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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
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		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Steven	Business Stakeholder Director		x	x
Hill, Emilie A. Treasurer	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Hill, Daniel appointed at approx. 7:15 pm	Youth Representative Director	x		x
Lee, Lily	Business Stakeholder Director	x		x
Mares, Lionel joined at approx. 7:15 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Portillo, Oscar Jr.	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		x
Ryan, Mark P. 2nd vice-president	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Villarreal, María appointed at approx. 6:45 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		x
Thum, Wendy President	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
TOTAL: 12	Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	11 Present, 0 Absent, 0 Ineligible	1	5

ITEM 1: Wendy G. Thum, president, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

- Mike P. Ryan, 2nd vice-president led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Emilie A. Hill, treasurer, led the Code of Civility in English
- Norma O. Chávez, secretary, led the Code of Civility in Spanish
- Roll call was taken by Norma O. Chávez and quorum was established with seven members present at the time of roll call.

ITEM 2: Wendy Thum, the president, welcomed attendees. Ms. Thum shared some pictures of Mike O’Gara who passed away recently and expressed how much he would be missed.

ITEM 3: Presentation by Paul Maselbas and Barbara Schalmo from the Los Angeles Department of Public Works on facts about Whiteman Airport and the Re-envision Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

- Overview of the Whiteman Airport: The airport acts like a small city. It has its own roads, buildings, parking lot, facilities, landscaping, in addition to its runways and taxi ways that make up the airport. LA County owns and operates the Whiteman Airport as well as four other airports in the County. The airport does not schedule commercial airlines. It relieves traffic

congestion at commercial service airports. Some of the things happening at the airport are firefighting, medical flights, non-profits, helicopters, flight training, aircraft charter, disaster response, search and rescue, law enforcement, News, traffic reporting, personal/business flights, weather reporting, aircraft rental, aircraft repair/maintenance. The airport has been operating since 1946 and was built by Marvin E. Whiteman. It was purchased by the County in 1970. The airport supports 275 jobs representing \$22.7 million in employee wages.

- Following an aircraft accident adjacent to the airport, the LA County Board of Supervisors adopted a motion on December 8, 2020 directing Public Works to engage local community stakeholders to undertake a plan that maintains the property's primary function as an airport, but that provides for the creation of local jobs, community beneficial uses, and open space opportunities, to create a community advisory committee. The process of the re-envisioning of the Whiteman Airport has been going on for ten months.

Panel and Public comment took place.

Please visit the website for further details. <https://www.reenvisionwhitemanairport.com/>

ITEM 4: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule

A. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, 33272@lapd.online

- Just got back from Las Vegas. We just had the Baker to Vegas run. This is a law enforcement relay race from the city of Baker to Vegas. I am happy to share that the Foothill Division got second place in our category.
- The crime numbers are pretty steady from where they were last time we met. Property crime seems to be our biggest problem right now. Please don't leave your PHAB keys inside your car.
- We are trying to have a catalytic converters edging at Foothill. We are still speaking to the entity that facilitates that. Details to come.
- A homicide occurred at the corner of Saticoy and Laurel Canyon. This occurred over the weekend and it is being handled by the North Hollywood Division. This was not a random act. The two individuals involved had an argument and at one point one of the individuals produced the weapon and shot the victim.

ITEM 5: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Karla Maqueda (Councilmember Nury Martinez, CD6, karla.maqueda@lacity.org)

- LADOT motion passed. We can start enforcing certain things without having to wait 30 days. We can now search vehicles and oversized vehicles. LADOT will be able to distinguish between abandoned vehicles suitable for towing and vehicles used for dwelling and what additional engagement will be from there on. They will be prioritizing the vehicles that are suitable for towing. LADOT will have to come back three times and make sure that no one is living in the vehicle. They will look for evidence that shows that someone is dwelling in that vehicle.
- New case worker at CD6 office, Manuel. He joined Coffee with the Cops.
- They are back at the office. I am working on getting our office flyers the first Monday of the month so they can be shared in your newsletter. I will join the SVANC at the Spring Festival this coming Sunday. I will be distributing Free Covid Test kits.

