



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Thursday, September 14, 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
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		
Lee, Lily	Business Stakeholder Director	x		**
O’Gara, Mike 2nd Vice President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Portillo, Oscar Jr.	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Power, Richard Vice President	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Ryan, Mark P.	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Stepanyan, Vardan Resigned before the meeting	Residential Stakeholder Director		x	**
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director		exc	
Vacas, Monica President	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Venegas, Eddie	Community Interest Stakeholder		exc	
TOTAL: 15	11 Present, 3 Absent, 1 Ineligible	11	3	2

ITEM 1: Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken by Norma O. Chávez and quorum was established with eleven members present. The Code of Civility was recited.

ITEM 2: President, Monica Vacas, welcomed attendees. Ms. Vacas is happy to announce the first community cleanup after the pandemic. All CDC guidelines will be followed. Please share our flyer and get involved.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments

A. Sergeant Ojeda

- informed the Council that he is sitting in for officer Richard Wall and officer Eric Perez who are standing down to make sure voting goes well

- Officer Wall's area has an increase in aggravated assault. They have put in place an overtime detail targeting the Foothill area and the Valley. There has been a decrease in rapes, robberies, gta. Burglary or theft of motor vehicle continues to be a problem. People are leaving the keys inside their cars.
- In Officer Perez's area, there has been an increase in robberies (11), a 60% increase in aggravated assault. Extra patrol has been provided for the Cesar Chavez Park during the night. The graffiti has been reported to Parks and Recreation. Take photos whenever possible and continue reporting issues. The encampment at Vineland and Strathern has been removed.
- LAPD Foothill Division officers will join the clean up on September 25

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Karla Maqueda (field deputy, CD6 Council President Nury Martinez, karla.maqueda@lacity.org)

- Hosting a Food Drive on September 20, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Sun Valley office. 1000 boxes will be distributed. NC board members may assist by picking up boxes for up to 2 families who are unable to drive.
- A program will be provided at the Sheldon Skate Park in mid October in partnership with the 818ters. There will be a clean up to invite kids.
- The encampment on Vineland and Strathern has been removed. An encampment on Laurel Canyon Blvd by Sheldon Street was removed and clean up was conducted on Saturday, September the 11th.

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

- A list of bills authored by Assemblywoman Luz Rivas was shared and people were encouraged to visit their website for updates on legislation and details of the bills.
- Maintenance has been conducted in the 5 Freeway Northbound Sunland off ramp so there will be a change in community clean up to the Southbound Sunland off ramp. The location of the meet up for the cleanup might change from Starbucks to Chiguacle restaurant.

C. Tiffany Stepanyan (field deputy, CD2 Council member Paul Krekoryan, tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org)

- The project of the West tiny homes has been completed
- 170 Fwy included on Caltrans Beautification, 118 and I-5

D. Kelly Gonez (LAUSD Board Member for District 6)

- schools local district have experienced many challenges in the past months and would like to thank everyone for their support
- LAUSD is in search of a superintendent. Please fill out the survey which will be available from now until October the first.
- All LAUSD employees must be vaccinated by October the 15th
- There will be a listening session on Sep. 2 and Sep 28. Visit achieve.lausd.net for details
- All LAUSD students 12 years old and older must be vaccinated. Call (213) 443-1300 for questions

Questions and Comment took place:

Emilie Hill stated that the item on Student Centered Funding had been pulled from the LAUSD Board's agenda and she asked that more communication be established before making a decision on this.

Oscar Portillo asked if schools had an emergency preparedness plan in place and if it was updated. Ms. Gomez stated that schools have a Safety Plan that gets updated yearly.

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

- Ms. Serrano encouraged Board members to attend the Congress of Neighborhoods. For updates, visit www.neighborhoodcongresses.la
- It is time to revise the SVANC's bylaws and make amendments if necessary
- Code of Conduct workshop from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (similar to the Code of Civility) . There will be four workshops for the public to attend.
- Funding representatives – a series of workshops coming on funding policies and how they affect Community Improvement Projects on Sep. 9 and Sep. 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
- The American Disability Act list of locations where NC's hold their meetings and events needs to be submitted.

