



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, April 13, 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	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Chávez, Norma O. Secretary	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Fierro, Martha 1st VP left at 7:16 pm	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	10 Present, 4 Absent, 1 Ineligible			
New Board Members				
Emilie M. Hill	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		**
TOTAL: 15	11 Present, 4 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 will be recited after the new board is installed and vacancies get filled.

ITEM 2: President, Monica Vacas, welcomed all attendees. She thanked all returning Board members for staying at SVANC.

ITEM 3: SVANC President, Monica Vacas, welcomed the returning Board members and the newly elected member. Ms. Vacas roll called the members and asked if they accepted the positions for which they were elected: Richard “Rick” Power – yes, Rosalío García – yes, Eddie Venegas – yes, Steven Garcia – absent, Emilie M. Hill – yes.

ITEM 4: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve voting for candidate Carmen Perez to fill an At-Large Stakeholder opening by Board appointment. The candidate will be seated upon approval. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas** Ms. Perez gave a short speech in which she stated how much she loved serving the community of Sun Valley. The motion passed.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 01	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 5: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve voting for candidate Martha Fierro to fill a Residential Stakeholder opening by Board appointment. The candidate will be seated upon approval. **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Mike O’Gara** The motion passed.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 01	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Fierro	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Kumar, B O'Gara

The returning members, the newly elected member, and the appointed members recited the Code of Civility as the Oath of Office joined by the rest of the Board.

ITEM 6: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Mike O'Gara to the position of first vice-president of the SVANC executive committee for the remainder of the term until elections of the new officers takes place in July. **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O'Gara

ITEM 7: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments

A. Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall

- Welcomed the new board members
- We are down in grand theft autos in comparison to last year. Foothill Division went from 255 to 239. There were 10 GTA last week: 6 vehicles were stolen in Pacoima, 3 vehicles were taken from North Hollywood and Sun Valley, and 1 vehicle was stolen in Tujunga. GTA decreased 6.3 %.
- Foothill Division leads in stolen car apprehensions in the entire city.
- Burglary from theft of motor vehicles we are -44 from last year. We went from 292 to 248, so there is 15.1 decrease.
- 12 catalytic converters taken in the last month the area of Foothill Division
- Shooting at 12100 Sheldon and Telfair, child wounded but in good condition. SLO Wall asked for help from the community and contact the detectives to provide information.

B. Officer Eric Perez

- Replacing officer Esther Vazquez
- Down in all categories
- 57% down in robberies
- Aggravated assault remains the same
- Burglaries down 85%

C. Sargent Jessie Ojeda

- Welcomed and congratulated all new Board members
- Foothill Division is monitoring the Chauvin trial. They are starting to talk about mobil field tactics and mobilization in case the verdict is red and there is social unrest. They are prepared to respond anywhere in the City.
- Got together with the Peoria Neighborhood Watch to discuss people doing doughnuts in parking lots
- Getting intel on some of the illegal cannabis dispensaries in Sun Valley.
- Update on narcotics on locations to be used as cannabis storefront Will connect us with the narcotics detectives to obtain reports of locations from cannabis storefront applicants

ITEM 8: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

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

- This week, we will be offering Covid-19 vaccinations in Panorama City and in Arleta next week. We will be giving vaccinations for all those 50 years old and older and their household if they are able to come together
- Homelessness policy will be going through City Council in the coming weeks and public comment will be needed. I will be letting people know when it is needed
- Round #2 of the HCID renters relief program application closes on April the 30th.

B. Tiffany Zeytounian (CD2, field deputy from Council member Paul Krekorian, (818) 755-7676, tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org)

- Introduced Tina Terakopyan, an intern for the spring semester and will be giving the updates.
- April 12, LAUSD opened 61 schools. The rest of the elementary schools will be opening on April 19. Middle schools and high schools will open on April 26.
- Vaccine eligibility has been expanded. Visit coronavirus.lacity.org/vaxappointment to make an appointment.

- The City is also holding in home vaccinations. To be eligible, you need to be 18 years or older, you must be dependent on life saving equipment, bed ridden, wheelchair bound or disabled, and residents who are unable to utilize the regular drive up/ walk up to vaccine sites. Reach out to their office
- On April 26, the Alexandria Tiny Homes Park will officially open its doors. They will start accepting unhoused members of the community. This is the second tiny home location opening within CD2. Visit Council member Paul Krekoryan's website for more details
- CD2 office, LA Sanitation, LA Conservation Corp will be holding a tree planting event on April 22. LA Sanitation has found sixty-seven new street tree spots on Tujunga, North of Sherman Way, and on Backman, one block east of Tujunga. The community is encouraged to share any input.

C. *Lea Gonzalez (from the office of Congressman Tony Cardenas, (818)221-3718)*

- IRS taxes due date has been extended to May the 17th
- FEMA is providing funeral services for those who lost a loved one due to the pandemic starting on June of 2020, no requirements, legal status is not a requirement, call the FEMA phone number (844) 684-6333, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Eastern time.

D. *Caroline Menjivar (representative from Mayor Garcetti)*

- East Valley is still ranking in the top 10 with Covid-19 related cases and Sun Valley jumped 9% of cases since last week. Please continue to wear your masks and get the vaccine
- LA County is providing a service for homebound seniors. If they need the vaccine, they can call (833) 540-0473 for more information.
- The City stopped the Johnson & Johnson vaccines just like the County. Waiting for more information from the medical team to guide us in the right direction.
- Next Thursday Mayor Garcetti will be giving his State of the City at 5:15 pm. Turn on Facebook live.
- Green New Deal is a tool kit for Neighborhood Councils to implement some green initiatives. SVANC did do that with the Clean Energy Forum. Talk to Caroline to see if we can do a presentation and share more information on the Green New Deal.