B. Tiffany Zeytounian (Councilmember Paul Krekorian, CD2, tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org)

- Tiffany was not able to come, but Wendy Thum shared of the current work SVANC is doing with CD2 and further in the agenda there is a motion about a cleanup in CD2.

C. Salvador Manriquez (Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 39th District, salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov)

- Legislation updates of bills that have passed: AB1690 vaping and waste pollution prevention, AB 2076 extreme heat and community resilience program, AB 2325 California Coordinator Homeless Response Act, Pacifica Hospital Seismic Retrospect and Extension which is directly related to Sun Valley.
- Link to a mtg last month regarding CA Beautification so Sun Valley is getting 5.4 million dollars to improve the aesthetic of Sun Valley from Paxton to Roscoe on the 5 Fwy. There is a Youtube video with the presentation from CalTrans to get input from the community. The project will begin on May 2022 and will end in June 2023.

D. Brenda Yanez (Office of LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District, jorellana@bos.lacounty.gov)

- Jessica Orellana is on vacation so Brenda is providing the updates

- Covid-19 updates seeing an increase in circulation of the new variant. The County is bumping the resources. The FDA authorized the 2nd booster dose of Pfizer and the Moderna vaccine for individuals 15 years of age and older.
- Vaccine clinic at Pacoima City Hall in partnership with 986 Pharmacy on Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The Breath LA Program is guaranteed income pilot program. It is being advertised throughout the news, our office, and other elected officials offices as well. The program opened on March 31st and will be accepting applications until tomorrow, April 13. This program will allow 1000 eligible LA County residents with \$1000 per month for a total of 3 years. Please visit the website to check for the requirements for eligibility, ceo.lacounty.gov/pai/breath/.
- In regards to the Whiteman Airport, there will be a meeting of the Community Advisory Committee on Thursday, April 26 at 6:00 pm to 8:60 pm.

E. Lilia Monterrosa (Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 29th District, lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov)

- Legislative updates: Congressman Cardenas introduced his 988 Implementation Act – mental health support, 988 as a national dialing code for mental health emergencies. 988 will also replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline as well as the veterans’ crisis line, This 988 dialing code will kick off nationwide this July. This legislation will provide federal support, guidance, and will allocate specific amounts for states to enact their local 988 response infrastructure.
- Last month President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act – provides full year funding through fiscal year 2022 until September 30th of this year. Congressman Cardenas was able to secure 12.5 million dollars for the San Fernando Valley for 10 local projects ranging from mental health support services, housing, workforce, youth development, and infrastructure projects. If you’d like to follow the Congressman social media page you will find that we are partnering with local organizations that receive this funding. Today, the Congressman stopped by the Mid Valley YMCA which received \$1 million dollars for their after school program.
- I would like to invite you to submit requests for certificates for local high school students. We are also inviting volunteers to help with this task.

ITEM 6: Comments from the Empower LA representative Lorenzo Briseno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

- Lorenzo Briseno shared that he emailed his announcement to all board members. He would like Board members to notify him if they are not receiving emails from him. If not, to email him at lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org to confirm Board members’ public address.
- I will be reaching out to the Outreach Committee chair to schedule a one to one session to discuss strategies for the upcoming 2023 NC Elections and determine how the Department can assist the Sun Valley Area.
- We have access to Core trainings in the DONE website. The link was emailed to all board members.
- NC Funding deadlines: May 20 is the final day to request an event approval,, June 1st is the final day to submit a check payment request, and June 20th is the final day for any bank card transactions using this current fiscal year funds.
- There will be a financial officers’ funding training on April 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On April 21st, there will be a Neighborhood Purpose Grant workshop from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Our meetings will continue to be virtual.

ITEM 7: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction

Bart Treviño – introduced himself as a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist working with the LA County Department of Public Health. We want to provide substance abuse prevention in the community of Sun Valley community and all throughout the San Fernando Valley. I am currently working with the Public Safety Committee chair, Oscar Portillo, to hopefully bring a presentation of our programs to the entire SVANC board.

Betty Guevara – Also part of the San Fernando Partnership (same as Mr. Treviño). She is promoting the Let’s Make a Difference Campaign.

