



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, June 8, 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 left at 7:00 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Chávez, Norma O. Secretary	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Fierro, Martha left at 7:56 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Steven left at 7:40 pm	Business Stakeholder Director		x	
Emilie A. Hill arrived at 6:47 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Kumar, Bobby arrived at 6:55 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
O’Gara, Mike 1st VP	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director		exc	
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	12 Present, 2 Absent, 1 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 O. Chávez and quorum was established with ten members present. The Code of Civility was recited.

ITEM 2: President, Monica Vacas, welcomed all attendees. We are days away from putting away 2020 and Covid 19. After June 15 we will be back to getting involved with the community.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments

A. Officer Eric Perez

- We are about 25% down on overall crime
- We are down 10% on robbery

- We have a slight increase of aggravated assault. We have 51 aggravated assaults compared to 49 last year at this time.
- Burglaries went down 41%.
- Grand theft auto is down 33%.
- Theft from motor vehicle went down 32%
- Other theft related crime went down 16%
- Invited Neighborhood Prosecutor Mark Ross to check out Clybourn and San Fernando and see how the trash and RVs have gotten out of control. We will get together tomorrow to put together some sort of task force, to brainstorm to find out what can be done given the constraints

B. Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall

- Aggravated assault has increased. There are 17 more incidents compared to 41 last year at this time. There have been more road rage incidents due to how the pandemic has brought people's emotions out of control. People are irritated and impatient. The largest percentage on aggravated assault in his division.
- A mobile home was removed from Tuxford. We can't impound vehicles that have people living in them per the City Council's order and the Mayor.

Responses to panel and public questions

- There is more gang activity in our area. The graffiti has increased at Parks.
- The area of Sun Valley is supposed to get signs that state that fireworks are illegal in this area. He is not sure when they will arrive.

C. Mark Ross (Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's office)

- His office deals with recurring problems such as problem locations and problem individuals.
- With regards to illegal fireworks, his office works with the LAPD to get the locations that are called to numerous times and then send a general letter advising them of the law in the City of Los Angeles how all fireworks are illegal even safe fireworks. This is just to let people know that they are in our radar and hopefully they'll abide by the law. They have already started sending letters out.
- With respect to RVs, he went out today in the afternoon and visited the sites recommended by Officer Perez. I am limited as much as LAPD is. Due to the moratorium on not citing the motor vehicles if they appear to have people living in them, the vehicles cannot be towed away. They can be cited if they are violation parking regulations.

Responses to panel and public questions

- Why is the Police Department closed at 11:00 pm in Foothill? Why are people not being ticketed for parking between 2:00 am and 6:00 am? Who is out there giving out citations? Officer Wall responded to the issue on the citations and stated that he was working last Wednesday and had issued 16 citations. They are going out there at least once a week.
- What is the City going to do with those individuals who refuse housing?
- No citations will be issued to the unhoused unless they are offered shelter first

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Caroline Menjivar (Mayor Garcetti's office)

- Mayor Garcetti signed the Justice Budget to combat this homelessness crisis with 791 million dollars. More money for project RoomKey
- LEAP - basic income \$1000 per month for a year to help people who are falling into homelessness (will be given to 2000)
- Mobil vaccines: this Wednesday in Van Nuys Community Job Center for street vendors, Plaza del Valle next week, CD6 has one currently at the YMCA, CD7 has one in Sylmar. Season tickets to the Lakers will be raffled for newly vaccinated people this week. We are trying to get the most people vaccinated before June 15.
- CA OSHA - people who are vaccinated can be without masks at their jobs if they are all vaccinated, indoor jobs.
- 2nd annual San Fernando Pride Parade, driving from Van Nuys City Hall to the Mission Division in Mission Hills, decorate your car and join, at the end go through the resource tables and get a lot of goodies

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

- Slowly moving back into the office. Skeleton crew – a few go into the office while some work remotely, and then they switch the following week
- Had a ribbon cutting at Valley Plaza Rec. Center – more events coming
- Closest Tiny Homes (third and last project) started construction today, they are interim housing

B. Art Garcia (from Luz Rivas' Office)

- The State will be offering opportunity drawings to win prizes for those who become vaccinated, visit Covid19.ca.gov/vax
- Legislation: combating homelessness, extreme heat, about 12 bills in the senate

- Get help with EDD and unemployment insurance, call to make an appointment at (818) 504-3911. Holding virtual office hours
- Meetings with CalTrans taking place to discuss the lack of continuation with services. CalTrans has only been able to clean around the areas of encampments, but cannot remove the encampments

ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative Vanessa Serrano There was no comment from EmpowerLA

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lionel Mares - requested more help from our City officials with regards to homelessness, the fires they start, and about placing them in housing. There have been too many fires at the intersection of Tuxford and San Fernando Road. I receive notifications from the Citizen application. He has reported many unsheltered people to LASAN 's Hope Portal. We need more help with trash pickup.

Rudy Melendez - requested that Mark Ross be honest and transparent. The City sued the Judge. No more excuses, in placing the unsheltered in housing. Get the job done! Mr. Melendez requested for NC running a committee to bring a vote to no confidence to George Gascon or write a community impact statement.

Sarah Ramsawack – Commended SVANC for being a strong Neighborhood Council and congratulated its members for the many awards received, encouraged the new members to work hard to earn more awards. She praised the past leadership from Mike O’Gara and Cindy Sower.