E. *Art Garcia (representative from Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, (818) 504-3911, art.garcia)*

- Shared about his background. He was born in Pacifica Hospital. He attended the magnet program at Poly High.
- Offered assistance with EDD and DMV issues
- They are available by phone, email, and now holding virtual office hours on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of the month. The website is a39.asmdc.org.
- Legislative updates: in response give the state more oversight

F. *Jessica Orellana (office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, (818) 901-3831)*

- There will be a new pop up site for vaccines on April 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Doing office hours, call the office number (818) 901-3831
- Invited all stakeholder to call the office for questions related to the County

G. *LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez*

- Shout out to SVANC secretary Norma O. Chávez for attending LDNE B6 Listening Sessions
- Some schools went back to school today. Next week, the elementary schools and early educations will go back to school and the high schools and middle schools will go back on April 26
- School protocols are set in place
- There are eight Covid testing sites and they are open seven days a week. The school locations will remain the same. I am advocating to open more sites.
- I am committing to achieving early care and early education programs, and Covid relief funds access to all students

ITEM 9: *Comments from the EmpowerLA representative Vanessa Serrano*

- Recommended Board members bookmark the City Clerk website for easy access to funding information
- Training workshops are announced in the City Clerk website
- The window for making amendments to the Bylaws will open soon so have the Bylaws committee review them
- Standing Rules may be amended as needed

- We need to update the Board members' information

ITEM 10: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Rudy Melendez would like to recommend Vanessa Serrano shared the EmpowerLA updates at a time separate from this meeting so that the attendees do not lose interest in the content of the meeting. He informed the Council of the California School Chore Foundation

Shen Sim Lim was representing a volunteer organization. She asked that SVANC write a CIS in support of Cal Care proposed by Luz Rivas, author. Case file 21-002-s32. The Silver Lake NC and Eagle Rock NC have already shown support and encourages SVANC to do the same.

Susan Lustig recommended the Board's support for Wendy Thum to chair an Ad Hoc Committee to report on the TCC Grant (Transformative Climate Communities) activities with Pacoima Beautiful and the Green Together Collaborative, and to approve her as the SVANC representative on their Leadership Council.

ITEM 11: 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).

Mike O'Gara recommended adding to the next month's agenda an item to write a letter to Mayor Garcetti and all City officials to add more patrols during the 4th of July weekend to minimize the use of fireworks and to ask for a change in legislation.

ITEM 12: 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 13: Presentation of the Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park haul routes by LA County Department of Public Works.

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park haul routes as presented by LA County Department of Public Works. **1st: Norma O. Chávez; 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O'Gara

ITEM 15: There was no presentation from Raza Lawrence from the Cannabis Storefront project to be located on 7674 San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, CA 91352. They were absent. In addition, there was no time for the presentation.

ITEM 16: This item was tabled. **1st: Mike O'Gara, 2nd: Rick Power.**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia ,Hill, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O'Gara

ITEM 17: Presentation by Dustin Go on the following projects (20 minutes)

- A. mixed-use, 100% affordable multi-family apartment complex on 8025 Vineland Ave.
- B. mixed-use, 100% affordable senior apartment complex on 11041 W. Strathern St.

The presenters were absent. In addition, there was no time for the presentation.

ITEM 18: This item was tabled. **1st: Norma O. Chávez, 2nd: Mike O’Gara**

Yes – 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to amend item 19. **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rosalío García.**

Yes – 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 19a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Monica Vacas, Norma O. Chávez, Mike O’Gara, Wendy Thum and Emilie Hill to write Community Impact Statements (CIS) and create individual accounts at the City Clerk’s website. **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Mike O’Gara.** Discussion took place.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to create an Ad Hoc Committee to report on the TCC Grant (Transformative Climate Communities) activities with Pacoima Beautiful and the Green Together Collaborative, and approve Board Member Wendy Thum to represent the SVANC on their Leadership Council for a one-year term, renewable. **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter to Mayor Garcetti and cc all members of City Council regarding the position of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council on the Citywide Sign Ordinance Version B Plus. **1st: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Rosalío García**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara,

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending 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: Rosalío García, 2nd: Rick Power**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia , Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2021 **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García**

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, S. Garcia , Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for February 2021 **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, M O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Hill	Carbajal, S. Garcia , Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for March 2021 **1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Mike O’Gara**

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, M O’Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Hill	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Fierro, Kumar, B. O’Gara

ITEM 26: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:

Finance – Eddie Venegas, chairperson, is establishing a Budget and Finance committee meeting for the first Friday of the month at 4:30 pm

Beautification - Wendy Thum will be scheduling a meeting on April 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Planning and Land Use - Norma O. Chávez informed the Council that the committee is currently working on the proposal of six cannabis storefront licenses. She will forward the video on the process of application for a cannabis storefront shared by the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

LANCC - Serj Danielian reported that LADWP will be using 4 million dollars in project Hyperion, 100% recyclable water

VANC – Monica Vacas shared that SB9 and SB10, author Senator Scott Weiner, were discussed at this meeting and it was Recommended that NCs oppose to these bills as SB9 will be a state law that will override ALL local zoning and SB10 allows a ten unit apartment building on any residential property in a transit rich or a job rich area .

ITEM 27: 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 28: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board’s subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. Norma O. Chávez encourages all Board members to email her all their contact information to update the list. She also asked that each Board member write two questions for the City Controller so she could create a list and send it to Christina Ibarra as she recommended. It was recommended to ask the City Controller if he could help with making a deal with Spectrum for all NCs to get a discount.

ITEM 29: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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