Seydi Morales – State Senate candidate for the newly redistricted District 20, formerly District 18. I have worked for the past 20 years as a social worker/therapist. Now, I am an attorney with an office in Van Nuys. You can learn more about me at my website seydiforsenate.com.

Rudy Melendez – Thank you all for being in the camera. He introduced himself as a candidate for Congressional District 29. I have been attending your meetings regularly for the past few years. I would like to hold a debate with my opponent, Tony Cardenas.

ITEM 8: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda

Norma O. Chávez extended an invitation to all Board members to participate in the coming Spring Festival. Former boardmember Carmen Perez has been invited to participate and has accepted. Wendy and I will be present and we need more people. Wendy Thum shared that Emilie will be also participating.

ITEM 9: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board available seats were reviewed:

- (5) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 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, 2023)

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 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of María Villarreal to a Residential Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2025 She gave a brief description of why she wants to join the SVANC Board and her interest in participating in the Beautification committee and the infrastructure committee. **1st:** Norma O. Chávez, **2nd:** Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Daniel Hill to a Youth representative open seat, term ends in 2023 This is a one year appointment. Daniel gave a brief description of why he wants to join the SVANC Board and his interest in participating in the Outreach Committee and the Homelessness Committee. **1st:** Norma O. Chávez, **2nd:** Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 9 votes in favor

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee

The newly appointed board members recited the Code of Civility and were officially seated.

ITEM 12: Presentation by Samira Squires on the project on 8359-8367 San Fernando Rd. This project seeks a change from used car lot into a truck storage/semi truck repair. The presenters were absent. Wendy Thum moved to table this item and Rosalío García seconded.it. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a letter with the decision made by the Board regarding the project on 8359-8367 San Fernando Rd. This project seeks a change from used car lot into a truck storage/semi truck repair. Norma O. Chávez moved to table this item given that there was no presentation, item 12. Wendy Thum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 14: Presentation by Michael Schneider of Streets for All regarding the Healthy Streets LA ballot measure which will require the City of Los Angeles to implement its Mobility Plan 2035 whenever the City repaves or otherwise works on a street. They hold that doing so will save money, reduce traffic, make streets safer, and give people more options to get around town, helping to clean our air. A question and answer session took place.

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Possible action to approve a letter of support for the Healthy Streets LA ballot measure. 1st: Wendy Thum, 2nd: Emilie Hill. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D.Hill, E. Hill, Mares, Thum, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee, Portillo, Ryan

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for \$5,000.00 for Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA) to help continue supporting the Los Angeles community through advocacy, mentorship, and education. 1st: Wendy Thum, 2nd: Emilie Hill. Imelda Padilla presented the project Team Core. Ms. Padilla shared that their program helps students at high risk and provide them mentorship and direct services on the prevention side. Discussion took place. Mark P. Ryan moved to amend the motion to read an amount for \$500 instead of \$5,000 and Wendy Thum seconded the motion. There were 4 votes in favor, 3 against, 3 ineligible, and 2 absent. The motion to amend was adopted. The amended motion was approved with 5 votes in favor.

Yes - 05	No - 02	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 02
Danielan, E. Hill, Mares, Ryan, Thum	Chávez, R. Garcia,	NONE	D. Hill, Portillo, Villarreal	S. Garcia, Lee

Mark Ryan excused himself from the meeting at 8:30 pm Wendy Thum moved to extend the meeting 20 minutes and Emilie Hill seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 17: Presentation from Lisa Hart on the work of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. Ms. Hart shared information about the mission of the NCSA, They have around since 2015. There are 69 members in their group. She stated that the Northeast does not have much representation and that she was glad when Lionel Mares, a SVANC board member, showed up at their meeting. Their website has information on CIS submitted by the NCSA. Ms. Hart encouraged the SVANC board members to visit their website to find the Sustainability guidelines for developers. They are asking for SVANC to appoint a representative to their meetings.

Public comment:

Mr. Wilkinson stated this is a wonderful organization made up of neighborhood councils and recognized by the City Council as an alliance. They do so much work that he would encourage SVANC to appoint a representative to attend the NCSA meetings.

