



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Thursday, August 10, 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
Chávez, Norma O. Secretary	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Fierro, Martha	Residential Stakeholder Director		x	
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Steven	Business Stakeholder Director		x	
Hill, Emilie A. Treasurer	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director		x	
Lee, Lily appointed at 7:19 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	x		**
O’Gara, Mike 2nd Vice President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director		exc	
Portillo, Oscar Jr.	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Power, Richard Vice President	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Ryan, Mark P.	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Stepanyan, Vardan	Residential Stakeholder Director		x	
Thum,	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Vacas, Monica President	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Venegas, Eddie	Community Interest Stakeholder		x	
TOTAL: 16	11 Present, 6 Absent, 1 Ineligible	11	6	1

ITEM 1: Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:33 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call 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 attendees. She looked forward to a successful meeting.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments

A. Officer Eric Perez (38338@lapd.online)

- informed the Council that he has officially been elected as the Senior Lead Officer as a permanent position
- Crime statistics were shared and there was an overall decrease in crime. Aggravated assault increased to 15%. There are 11 more incidents compared to last year's at this time. Reported robberies are at 13%. Grand theft auto has decreased to 33%. Personal theft has decreased to 17%.
- got extra funds to focus on aggravated assault. They are using the funds to provide more patrol in the area of Sun Valley and Pacoima from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- There has been an incident at Fernangeles Park. An indigent was stealing license plates from the vehicles parked. He was detained, but was not arrested due to mental illness. The individual genuinely thought all the cars were his and therefore was entitled to remove their license plates. No misuse of the license plates was done.

B. Senior Lead Officer Richard Wall (30204@lapd.online)

- Crime went down in every area.
- Aggravated assault has increased. LAPD is currently offering overtime details, crime suppressing details, extra patrol
- Catalytic converter theft continues to be a problem
- Those arrested are not staying in jail. They come out and recommit the same crime.
- Strathern has a hot spot for crime

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Julissa Hernandez (district director from the office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, julissa.hernandez@asm.gov)

- Their office will not be able to provide help during SVANC's Clean Up event planned for August 21 because two weeks is considered a short notice..
- They are holding a backpack and supplies collection up until August 13. The backpacks collected will go to the Child Care Resource Center who will distribute to their network of needy students in AD39. Drop off location is at 4300 Laurel Canyon Blvd. First floor, Arleta, CA 9133.
- Join the Town Hall on August 12 at 10:00 am and learn about resources, funding opportunities and navigating grants for nonprofit organizations.

B. Jessica Orellana (office of Supervisor Sheila Kuel, jorellana@bos.lacounty.org, (818) 901-3831)

- Covid-19 Town Hall on August 11 via Facebook, Twitter, and youtube at 6:00 pm
- Vaccines available for home inbound individuals, call to make an appointment at 1 (833) 540-0473 from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm
- Covid-19 Pop up vaccines are available at various locations. Call to get a site.
- Discretionary grants given twice a year
- Food Distribution at Brand Park in Mission Hills, service up to three families per car, wear masks, Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA representative Vanessa Serrano.

- Ms. Serrano informed the Council of coming training CIVIC U. This is a three session training on public affairs: Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:30–8:00pm: Power Structure at Los Angeles City Hall, Thursday, September 23, 2021, 6:30–8:00pm: The Guts of City Government, Thursday, September 30, 2021, 6:30–8:00pm: Mobilizing for Influence. Up to three board members may be appointed to attend these trainings.
- The Robert's Rules of Order made simple: Parliamentary Procedures is available at the Empower LA website under the Empower La Virtual Governance tab (EVG) and board members logging information was emailed on August 3.
- Planning and Land Use trainings will be made available via CornerStone.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction
There was no public comment.

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda

Mark P. Ryan recommended to have items in a consent agenda calendar to help speed up the meetings. Mr. Ryan recommended Item 15 be moved to the end of the agenda for those that may need to recuse.

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

- (3) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (terms end 2025)
- (1) seat available for Business Stakeholder (term ends in 2023)
- (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, 2022)
- (1) seat available for Youth Representative Stakeholder, (age 14-21, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2022)

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 Lily Lee to an open Business Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2025. Lily Lee gave her statement as to why she wants to be part of the SVANC Board. **1st: Mark P. Ryan; 2nd: Wendy Thum**
Discussion took place. Motion passed

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Thum,, Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 10: A brief presentation by The Santa Maria Group led by Dustin Go was held on the following construction projects:

- A.** mixed-use, 100% affordable multi-family apartment complex on 8025 Vineland Ave, 135 units (67 one bedroom, 35 two bedroom, and 33 three bedroom), subterranean parking with 68 spaces, a 6 feet tall wall will be constructed between Auto Zone and this project
- B.** 100% affordable senior apartment complex on 11041 W. Strathern St., this is not a mixed project (correction made by Dustin Go)

Panel and Public Comment: The buildings are huge out of character for our neighborhood. More parking is needed for the people who will be living there because since these are 100% affordable this means people don’t have jobs where they use laptops and walk or bike ride to work so they will be taking parking spaces from neighbors and businesses around the building. The businesses behind the Vineland building will be affected by the supermarket to be placed in the first floor.

