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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 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	joined at 6:42 pm 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	
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 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: 14	11 Present, 3 Absent, 1 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: President, Monica Vacas, welcomed all attendees and thanked The Methane Gas Leak Ad Hoc Committee members for their work to prepare the Clean Energy Forum held on March the 5th. Ms. Vacas congratulated Ms. Thum for facilitating the Forum and bringing such important panelists. Ms. Vacas thanked Susan Lusting for her assistance preparing the agenda, flyer, biographies and assembling the e-packet. Ms. Vacas gave special thanks to council member Paul Krekorian for making the time to participate in the Forum and discussing the LA 100% Renewable Energy study.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments

A. Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall

- Reported that there had been three shootings in February, no homicides, no shootings over the weekend.
- Auto theft continues to be a problem. Two Hondas and two Chevy Silverado were stolen.
- Officer Wall encouraged the use of the Club to secure vehicles as they do make a difference
- The LAPD is prepared with more officers as we approach the George Floyd trial

B. Officer Erick Perez

- Down 70% on robberies
- Up on aggravated assaults, not random attacks, domestic violence
- There was a fatal accident on Laurel Canyon and Roscoe Blvd. due to a pedestrian not using the crosswalks to cross the street. There was no alcohol involved nor speeding.

- They might resolve to have decoy officers at that cross street to make sure pedestrians use the crosswalks.

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Caroline Menjivar (representative from Mayor Garcetti)

- Introduced Emma Clegg as the Youth representative from Mayor Garcetti's office. She provided the updates.
- LA ADU Accelerator Program pairs older adults with home owners who are interested in renting their ADUs to older adults as affordable rentals. Applications are available now.

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

- Call the office of Nury Martinez to make an appointment for Covid 19 vaccinations. Starting March 1st the following are eligible to obtain the vaccine: health, education, food industry, and emergency workers
- Drive through food distribution on March the 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Regency Theater at The Plant
- Covid testing centers are open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from Thursday through Saturdays
- Street sweeping schedule

C. Tiffany Zeytounian (CD2, Council member Paul Krekorian)

- Thanked SVANC for the invitation to councilmember Paul Krekorian and staff to the Clean Energy Forum
- They continue to conduct spot cleaning and unattended objects pick up at San Fernando Road, Clybourn, Arminta, and Lennox. There has been a significant improvement in the area.
- They have partnered with other groups for tree planting.
- Visit LA-Hop-LAHSA to request services for the unsheltered

ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative Vanessa Serrano

- Encouraged SVANC to share photos of work done during the pandemic, video recording
- City Clerk will be offering the following trainings: Financial Officer Funding Training on March the 23rd at 6:00 pm, Neighborhood Councils Events training on March the 18th at 6:00 pm
- Letters sent from SVANC must be approved by the Board of Directors if it is an official statement from SVANC and it must contain the SVANC letterhead
- Will provide Community Impact Statement (CIS) templates

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Rudy Melendez stated that Sun Valley should be receiving double funding given that there are two council members. Sun Valley homeless need trash pickup services regularly without having residents making the calls.

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).

A. Norma O. Chávez, Elections Ad Hoc Committee chairperson, informed that SVANC had not received enough candidates to trigger elections and that all 2021 NC candidates will get affirmed by the Board once the entire group of candidates became certified. The committee is currently communicating with City Clerk to get details of the final list of certified candidates. There is only one new candidate. The rest are current board members.

B. Wendy Thum thanked Serj Danielian for helping with the technical side of the Clean Energy Forum as the forum was taking place.

C. Jacky Carbajal recommended SVANC held an event of Autism Awareness during April

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 sending a letter to Kerry Willoughby to obtain details on the project proposing an antenna collocation at 8440 Laurel Canyon to a replacement wood pole. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Mike O’Gara.** Discussion took place. According to item 8 of the SVANC Standing Rules, members are permitted to do advance research and make exploratory phone calls or correspondence without the express permission of the Board so long as they do not commit the Council to action.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, M O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia , Kumar, B O’Gara,

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve writing a letter to Mayor Garcetti regarding the position of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council for Assembly Bill 306 (O’Donnell) Employee Housing which seeks to eliminate the Division of State Architect’s review and approval of school employee residential housing projects. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Martha Fierro.** Discussion took place. The SVANC Board of Directors opposes to building housing for LAUSD employees in property of LAUSD that was meant for the education of children.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, M O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia , Kumar, B O’Gara,

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to choose to follow the 2019 NC Board Seating Policy or the 2021 Seating Policy (to be presented during this meeting) to seat the new Board.. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place. The 2019 policy will have the candidates seat during the first meeting of the regular board after receiving the list of certified candidates. The 2021 policy would have the candidates seat in July 1st. During rollcall vote, board members will state the year of the policy they choose. The Board unanimously voted to use the 2019 policy.

Yes – 11	2019 NC Board Seating Policy	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, M O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas		NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia , Kumar, B O’Gara,

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve payment for \$480.00 to Barkley Communications for the preparation of the agenda, biographies & special thanks, and assembling the e-packet for the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Clean Energy Forum. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia.** Discussion took place. Moving forward NO invoices will be paid if they are not previously approved by the Board of Directions and there is a BAC to support the expense. Whenever anyone offers to help the SVANC, they should clarify if the service is done free of charge or if SVANC ;will be billed for the service rendered.

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia , Kumar, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2021 **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia , Kumar, B O’Gara, M O’Gara,

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for January 2021 **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: 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, M O’Gara,

ITEM 15: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:

Finance – Eddie Venegas, chairperson, currently planning a Budget and Finance committee meeting

Beautification: Wendy Thum will be scheduling a meeting soon to begin planning cleanups. She would also like to bring an inventor for a forum on rain water capture. She would also like to bring other panelists to talk to Sun Valley about the environment.

Planning and Land Use: Norma O. Chávez informed the Council that the committee has agreed to hold a monthly meeting during the fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. They are currently reviewing: a mural project on Arminta St., a cannabis storefront, and the two housing projects on Vineland and Strathern.

LANCC: Serj Danielian reported that Los Angeles is experiencing one of the largest housing shortages.

ITEM 16: 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 17: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. A short video was shown in memory of Cindy Sower and Susan Barlett.

ITEM 18: Adjournment: 1st: Martha Fierro, 2nd: Rosalío García. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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