



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**  
**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
Carbajal, Jackelyn	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	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Steven	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
O’Gara, Barbara	Business Stakeholder Director		X	**
O’Gara, Mike	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Power, Richard <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy joined at 6:45 pm	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 6:35 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 congratulated all those candidates running in the 2021 elections. She shared the feelings of frustration from board members for not being able to be active and physically involved with the community. She stated that she is looking forward to a more active year.

**ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments**

**A. Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall** extended an invitation to Sun Valley LAPD Coffee Time on March the third at 8:00 am

**B. Officer Erick Perez**

- He introduced himself as the new Sun Valley SLO replacing retired Officer Esther Vazquez
- There were no homicide reported. There has been 60% reduction on robbery. There has been a rise on aggravated assault. There was a drop on property theft.
- Will ask for more funds to offer more patrolling during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to minimize the problem of fireworks
- Volunteers are needed for answering the phones, for patrolling surveillance, respond to non-emergency calls
- There is an average of 6.6 minutes response for Code 3 for Foothill
- There is an average of 45 for non-emergency calls

**C. Sargent Ojeda (Foothill office, community relations)**

- Senior Lead Officers are the ones who deal with the ongoing issues. An Advice Unit goes over to the location to investigate.

- Fireworks continue to be a problem. Many calls are made to complain about them during 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Legislation needs to change.
- Response time is a matter of funding. It is not used as an excuse. If you feel that an incident will turn to an emergency then do call 911 which could be prevent that emergency.

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

**A. Esme Marcial (representative from LAUSD Board Member for Kelly Gonez)**

- In person hybrid learning – no reopening of schools to continue the safety of the students and staff
- Rapid distribution of vaccines for school staff would help reopening of schools
- LAUSD is asking for more resources
- The Grab and Go centers program has distributed meals, diapers, safety kits, and other items of basic necessity

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

- There are extra vaccinations for people 65+ make an appointment with her
- There are food boxes available for those affected by Covid
- 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

**C. 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.rodriquez@lacity.org](mailto:cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org)

**D. Brenda Yanez (from the office of Luz Rivas, (818) 504-3911, [Brenda.yanez@asm.ca.gov](mailto: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 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Arleta, CA 91331

**E. Lea Gonzalez (field deputy from Tony Cardenas)**

- Toys donations during the holidays were made to Bethel 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
- AD39 more clean ups

**ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative.**

- Vanessa Serrano introduced herself as the new EmpowerLA neighborhood council advocate.
- She shared her appreciation for the opening of the SVANC meeting by addressing the public comment procedures and the reciting of the Code of Civility.
- Her cell phone number is (818) 374-9889
- She will email the Board to establish communication
- A list of coming trainings will be shared during next meeting

**ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**A.** Richard Hopp informed the SVANC that several hyperlinks from the SVANC website are malfunctioning. He stated that he had sent two emails to the entire board on January 13, 2021 and on February 9, 2021 to inform them of the issues and had not received a response.

**B.** Susan Lustig, the SVANC webmaster, would like to know what the hyperlinks were so that she could work on fixing them

Also, she asked Vanessa Serrano if SVANC would be holding elections since we did not have enough candidates. Ms. Serrano responded that City Clerk will probably just do an affirmation since there has been no contestants.

**C.** Cheyanne Sauter runs a small arts organization from Downtown LA. She is working with Meta Housing Corporation to create a mural on the housing project called Arminta Square Apartments located at 11050 Arminta Street in Sun Valley. She extended an invitation to a public meeting via Zoom on February 26, 2021 at 5:00 pm. She requested a copy of the minutes of tonight’s meeting to share with the Department of Cultural Affairs as part of the application process.

**D.** Jaime del Rio, representing the TreePeople, extended an invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Water Talks project next Thursday at 6:00 pm. There will be a questions and answers session.

**E.** Jennifer Miller, the principal at Fenton Charter Academy, informed the Board of a project on a building located on Penrose and Sunland. This building became vacant. Fenton’s board has voted to take over the lot. The project is to build nine classrooms. The project will be completed in July 2021. The Planning Department might contact SVANC about this project.

**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 were no comments.

**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 an amount not to exceed \$200 for flyers for the NC Election. **1<sup>st</sup>: Mike O’Gara, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place.

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

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** for Board Member Mike O’Gara to be issued an office key. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro**

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

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion** regarding the SVANC Virtual Forum on Clean Energy for the San Fernando Valley. This is to be held on March 5th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. ZOOM ID: 987 6658 0221. Wendy Thum informed all attendees that the purpose of this forum is not to look for someone to blame, but instead to move in a positive direction. LADWP has been very cooperative. There will be a tribute to the women we lost last year who were instrumental in Sun Valley. Ms. Thum will send an e-packet a week before the meeting for Board members to be informed and become familiar with the presenters. **1<sup>st</sup>: Monica Vacas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalio Garcia**

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

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to assist LAPD in their Civilian volunteer recruitment by adding a post on the SVANC website with the pertinent information such as requirements and application. Susan Lustig has offered to add this item to the website free of charge. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro**

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

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 12, 2021 **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro**

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

**ITEM 14: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:**

Finance: The January MER became available yesterday so it was not agendized. The fiscal budget needs to get started. A meeting is in the works to start discussing the lease. Constant Contact is paid for until April 2021.

Beautification: Wendy Thum would like to send small delegations for community clean ups but fears the health risks might not be a good idea.

Planning and Land Use: Working on setting up the first meeting since the Stay at Home Orders were issued

LANCC: Serj Danielian reported that the LADWP methane gas leak was discussed. There will be a policy drafted on what NCs post on social media

VANC: Adele Hakell has been able to save the city \$335, 000, 000 in liability by providing street services repairs.

Elections Ad Hoc Committee: Almost all candidates for the 2021 NC elections have been certified. There is only one new candidate and the rest are current board members.

**ITEM 15: 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 16: 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 17: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Norma O. Chávez.** Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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