Mark Ryan would like to add to the motion that the Planning and Land Use committee present their recommendation in addition to their findings.

Mike O’Gara moved to send this item back to the Planning and Land Use committee to be reconsidered. Monica Vacas seconded the motion.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent – 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Thum,, Vacas	Ryan	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

Mark Ryan disapproves this motion if the PLUM committee is not bringing back a recommendation.

Emilie Hill moved to request a recommendation along with a summary of points from the Planning and Land Use committee for the projects in item 10 and Mark Ryan seconded the motion.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent – 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Thum,, Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 10a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve or disapprove a letter of support for the projects

- A.** mixed-use, 100% affordable multi-family apartment complex on 8025 Vineland Ave.

B.100% affordable senior apartment complex on 11041 W. Strathern St.

Monica Vacas moved to table this item. No second was heard and no voting took place. After reviewing the recording, it seems this motion was incomplete.

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a CIS to support the Studio City Neighborhood Council and the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) decision to nominate the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club located at 4141 Whitsett Ave., Studio City, CA 91604 to be included in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. **1st: Rick Power; 2nd: Rosalío García.** Discussion took place. Patty Kirb, public member, shared that ten other NCs have supported this petition.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Thum,, Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a CIS stating the opposition of the Sun Valley Area NC (unless amended) to the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Council File 20-1536 **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place. Lionel Mares, public member, stated that the model bus shelters presented do not really provide any shade. We are under represented and e are not getting enough shade. We need shade!

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	Thum	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a CIS supporting the decision to deny the permit to use two spray paint booths at the business located at 10644 -10648 West Nixom Street, 77120-7716 North Clybourn Avenue. Case Number: ZA-2018-7197-ZV-1A. **1st: Monica Vacas; 2nd: Rosalío García.** Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Thum,, Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a CIS supporting the granting of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption to Chiguacle Restaurant located at 8255 Sunland Boulevard, Sun Valley, CA 91352. Case Number: ZA-2021-3957-CUB, ENV-2021-3958-CE. **1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Thum,, Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a Letter to all LAUSD Board Members stating the SVANC's opposition to building and providing housing for LAUSD teachers and staff. The letter should be approved with recommendations from the board. **1st: Monica Vacas moved to table this item; 2nd: Rosalío García.**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Thum,, Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

Vanessa Serrano informed the Council that a CIS is written for a City File and that the Board cannot send a CIS to LAUSD Board members. Since there is no City file for this item, Vanessa made two recommendations. First, the Board can send a letter to their Council member recommending to open a statement at City Council. Second, all Board members may write their individual statements and submit them.

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion to invite representatives from Athens and Waste Management to present an update of their allocated funds for City improvement. **1st: Monica Vacas; 2nd: Rick Power.** Discussion took place. Monica Vacas and Mike O’Gara will draft a letter to the proper entities to find out more about this matter.

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to reconsider discussion of items 24 and 25 from the July 13, 2021 agenda. **1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Motion passed

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 06
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas	Ryan	NONE	NONE	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the recurring payment for copies from the Konica Minolta copy machine of approximately one cent per copy, billed quarterly and the property tax payment for the Konica Minolta machine of approx. \$120.00 per year. **1st: Rick Power; 2nd: Rosalío García.** Motion passed

Yes - 08	No - 02	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 06
Chávez, R. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Thum,, Vacas	Danielian, Ryan	NONE	Lee	Fierro, S Garcia, Kumar, Perez, Stepanyan, Venegas

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve switching the location of the Community Clean Up event for August 21 at Ratner St. around the Post Office to the Sunland on and off ramps off the 5 Freeway North and South bound. Monica Vacas moved to table this item and Mike O’Gara seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

Mark Ryan recommended that if there were no objections, items 20, 21, 22 and 23 be approved by consent.

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the sponsoring of the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods with an amount of \$300.00. Approved by consent.

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2021. Approved by consent

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 13, 2021. Approved by consent

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for July 2021. Approved by consent

ITEM 24 Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

- Finance – Emilie Hill - bills being paid
- Beautification – Wendy Thum – working on Clean Energy Forum with focus on Solar Panels
- Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness- Oscar Portillo Jr. - the first meeting will take place on August the 18th at 6:30 pm
- PLUM – Norma O. Chávez – next meeting we will have Marcos Sanchez to discuss homelessness
- PlanCheck NC – Norma O. Chávez – meeting on August 14
- LANCC – Serj Danielian – Serj Danielian – hotels and restaurants receiving \$47, 000 in tax relief,
- VANC – Monica Vacas – the meeting is this coming Thursday
- Budget Advocates –Emilie Hill – LA City Budget and Advocates on August 21

ITEM 25: 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 – asked Board members to check their emails and ask to send to Norma any changes in email, DONE recommends creating an email just for SVANC purposes only

Lionel Mares – in a couple of months, the TreePeople will be working on a project Adopting a Shade Tree and would like SVANC to engage.

ITEM 26: Board Members 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) New Board members were welcomed.

ITEM 27: Adjournment: 1st: Mike O'Gara, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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