



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**  
**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
Carbajal, Jackelyn joined at 7:33 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Chávez, Norma O. <b>Secretary</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Fierro, Martha <b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director		exc	
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Steven joined at 7:33 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director		x	
O’Gara, Barbara	Business Stakeholder Director		x	**
O’Gara, Mike	At-Large Stakeholder Director		exc	
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director	x		**
Power, Richard <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Vacas, Monica <b>President</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Venegas, Eddie <b>Treasurer</b>	Community Interest Stakeholder	x		
<b>TOTAL: 14</b>	<b>10 Present, 4 Absent, 1 Ineligible</b>			

**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:** President, Monica Vacas, welcomed all attendees and informed them of her desire to bring more awards to the SVANC collection for its active participation with the community and to bring new members to the Board.

**ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments** No representatives were able to attend the meeting

**ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives**

**A. Tiffany Zeytounian (CD2, Council member Paul Krekoryan)**

- Introduced new staff member Cairo Rodriguez. He will be in charge of scheduling and coordinating CARE clean ups for homeless encampments. He will be assigned to San Fernando Road from CD2
- Cairo Rodriguez, (818) 210-1411, cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org

**B. Caroline Menjivar (field deputy from Mayor Garcetti)**

- Toys donations during the holidays were made to Behtel Christian Church and the Fernangeles Elementary PTA
- No threats have been made
- We are working on bringing a Mobile Covid Testing at VOCES and to Alliance MIT, additional resources such as diapers, food, etc
- Mobile testing on PAC Inspire, 1200 Van Nuys Blvd. 9 to 3 pm no appointment necessary, oral swab, do it yourself.
- Tomorrow is the last day to apply for the CA relief grant for businesses

- New grant just opened for nonprofit organizations and it closes on Sunday, \$5000 - \$25000. Winners will be notified on February 21<sup>st</sup>

**C. Karla Maqueda (CD6, field deputy from Council President Nury Martinez)**

- A motion has been made to extend the Emergency Renters Relief program. Additional units \$1000 to \$2000 towards rent given to the tenants
- Vaccination to the healthcare workers, LA public county website
- There will be a new case worker in the office soon
- Planning a diaper drive by distribution
- Closing office on January 20<sup>th</sup> due to threats

**D. Brenda Yanez (from the office of Luz Rivas, (818) 504-3911, Brenda.yanez@asm.ca.gov)**

- Application for small businesses opened Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup> and is closing Wednesday, January the 13<sup>th</sup>, grants up to \$25000
- Assemblywoman Luz Rivas in partnership with the Personal Assistance Services Council will be hosting a PPE Curbside Pick-up for IHSS providers and customers, Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 9am to 12pm at District Office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, 9300 Lauerl Canyon Blvd. Arleta, CA 91331

**E. Vickere Murphy (from the office of Senator Portantino)**

- Tomorrow midnight is the deadline for small businesses and nonprofit organizations to apply for a grant.
- Bill for drought protection, clean water has been reintroduced this year
- EDD continues to be a steady activity
- Congress just passed a stimulus
- 700000 claimed they were slotted to the side. Thousands of fraudulent applications provide identity problems.
- If you need help with EDD go to the website

**ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative.** Betty Wong was unable to attend the meeting.

**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). The Chair of the Elections Ad Hoc Committee shared important information. The last day to fill out the candidacy application is February the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first day to request a Vote By Mail Ballot is February the 19<sup>th</sup> and the closing date is April the 13<sup>th</sup>. Elections Day is Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The following board members’ term ends in 2021; Martha Fierro (R), Rosalío García (R), Vacant (R), Steven Garcia (B), Carmen Perez (B), Richard Power (B), and Eddie Venegas (C)

**ITEM 8: 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)
- (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 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve payment of the SVANC domain name for an amount not to exceed \$70.00 to cover five years. 1<sup>st</sup>: **Rick Power**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Rosalío García**. Discussion took place. The payment will be made with the SVANC credit card.

<b>Yes - 9</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, S Garcia, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Perez	Fierro, Kumar, B

				O'Gara, M. O'Gara
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**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to adopt the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Bylaws and Standing Rules as presented by EmpowerLA **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to hold a Forum on the LADWP Methane-Leak and Clean Energy for the Valley as a Zoom Webinar on Saturday, **EXACT DATE TBD**, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Pacific Time. **1<sup>st</sup>: Monica Vacas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío Garcia**. Discussion took place.

**Wendy Thum motioned** to make an amendment to Motion / Discussion / Vote to hold a Forum on the LADWP Methane-Leak and Clean Energy for the Valley as a Zoom Webinar on Friday, March 5, 2021, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Pacific Time. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Rick Power**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 11A: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to hold a Forum on the LADWP Methane-Leak and Clean Energy for the Valley as a Zoom Webinar on Friday, March 5, 2021, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Pacific Time. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas**.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to ratify the Planning and Land Use Committee and reconfirm its current members. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío Garcia, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eddie Venegas**. Discussion took place. The PLUM committee was ratified and the confirmed members are as follows: Norma O. Chávez as Chair, Rick Power as member, and Mike O'Gara as member.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve appointment of Emilie A. Hill to a Resident Stakeholder seat. Ms. Hill will read her statement as to why she wishes to join the Board of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and the board will vote on her candidacy. If appointed, she will take her seat immediately. Emilie was not present. The motion was tabled.

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Covid-19 flyer design that was created with the board's approval at the Special Board Meeting on Dec. 10, 2020. (The Spanish language flyer will be created after the board's approval of the English version.) **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jacky Carbajal**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 10, 2020 **1<sup>st</sup>: Eddie Venegas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío Garcia**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 10, 2020 **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío Garcia**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the MER for November 2020. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas**. Discussion took place.

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Perez	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the MER for December 2020. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalio Garcia, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rick Power.** Discussion took place.

<b>Yes - 9</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, S Garcia, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Perez	Fierro, Kumar, B O'Gara, M. O'Gara

**ITEM 19: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:**

Finance: The lease needs to be discussed. A meeting is in the works for February to start discussing the 2021-2022 Budget.

Outreach: The Covid 19 Awareness Campaign flyer has been created. Two copies will be placed at the office's window. Outreach for the elections campaign is being worked on.

LANCC: A motion to turn the area of the Valley Generating Station into Public zone, such as a park, was tabled.

High Speed Rail Committee – has been delayed 3-4 years. It will be built over Sun Valley, not under. There will be a meeting in March for public comment

**ITEM 20: 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).

**ITEM 21: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board's subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. Monica Vacas commented on the frequency on car chases and this being a possible topic for SVANC to discuss further.

**ITEM 22: Adjournment: 1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas.** Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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