



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Thursday, January 18, 2022
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			
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x			
García, Steven	Business Stakeholder Director		x		
Hill, Emilie A. Treasurer	Residential Stakeholder Director	x			
Lee, Lily joined at approximately 6:46 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	x			
Mares, Lionel	Residential Stakeholder Director	x			
Moore, Mariam	Residential Stakeholder Director	x			
O’Gara, Mike 2nd Vice President	At-Large Stakeholder Director		exc		
Portillo, Oscar Jr. left at approximately 7:18 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x			
Ryan, Mark P.	Business Stakeholder Director		exc		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	x			
TOTAL: 12	Quorum: 7 (at least one is an officer)	9 Present, 3 Absent, 0 Ineligible	9	3	0

ITEM 1: Norma O. Chávez, the secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken by Norma O. Chávez and quorum was established with eight members present. The Code of Civility was recited.

ITEM 2: Norma O. Chávez, the secretary, informed the attendees that Vice-President Rick Power resigned today from his position as member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council due to heavy work schedule as well as personal and family commitments.

During last week’s meeting there were some technical difficulties. There were issues with the timing because we didn’t have a timer. There were issues with Zoom functions and members of the public felt they were being muted when they weren’t so the meeting had to be adjourned. Thanks to that meeting, the Board members retrained themselves in the different functions from Zoom. I feel more confident that we are prepared to allow public comment the proper way.

ITEM 3: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Wendy Thum to the position of SVANC President for the remainder of the fiscal year 2021-2022. If appointed, Ms. Thum will preside the rest of the meeting. 1st: **Norma O. Chávez**, 2nd: **Rosalío García**. Wendy Thum shared that she has been serving in this Council for about seven years and feels she has been able to do a lot of good things for this

neighborhood. She is happy to take on this position and know that she will have the support of the Board. Public comment was made. The motion was approved with eight votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent – 04
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Portillo, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee, O’Gara, Ryan

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

No announcements were made because they had already shared their updates via email on January the 11th and their flyers were shared in the SVANC’s newsletter for this special meeting

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

- Funding workshops on neighborhood council events application process on January 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The applications process is covered. There is a Q&A session where attendees can ask specific questions on events they are working on, get ideas from other NCs about events they are doing, where to find the forms, and so on. Members of the public are also encouraged to attend.
- Inventory is now being managed by the City Clerk. They have requested every NC to update their inventory and to include any purchases made in the last two years. Update new purchases and also take a look at all items in the inventory that are broken, that are no longer of use, and the neighborhood council would like to free up some space. We need you to mark those items as ready to go to salvage. City Clerk will work with GSB to schedule a few days for neighborhood councils for items to get picked up.
- The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment presented before the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee under City Council the after elections report following the 2021 elections The report covers everything from how the department got prepared for the elections, outreach strategies, challenges faced, and lessons learned for the next election cycle which is coming in 2023 and we will already start preparing for the outreach plan for the neighborhood councils.
- Following last meeting, I sent a follow up email to all board members about some tips on topics that we have covered in the past regarding public comment, disruptions and how to handle that. I also shared some links to the Empower Virtual Governance recordings that we have on the ins and out on zoom and how we operate that in a virtual meeting setting.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction

There was public comment regarding the homelessness encampments along San Fernando Rd. from De Garmo to Sunland Blvd.

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

Lionel Mares invited Board members to engage in the coming Annual Homeless Count on February the 22nd. LAHSA is looking for 2-4 volunteers to assist as Deployment Site Coordinators at the office of Councilmember Nury Martinez in Sun Valley from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Lionel has already volunteered to participate and would like other Board members to get involved. For more information, contact Lionel.

ITEM 8: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board available seats were reviewed:

- (4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (1 term ends 2023, and 3 terms end in 2025)
- (4) seats available for Business Stakeholder (2 terms end in 2023 and 2 terms end 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, 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:

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to make Mike O’Gara President Emeritus of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to have ambassadorial duties via Zoom for members of this Council and the community. **1st: Norma O. Chávez, 2nd: Rosalío García** Discussion took place. The reasons for this proposal were shared. Mike O’Gara has not been able to attend SVANC’s meetings due to reasons outside of SVANC, His absences greatly affect quorum during Executive Committee meetings and Planning and Land Use committee. Mr. O’Gara is a very important member of the Board of Directors and his institutional knowledge of our Council is very valuable so the Board would like him to have ambassadorial duties to continue to support this Board. Lily Lee asked if Mr. O’Gara had been notified about this change. Rosalío García informed the Board that Mrs. O’Gara is making the decisions for Mr. O’Gara and she was ok with this change. The motion was approved with eight votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Portillo, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

Oscar Portillo left the meeting at approximately 7:18 pm.

