



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**  
**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**(DRAFT)**

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Zoom Webinar ID #: 916 773 8692

\* 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. <b>Secretary</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Hill, Daniel <span style="float: right;">Joined at 7:10 pm</span>	Youth Representative Director	x		x**
Hill, Emilie A. <b>Treasurer</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Lee, Lily <span style="float: right;">Joined at 6:44 pm</span>	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Mares, Lionel	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Portillo, Oscar Jr. <span style="float: right;">Joined at 7:29 pm</span>	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Ryan, Mark P. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Thum, Wendy <b>President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Venegas, Eddie <span style="float: right;">to be re-appointed</span>	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Villarreal, María	Residential Stakeholder Director		x	
<b>TOTAL: 11</b> <b>Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)</b>	<b>10 Present, 1 Absent, 1 Ineligible</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**ITEM 1:** Wendy G. Thum, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Thum led the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Norma O. Chávez and quorum was established with eight members present at the time of roll call.

**ITEM 2:** Wendy Thum, the president, welcomed attendees. Ms. Thum thanked Norma O. Chávez, the secretary, for her diligent work and her dedication to SVANC. Ms. Chávez has termed out as she has been the secretary for three terms. Ms. Thum described Ms. Chávez with kind words Ms. Thum described her as an intelligent woman with many talents, among those is making *the best goody bags*. Ms. Thum described Ms. Chávez’s journey as a gift from México to this community. Ms. Chávez has become an American who embraces America and the democratic traditions and way of life the way only someone who has come from another country can and truly appreciates.

**ITEM 3: 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](mailto:33272@lapd.online)

- Today has been a long day. I was with Council District 2 at 6:00 am assisting with the Care Plus program along San Fernando Rd. We were working on the trailers and picking up the debris there. Some of the issues faced there are vehicles broken into. We are trying to work with LA Sanitation and the Council office to address the issues there. We were able to tow one truck and a trailer with some debris in it. Slowly, but surely we are trying to make that area a lot better so please be patient with us.
- Fourth of July is a long day for me. I worked seventeen hours. We had the parade in Sunland-Tujunga. I know fireworks are a big issue specifically with this group. CD2 had an overtime detail for us. Unfortunately, I could not fill it. I had resources allocated to me for the drone show, which were ten officers who were there until about 11 o'clock at night. Just know that I have not forgotten and we will continue to work to make an impact on the issue of fireworks.
- With respect to crime in Sun Valley, I am happy to report that in Glencrest Hills we had a project for burglaries that we haven't had one for quite some time. We are still keeping a look at that. As a reminder, please be vigilant, watch out for one another, lock your doors, and lock your windows as well. For those who have Ring videos, please save them even if your property is not burglarized. We do use those videos to help us with others who have been victimized.
- We have seen a reduction in robberies and aggravated assaults in Area 77 and Area 81. And other crimes are about the same.
- We will have catalytic converter etching event at Hanslem Dam on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Catalytic converters theft goes up and down. We see an increase for a couple days and then we see level out and then it goes up again. We are working on the flyer, so we will be sending that out
- We will be having National Night Out next month. Estela Errington will be hosting one in Sun Valley at her residence in Peoria. Phill Tabbi will be having his usual National Night Out at Stonehurst Park. I'll put out those flyers once people send them out.

Serj Danielian asked who was in charge of the app made available to report fireworks during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and what were its results .

Susan Lustig informed us that Coffee with LAPD has moved from Starbucks to Denny's for August the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Marcos Arroyo thanked Sergeant Ojeda for all their work today. He lives in the Glencrest Hills and drives around the area in CD2 where the Care Plus services were provided and was happy to see the removal of the trailer and the truck that had been there with construction material. He hopes this is the start of cleaning up that area.

#### **ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives**

##### **A. Diana Gonzalez (Councilmember Paul Kerkorian, CD2, [diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org](mailto:diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org) )**

- We are continuing to work with various departments regarding the encampments and RV dwellings. We have scheduled our LA Sanitation crew, UCLA mobile medical unit, and our LAHSA Outreach team to be present the entire week on San Fernando Rd. from Sunland to Arminta prior to our July 30 cleanup. I want to thank Wendy and Norma for meeting me on site today for our preparation.