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).

Emilie Hill spoke about writing a CIS in support of an issue on health brought to the SVANC’s attention in the April meeting by a nurse. The proposed bill is AB 1400, which if passed it will provide health coverage for all.

ITEM 8: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently open are:

- (3) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 terms end 2023 and 1 term ends 2025)
- (1) seat available for Resident Stakeholder (term ends 2025)
- (2) seats available for Business Stakeholder (1 term ends in 2023 and 1 term ends in 2025)
- (1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)

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 14-21, 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 the appointment of Vardan Stepanyan to an open Resident Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2025. Mr. Stepanyan gave a two minutes speech as to why he would like to be part of the SVANC Board. He was part of various organization while he lived in Glendale. He has background in law and has an office where he does document preparation. He is interested in helping with homelessness and illegal fireworks. He is interested in being part of the Planning and Land Use committee. **1st: Rick Power; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Motion passed

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

ITEM 10: Presentation by Raza Lawrence of a cannabis storefront project to be located at 7674 N. San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, CA, **Council File No. 20-0420-S12.** No representatives from this proposed business attended the meeting so the item was tabled.

ITEM 10a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to support the establishment of a cannabis storefront to be located at 7674 N. San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, CA. No representatives from this proposed business attended the meeting so the item was tabled.

ITEM 11: Lilliana Ramirez presented to the Board her proposal to establish a cannabis storefront to be located at 11332 Goss St. Sun Valley, CA 91352, **Council File No. 21-0420-S11**. Ms. Ramirez attended the meeting, but the City has already denied the license. The item is cancelled.

ITEM 11a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to support the establishment of a cannabis storefront to be located at 11332 Goss St. Sun Valley, CA 91352, **Council File No. 21-0420-S11**. This item has been cancelled since the City has already denied the license.

ITEM 12: Presentation by Divino Tessler, LLC/Septum Group, LLC of a cannabis storefront to be located at

A. 7570 N. San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, CA 91352, Council File No. 21-0420-S41

B. 7235 Clybourne Ave. Sun Valley, CA 91352, Council File No. 21-0420-S40

Laurie Rhodes introduced the group who would be presenting. They struggled getting organized and ran out of time. Rose has worked in cultivation, management, and assembly of cannabis products. She feels her background would help people choose the appropriate products. They will donate 1% to the Teen Project in Sun Valley. William is the social equity member of this group. The cannabis stores offer 24 hour security guard. These two projects were presented by the same group.

ITEM 12a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to support the establishment of a cannabis storefront to be located at

A. 7570 N. San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, CA 91352, Council File No. 21-0420-S41 1st: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Monica Vacas. The project was denied.

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

B. 7235 Clybourne Ave. Sun Valley, CA 91352, Council File No. 21-0420-S40, 1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Martha Fierro. The support for the establishment of a cannabis storefront was denied.

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

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to support the establishment of a cannabis storefront to be located at 11285 W. Goss St. Sun Valley, CA 91352, **Council File No. 21-0420-S10**. The item was cancelled because the City has already denied the petition.

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 11, 2021 **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia.** Motion adopted

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

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for April 2021, **1st: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Rosalio Garcia.** Motion adopted

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O’Gara, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Stepanyan	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Perez

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, **1st: Mike O’Gara moved to amend the motion to allocate \$300 for the Congress of Neighborhoods and moving the monies from Outreach event movies at the park, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O’Gara, Power, Thum, Vacas,	NONE	NONE	Stepanyan	Carbajal, S. Garcia,

Venegas				Perez
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ITEM 16a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to reflect \$300 to the Congress of Neighborhoods, **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García.** Motion adopted

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O’Gara, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Stepanyan	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Perez

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending out a letter against illegal fireworks and a call to action by our appointed officials and leaders of our community. **1st: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Martha Fierro. Remove David Rue from the letter as he is no longer in the Council.** Motion adopted

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

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending out this letter of support for our Los Angeles Police Department which also states we are opposed to the recent defunding of the LAPD. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas**

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielian, R Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M. O’Gara, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	Hill	NONE	Stepanyan	Carbajal, S. Garcia, Perez

Rick Power moved to extend the meeting 5 minutes and Rosalío García seconded the motion.

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to hold a small and safe cleanup along Vineland from the Cantara edge of Sun Valley Park to the San Fernando Road on June 26, to begin at 8:30 am and go no later than 11:00 am. **Monica Vacas moved to table** this item because the deadline to submit event forms has passed and **Norma O. Chávez seconded this motion.** Ms. Thum encouraged everybody to report community issues via the MyLA311 app.

ITEM 20: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:

Outreach – Monica Vacas – planning a food drive and a clean up

Beautification - Wendy Thum – planning a clean up

Planning and Land Use - Norma O. Chávez – the June 24 meeting has been rescheduled to June 10 because Norma will be out of town

LANCC - Serj Danielian –as a result of last year’s census we will be redistricting, the meeting is tomorrow for NCs’ participation

VANC – Monica Vacas – 2 Thursdays ago current candidate for LA City Attorney Kim James visited, not hold homeless problem at Court because that is where the problems are being tied up. He promises a better way of solving this.

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). Susan Lustig recommended purchasing a couple of thumbdrives for extra storage.

ITEM 21: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board’s subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. No Board Members comment

ITEM 22: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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