Norma Chávez, secretary, informed the Council and Ms. Serrano that the list had been submitted and the office had already been inspected. SVANC was congratulated by the inspector for being the first NC to have responded and completed the process.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction
Laura requested a clean up on the I-5 Freeway Sheldon Street exit

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda
No comment was made

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

Bobby Kumar has been removed from the Board by DONE. Carmen Perez has lost her stakeholder status and no longer qualifies for any seats on the Board. Vardan Stepanyan emailed today to resign from his residential stakeholder position. Therefore, the open seats to SVANC are as follows:

- (4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (one term ends 2023, and three terms end 2025)
- (1) seat available for Business Stakeholder (term ends in 2023)
- (1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)
- (1) seat available for Residential Stakeholder (term end 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: Update from City Council President Nury Martinez’s District Director, Marcos Sanchez, on homelessness.

- The City was previously doing spot clean ups, but starting September 7 we will be conducting full clean ups, Care Plus
- Shelter offers have been made to the unhoused and notifications have been put in place before any clean ups. After services have been offered sanitation conducts clean ups. When no Care Plus has been scheduled, spot cleanups are conducted. The process has been slow because there has been a large number of retired employees from Sanitation
- 41.18 will prohibits obstruction of the streets, sidewalk, or other public right of way by sitting, lying, or sleeping , or by storing, using maintain, or placing property to obstruct passage according to the American with Disabilities Act (36 inches of sidewalk passage). If there are issues like this, they can easily be addressed. But other situations will require Council Resolutions and posted signage: if within 500 feet from schools, Day Care Centers, Public Parks and Public Libraries. If within 500 ft from any freeway overpass, underpass, freeway ramp, tunnel, bridge, pedestrian bridge, subway, wash, spreading group, or active location. If within 1000 feet from any facility that provides shelter, safe sleeping, , safe parking, or that serves as a homeless services navigation center, or any location.
- Housing must be offered to the homeless and a couple of locations were discussed

ITEM 10: to approve a SVANC statement of *AGAINST UNLESS AMENDED* on the construction projects presented by The Santa Maria Group on Aug. 10 to the SVANC Board. **1st: Mike O’Gara; 2nd: Rosalío García.** Discussion took place. The motion was adopted with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
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Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas
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ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a CIS to support the motion Council File: 21-0002-S18 & 21-0002-S21 authored by Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian against the 2021Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10. **1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Mark Ryan** Discussion took place. The motion was adopted with ten votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	Danielian	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter of nonsupport to the liquor licensing application by the 7-11 convenience store located on 7604 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352 because there are two other stores across from this business currently selling liquor (one in each corner). **1st: Mike O’Gara, 2nd: Martha Fierro.** Discussion took place. The motion was adopted with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve community outreach via SVANC’s newsletter and social media for the COVID-19 vaccination event hosted by Chiguacle Restaurant on September 18 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the restaurant premises **1st: Martha Fierro; 2nd: Mike O’Gara.** The motion was adopted with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve switching the date of the Community Clean Up event from August 21 to September 25 at the 5 Freeway Sunland Northbound off ramp from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. **Rosalío García moved to amend item 14 to read, “Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve switching the date of the Community Clean Up event from August 21 to September 25 at the 5 Freeway Sunland Southbound off ramp from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon”. Monica Vacas seconded the motion. Motion to amend the agenda passed.**

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve switching the date of the Community Clean Up event from August 21 to September 25 at the 5 Freeway Sunland Southbound off ramp from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. **1st: Martha Fierro; 2nd: Mike O’Gara.** The motion was adopted with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the new date for the previously approved Ratner Street to Vineland Avenue Community Clean Up to October 9 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at Ratner Street (Vacas/Thum, Outreach/Beautification) (Funds previously approved at July 13th Board Mtg.). **1st: Monica Vacas; 2nd: Emilie Hill.** Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02

Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas
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ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a mobile Covid-19 vaccination site at the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council office on October 16 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in partnership with the LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (1st: **Martha Fierro**; 2nd: **Emilie Hill**). Discussion took place.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to reschedule the Clean Energy Forum from September 17 to October 22 1st: **Monica Vacas**; 2nd: **Emilie Hill**. Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the purchase of 400 tamper proof screws, not to exceed \$200, for our Senior Lead Officers to put into stakeholders LICENSE PLATES to prevent license plate theft and to host an event on October 23 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and to install the screws and check for car seat safety. 1st: **Mike O’Gara**, 2nd: **Martha Fierro**. Motion passed with location to be determined.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Old San Fernando Road Tree Planting on November 13 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and approve an amount not to exceed \$200 to provide refreshments for the volunteers 1st: **Rosalío García**; 2nd: **Monica Vacas**. Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve an amount not to exceed \$400.00 to purchase SVANC logo embroidered t-shirts for board members volunteering for scheduled SVANC events. 1st: **Monica Vacas**; 2nd: **Martha Fierro**. Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the recurring payment to Barkley Communications in accordance with SVANC’s 12 month agreement July 2021-June 2022 with invoices not to exceed \$480.00 per month. 1st: **Rosalío García**; 2nd: **Emilie Hill**. Motion passed

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Thum, Venegas

Mark Ryan left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Monica Vacas moved to extend the meeting ten minutes and Rosalío García seconded it. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to purchase IDs on a neck lanyard for new members, not to exceed \$60.00. **1st: Rosalío García;** **2nd: Martha Fierro.** Motion passed

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Ryan, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 23: Motion and Possible Action to reaffirm the appointment of board members Monica Vacas, Emilie Hill and Norma Chávez to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021. **1st: Mike O’Gara;** **2nd: Serj Danielian.** Motion passed

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Ryan, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2021. **1st: Rosalío García;** **2nd: Serj Danielian.** Discussion took place and corrections were made. The position for Carmen Perez should read At Large instead of Business. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Ryan, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the MER for August 2021. **1st: Mike O’Gara;** **2nd: Rosalío García.** Discussion took place and Emilie Hill informed the Council that the MER could not be generated. The motion was tabled.

Yes – 10 (to table the August MER)	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M O’Gara, Portillo, Power, Vacas	NONE	NONE	Lee	Ryan, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 26: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees:

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Monica Vacas is helping with the planning of the events approved in the agenda
2. Finance and Budget – Emilie A. Hill has no update
3. Beautification – Wendy Thum is out of the country
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez informed the Council that the PLUM meeting would either have a change in day or move up the time of the meeting to accommodate her attendance at the Civic U session which is offered at the same as the PLUM committee is usually scheduled.
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness- Oscar Portillo Jr. the first meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow

Monica Vacas moved to extend the meeting ten minutes and Rosalío García seconded it. The motion was approved by consent.

B. Ad Hoc Committees: no updates

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Serj Danielian- the high speed rail project is back in action. The route from Bakersfield to Palmdale has been approved. An environmental study is being conducted for the route from Palmdale to Burbank
2. VANC – Monica Vacas has no update
3. NCEPA – Oscar Portillo Jr. shared that discussion is taking place about including a budget for emergency preparedness
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez shared that the Housing Element is being discussed and most NCs feel the way

- SVANC Board members feel about new developments being extremely large in comparison to the buildings in the surrounding area, out of character, providing little to no parking, and not providing canopy trees
5. NCBA – Emilie A. Hill – get data from all departments
 6. C-PAB – Serj Danielian – no update
 7. Homelessness – Steven Garcia will obtain a list of steps to follow when cleaning up an encampment to share with stakeholders for their information

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)

Lionel Mares was very grateful for adding information about fires to the SVANCs’ website. He was also grateful the Council added the Tree Planting event flyer to SVANC’s newsletter.

ITEM 28: 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)

Rick Power reported the following:

- Fenton School is creating many parking and traffic problems in the area and many neighbors are complaining about that. The school is closing the alley way during drop off time.
- The coffee shop next to the Grocery Outlet, previously opposed by SVANC, is on the way to construction.
- There are complaints about the construction on Tuxford and San Fernando Road slowing down traffic
- Neighbors are complaining about the homeless breaking into houses and stealing in Arcola and San Fernando Road, 3 emails with complaints have been received.

Serj Danielian complained about the air pollution created by the Restaurant Ay Que Rico Pollo, located on San Fernando Road and Vineland, during the times when they charbroil the chicken. Mr. Danielian has called South Coast Air Quality Management District, but has received no support because of insufficient calls made to complain.

ITEM 29: Adjournment: 1st: **Rick Power**, 2nd: **Rosalío García**. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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