##### **B. Lilia Monterrosa (Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 29th District, [lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov](mailto:lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov) )**

- Congressman Tony Cardenas hosted a Telephone Town Hall towards the end of June focused on mental health and highlight that beginning July 16, this Saturday, 988 will be the calling code for mental health emergencies. So this 988 code will be replacing the national suicide prevention lifeline and veterans crisis line. Anyone experiencing mental distress can dial those three numbers and be able to speak with trained counselors so they can help them cope with the emergency they are experiencing.
- He also spoke of his legislation that he has introduced to provide additional funding for states to be able to implement a local crisis response.
- If you missed the town hall and would like to hear it, it is available at [cardenas.house.gov/live](https://cardenas.house.gov/live)
- Congressman secured 12.5 million dollars this past fiscal year for the San Fernando Valley through ten local community projects. This current fiscal year, 2023, he has requested an additional 27 million dollars in federal funds for 15 local community projects to support job creation, youth programs, mental health care, and many other great community projects.
- If you need any help any federal departments such as IRS, Social Security Administration and even passports for the summer, please call our office at (818) 221-3718.

##### **C. Will Steal (Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, [will.steal@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:will.steal@bos.lacounty.gov) )**

- Covid 19 Update – The County Public Health will be shortly announcing that the County will be in the CDC high transmission tier. Once the County reaches that tier, a mask mandate will be implemented in the next three weeks. Supervisor Barger did not support an automatic mask mandate. Mask mandates are inconsistent across county lines, which only creates confusion

and frustration among the public. This action is not in line with the state and creates inconsistencies that make it difficult to enforce. Supervisor Barger does strongly encourage everyone the use of mask indoors and especially in crowded settings.

- Regarding the eviction moratorium relief to property owners. At the June 28 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Supervisor Barger's motion to provide eviction moratorium relief to property owners. This motion will identify existing funding, legislation, and programs to bring them financial relief. The Supervisor feels the County needs to do more to help property owners.

**ITEM 5:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno ([lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org))

- Board members still have access to trainings, recordings and materials, Robert's Rules made simple, and the Brown Act workshop at <https://empowerla.org/workshops-trainings/>
- The Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods will be held on September 24, 2022. The theme for this year is The Future of LA; Celebrating our City.
- Coming funding trainings: Tuesday, July 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, 2pm - 4pm, Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022, 6pm - 8pm

**Questions:**

Susan Lustig: an email was sent a while back from me and secretary Norma to ask for guidance on emails and how long should they be saved when a board member leaves the board. Answer: emails can be deleted for members how have left the board.

Cindy Cleghorn: DONE has sent a survey about going back to in person meetings and was requesting participation in the survey and was wondering if people knew about it. Answer: the department continues to send notifications. There is no final result yet.

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

Jelani Arriaga –I am representing the Outfront JC Decaux Street Furniture of Los Angeles Company. Thank you for allowing me to share information about a new advertising bus shelter program called **STEP** currently under review. The program will go to Council late July/August with limited information and only 72 hours notice giving Angelenos very little time to participate. The proposed agreement includes the installation of over 6600 advertising panels including almost 2000 digital screens some as large as 60 square feet on City sidewalks. The City is willing to pay for all the capital investment upward of 230 million dollars. Currently the City owns 1900 bus shelters for free and will pay millions to destroy and replace the existing free ones. The proposed agreement did not go through a full EIR and the City is recommending as part of the new STEP agreement to change the Los Angeles Municipal Code and allow the unlimited quantity and size advertising panels on City sidewalks only to the discretion of Public Works with no input from elected officials, offices, or neighborhood council members. This proposed vendor never managed or built a transient shelter program of this magnitude.

Marcos Arroyo – The issue regarding Spectrum installation cabinets was discussed a week ago and I know this council was working on sending a letter to Councilmember Paul Krekorian and I just wanted to follow up.

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

Norma Chávez encouraged Jelani Arriaga to get in touch with her regarding the STEP program as it has previously been discussed in this council and a letter was sent.

