22: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:

Finance – Eddie Venegas shared information on the MER.

LANCC – Serj Danielian informed the Council that due to crowdedness, hospitals are camping people on the streets

ITEM 23: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, 2 minutes each). There was no comment.

ITEM 24: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. There was no comment.

ITEM 25: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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