Lionel Mares offered to become the representative to those meetings. He appreciates what he has learned at those meetings.

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to consider the appointment of a board member to attend the Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance monthly meeting during the second Sunday of the month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. 1st: Norma O. Chávez moved to appoint Lionel Mares to be SVANC's representative to the NCSA,. President Thum opposed to the nomination because Mr. Mares had declined to continue being a member of the Outreach and Homeless committees. Lionel Mares did publicly state he is interested in representing us Ms. Thum asked for other members to volunteer for this position. Rosalío García moved to extend the meeting 20 more minutes and Norma O. Chávez seconded the motion. The motion to extend the meeting was approved by consent. There were no more nominations. Norma Chávez moved (a second time) to appoint Lionel Mares as there were no more nominations, 2nd: Oscar Portillo, The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor and 1 against.

Yes - 08	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Mares, Portillo, Villarreal	Thum	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee, Ryan

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to hold a cleanup in CD2 along Sherman Way and side streets from Fair to Vineland with approximately 25 volunteers, on May 21st from 9:00am to noon. Cleanup to include pickup of bulky items and tree maintenance ahead of the date. Budget not to exceed \$350 for water, coffee, breakfast snacks and lunch for the volunteers. 1st: **Norma O. Chávez moved to refer this item to the Beautification Committee**, 2nd: **Rosalío García seconded the motion**. Discussion took place. President Thum objected to this motion because her understanding is that as president she can bring to the Board projects presented to her even

if they do not go through the Beautification Committee. Ms. Chávez objected to that statement because a previous cleanup that has been brought up for the past six months has not made it to the agenda, but a community member sends an email with this concern and makes it to the top of the list without any discussion from the Beautification committee members who are being committed to participate in a cleanup that they had no saying on. In addition, Ms. Thum called the Beautification and Outreach committee members (6 members) to visit the site without having a prior open to the public discussion. Empower LA NEA, Lorenzo Briceno, stated that there is a motion on the floor to refer this item to the Beautification committee and given that the panel had discussion it was the time for the public input. Public comment took place. Mr. Wilkinson reinstated that the motion made by Ms. Chávez was for not participating in this cleanup nor using the funds included in the motion. Mathew Stone recommended referring the item to the Beautification Committee and get them involved because that is the purpose of that committee. Voting took place and the motion to refer the entire matter to the Beautification Committee was approved with 7 votes in favor and 2 against.

Yes - 07	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, Mares, Portillo, Villarreal	Hill, Thum	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee, Ryan,

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a change in chairperson of the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee. 1st: , 2nd: . The motion was approved with 7 votes in favor.

Yes - 07	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 05
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Moore, Ryan, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee, Mares, O’Gara, Portillo,

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2022. A correction was made to Matthew Stone’s name. It was written with only one t. 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Emilie Hill. The motion was approved with 7 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, E. Hill, D. Hill, Mares, Portillo, Thum, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Lee, Ryan

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for February 2022. 1st: Wendy Thum, 2nd: Emilie Hill. The motion was approved with 6 votes in favor.

Yes - 06	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Thum	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Portillo, Villarreal	S. Garcia, Lee, Ryan,

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 2022. 1st: Wendy Thum, 2nd: Rosalío García. The motion was approved with 6 votes in favor.

Yes - 06	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Thum	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Portillo, Villarreal	S. Garcia, Lee, Ryan,

Wendy Thum moved to table items 24-27 until the next meeting. Norma Chávez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

ITEM 28: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Oscar Portillo Jr is planning to go to the high schools to recruit students to participate in the committees. I have some ideas for the schools in Sun Valley.

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Serj Danielian LADWP has a program to replace toilets for up to \$250. If you are updating your washer, that is another \$500. If you want to replace your turf, that is \$3 per square foot. Changing the sprinklers is \$6. Water based irrigation controller is \$200. Getting a rain barrel is another \$5200.

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email
info@svanc.com

ITEM 29: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) none

ITEM 30: 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) none

ITEM 31: Adjournment: **1st:** Wendy Thum, **2nd:** Rosalio García. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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