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members of the Board to the following vacant Executive committee seats and to Standing and Ad Hoc Committees for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022: **A.** SVANC Second Vice-President (if ITEM 9 is approved) **B.** Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee member **C.** By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee member **D.** Outreach Committee member **E.** Planning and Land Use Committee member (if ITEM 9 is approved) **Norma O. Chávez moved to amend** this item given that item 9 was approved and also Rick Power resigned. The new motion will have two vice-presidents, two members for the Planning and Land Use committee, and an alternate signer. **2nd: Wendy Thum** . The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.:

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ITEM 10A. Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members of the Board to the following vacant Executive committee seats and to Standing and Ad Hoc Committees for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022: **A.** Two Vice-Presidents **B.** Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee member **C.** By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee member **D.** Outreach Committee member **E.** Planning and Land Use Committee 2 members. **F.** Alternate Signer Discussion took place. Lily Lee was nominated to the position of vice-president by Rosalío García and Norma O. Chávez seconded it. Lily Lee declined the nomination. **1st: Norma O. Chávez 2nd: Wendy Thum** Discussion took place. The motion was approved with eight votes in favor.

- C.** By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee – Wendy Thum
- D.** Outreach Committee – Lionel Mares
- E.** Planning and Land Use Committee – Mariam Moore and Emilie A. Hill
- F.** Alternate Signer - Wendy Thum

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Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the purchase a padlock and ten keys for the front door gate for an amount not to exceed \$60.00. **1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Norma O. Chávez.** The motion was approved with eight votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve phase II of the Clean Up and Tree Planting event at Old San Fernando Road on February 26, 2022 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Expenses not to exceed \$300. **1st:** Norma O. Chávez, **2nd:** Rosalío García. Discussion took place. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve hosting a Forum for candidates to the LAUSD Board District 6 to be scheduled in March of 2022. **1st:** Norma O. Chávez, **2nd:** Emilie A. Hill. Discussion took place. Having a community forum would give all candidates an equal opportunity to be heard so the community can learn about their plans of what they want to accomplish if elected. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2021. **1st:** Wendy Thum; **2nd:** Rosalío García. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2022. Norma O. Chávez moved to table the minutes for next meeting. The office computer continues to have difficulties with opening Word so when I come to listen to the recording I have to take notes and take them home to continue typing the minutes. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for November 2021. Emilie A. Hill moved to table this item for next meeting because there is one receipt from Giorgio’s that has not been cleared. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for December 2021. **1st:** Norma O. Chávez, **2nd:** Rosalío García. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Mares, Moore, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, O’Gara, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 18: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Lily Lee will join the first meeting with the Beautification this month so no updates yet
2. Finance and Budget – Emilie A. Hill – We still have over \$20,000 in our budget for the rest of the fiscal year
3. Beautification – Wendy Thum – We will have a meeting on January the 27th
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez – invited all members to participate in the PlanCheckNC meetings. New committee members must take the Planning 101 training via Cornerstone in order to be eligible to vote in committee meetings.

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. CHSRA High Speed Rail – Serj Danielian - In the most recent report it was stated that the federal government has matched every dollar that Caltran has spent in the year 2021. As of December 2021 there are 119 miles of construction from Madera to Bakersfield and there are about 12 sites that have been completed. There are 35 active sites that are under construction. They are adding beautiful arches to the aesthetics. This is the largest project in the United States and the total cost is to go over \$77 billion dollars.. Serj will email links to look at the project.
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – This committee is now complete so Norma will be calling a meeting to start reviewing the By-laws and to look at some samples of Bylaws from other NCs that work well to learn about other ideas that can be brought to our council.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – There have been no new applications to the board of directors. Elections report from 2021 is available at the Empower La website for everyone to read and learn about what worked, what didn't work, lessons learned, and so on. We will be having elections in 2023.

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Serj Danielian – People from the LA Arborist Department were present at this meeting. These are the people in charge of protecting trees throughout the City of LA. There was a very large 500 years old, oak tree around the 134 Fwy that fell down and killed a woman. So they asked that you call them if there any trees you are having issues with or you see any trees that are a danger to the community. They also discussed the many improvements the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment needs to make. They want more accountability from DONE to the neighborhood councils.
2. VANC – Emilie A. Hill - new to this meeting so will start attending in the coming month
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez – SB9 and SB 10 are being discussed again. Councilmember Paul Krekorian wants to know how that will take into effect locally. The City Council has approved this motion and so right now it is being investigated how this will be implemented throughout the City of LA.
5. NCBA – Emilie A. Hill – completing interviews with the various City departments so their input can be compiled and then shared in their website by late February. The annual budget advocates town hall will take place on Saturday, January the 29th at 10:00 am via zoom
6. C-PAB – Serj Danielian – It was reported that there is a 58% reduction in homicide compared to the year before. There is a 30% reduction in gun shootings.
8. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) – Wendy Thum – in a break but will start having meetings soon

ITEM 19: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Susan Lustig – DONE has new language for social media and website. I have updated the website and Facebook, but there is no access to Instagram and Twitter. It would be a good idea to reach out to Jackie Carbajal to obtain the passwords.

ITEM 20: 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) no comments

ITEM 21: Adjournment: 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Emilie A. Hill. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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