



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
(DRAFT)

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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		exc	
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	resigned	x	
Grigorian, Vahe	Business Stakeholder Director		x	
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director		x	
O’Gara, Barbara	Business Stakeholder Director		exc	**
O’Gara, Mike	At-Large Stakeholder Director		exc	
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	10 Present, 7 Absent, 2 Ineligible			

ITEM 1: Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:33 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, shared her enthusiasm for the elections’ results.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments Senior Lead Officer Esther Vazquez informed that grand theft auto continues to be the same. She recommended the public do not leave the keys in the car and to make sure the cars get locked. Seventy-one more vehicles were stolen compared to last year. There will be turkey giveaways before Thanksgiving to families of specific schools. An invitation was extended to the public to attend Coffee with the Cops on December the first at 8:00 am.

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

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

- Thanked Monica Vacas for her participation in the meeting with Paul Krekoryan
- LADWP Cares is offering \$500.00 grants for low income Angelenos. Applications are available at the LADWP website through Nov. 15th

B. Brenda Yanez (field deputy from Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, Brenda.Yanez@asm.ca.gov, (818) 504-3911)

- Luz Rivas will be joining Mayor Garcetti, Monica Rodriguez, and Tony Cardenas in a Veterans Day event and will have giveaways for veterans who RSVP for the 11:00 am ceremony

- Ms. Rivas will be joining the Pacoima Neighborhood Council for a Thanksgiving Food Distribution on Friday, November 20th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at 10641 N. San Fernando Rd. Pacoima, CA 91331, drive thru and walk up
- There will be a 2020 Virtual Insurance Diversity Summit on Nov. 12 -13 presented by Ricardo Lara
- CVS will be providing free Covid testing and free flu shots

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

- Planning and Land Use Committee will need to be ratified in January and the current members reconfirmed
- There is a new ordinance for voting stakeholders
- Agendize to ratify the new Bylaws in January
- Recommended turning off the passcode, waiting room, and the passwords features of the SVANC Zoom settings
- A social media policy is being drafted
- Elections for SVANC will be held on April 20, 2021
- For any NC events make sure to maintain social distancing and to submit the event form with a 30 day notice
- Funding training on Nov. 12th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm; Nov. 18th, 9:00 am to 11:30 am, Nov. 20th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Betty Wong announced her retirement after twenty years of working for the City.
- Recommended Carmen Perez take the live funding training and to request an interpreter

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: Presentation on the Water Talks Project from Tree People by Jaime Del Río

ITEM 9: Presentation on the Heightening Opportunities through People’s Empowerment (H.O.P.E.) Urban Farm Project by German Gurrola from Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (V.O.C.E.S.)

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the letter written by the Ad Hoc LADWP Methane-Leak Committee to be sent from the SVANC Board addressing the methane leak at the Valley Generating Station. This letter is in draft format, and may include revisions, corrections and additional recipients as suggested during the discussion. **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Wendy Thum**

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

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve Treasurer Eddie Venegas to be the 1st card holder for SVANC replacing Monica Vacas, President. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro.** Discussion took place. Eddie Venegas is the 1st card holder and Monica Vacas is the 2nd card holder.

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

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Norma O. Chávez to the 2020-2021 Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) and to be its chairperson. **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rosalío García**

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

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint a member of the Planning and Land Use Committee to be the representative to the Plan CheckNC. **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rick Power.** Discussion took place. **Bobby Kumar** was appointed to be the representative.

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

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint a representative to the Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB). **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place. Martha Fierro will be the representative and Monica Vacas the alternate.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Carbajal, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, Kumar, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to remove Board members Jesie Balbuena and Vahe Grigoryan from their seats since they have not complied with SVANC's Bylaws and Standing Rules. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Carbajal, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, Kumar, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve vacationing the SVANC's December Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings to give board members family time between Thanksgiving and New Year's. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Eddie Venegas**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Carbajal, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, Kumar, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 13, 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Carbajal, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, Kumar, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for October 2020. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 07
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carmen Perez	Balbuena, Carbajal, Grigoryan, Gonzalez, Kumar, B O'Gara, M O'Gara

ITEM 19: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:

- Finance: Eddie Venegas will investigate if the encumbrance money from the citizenship workshop can be rolled over to a different project.
- Beautification: No projects are being prepared due to Covid 19 regulations. There are talks about preparing a letter to the public for clean up while staying apart. Schools are doing gardens.
- Planning and Land Use: Mike O'Gara will assist with mail as needed
- Budget Advocate representative: Wendy Thum advised of the City's 700 million deficit. There will be budget cuts.

It was highly recommended that all members attending the different City meetings inform the rest of the Board when they will not be able to attend so that other members can attend so that SVANC is always represented.

ITEM 20: A few seats opened up and the current Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board list is as follows:

- (4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 terms end 2021 and 2 terms end 2023)
- (2) seats available for Resident Stakeholder (1 term ends 2021 and 1 term ends 2023)
- (1) seat available for Business Stakeholder (terms ends in 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 14-17, 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 21: 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 22: 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 23: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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