**ITEM 8:** 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, 2023)

A correction was made to the agenda. The two seniors seats terms end in 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 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the re-appointment of Eddie Venegas to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2025, and his assignment as chair of the Cindy Sower MYLA311 Ad Hoc Committee. If approved, he will be immediately seated and sworn in by the President **1<sup>st</sup>**: Norma O. Chávez, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Rosalío García, Eddie Venegas had an opportunity to share about his reappointment and stated that one of the trainings was not completed in time. He had a period of two months where he was very busy and was unable to complete that training. But now everything is taken care of. Voting took place and the motion passed with 8 votes in favor.

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

**ITEM 10: Discussion / Action Election of the 2022-2023 Executive Committee Officers:**

**A. President –** Eddie Venegas moved to nominate Wendy Thum and she accepted the nomination. Lily Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

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

**B. Treasurer –** Emilie A. Hill volunteered to keep her position. **1<sup>st</sup>**: Wendy Thum, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Rosalío García. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

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

**C. Secretary –** Wendy Thum moved to nominate Eddie Venegas and Rosalío García seconded it. Eddie Venegas accepted the nomination. The motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

<b>Yes - 08</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 03</b>
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Portillo, Villarreal

**D. 1st Vice President –** Eddie Venegas moved to nominate Norma O. Chávez and Rosalío García seconded it. Norma O. Chávez accepted the nomination. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

<b>Yes - 10</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 02</b>
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

Daniel Hill joined the meeting during the roll call vote for vice president position, approximately 7:10 pm.

**E. 2nd Vice President –** Rosalío García moved to nominate Serj Danilelian and Norma O. Chávez seconded it. Mr. Danielian declined the nomination. Emilie A. Hill moved to nominate Mark P. Ryan and Rosalío García seconded it. Mr. Ryan accepted the nomination. Voting took place and the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

<b>Yes - 09</b>	<b>No - 01</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 02</b>
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint the **2022-2023 bank card holders and signatories**. Norma O. Chávez asked that if there were no objections she proposed the card holders and signatories stay as they currently are. There were no objections. Norma O. Chávez made the first motion to approve keeping these positions as they currently are and Eddie Venegas seconded it. The motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

- A. 1st Card Holder – Emilie A. Hill
- B. 2nd Card Holder – Rosalío García
- C. 2nd Signatory – Norma O. Chávez
- D. Alternate Signatory – Wendy G. Thum

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve hosting Phase II of the LAUSD Board District 6 Candidate Forum to be held in September 2022, date to be determined based on the Candidates' availability and commitment to attend, via Zoom from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (Hill, Chávez, Thum) 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García. Wendy Thum shared that the first forum was very successful. Except we did not get Kelly Gonez who at first had committed but then pulled out. But we had a lively debate that went across Sun Valley and got very favorable feedback from the community. We would like to hold another debate with her present. We are trying to find out if she can commit and actually be present. This will be extremely useful for voters when they are trying to make their decision. Emilie Hill would like us to move forward with this forum only if we can get a commitment from vote candidates otherwise this is unproductive. Voting took place and the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Thum	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter to Councilmember Paul Krekorian and to copy all Council members as well as Frank Park, Spectrum Project Manager, and Tanat Satidkit, BOE to oppose the installation of two Spectrum's emergency electrical cabinets. One will be located in front of the property on 8570 North Vine Valley Dr. and the second in front of the property North Valecrest St. (this may be 10327 Roscoe Blvd.) 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García.

Ms. Chávez shared that a couple of neighbors from Glencrest Hills requested our support denying the installation of the cabinets because they were not given sufficient notice to provide input not enough time to appeal this project. They were very upset with the tone of the letter as it seemed there were not being given any choice, but to approve the projects. The neighbors fear that this could be the beginning to spread many more cabinets in their community. They are also uncomfortable with the cabinets because they could be a magnet for graffiti and dogs marking their territory leaving bad smell. Ms. Chávez visited the two proposed locations and observed that Glencrest Hills is a beautiful neighborhood. It is very clean and it seems neighbors take pride on their neighborhood and they would like it keep it that way.

Susan Lustig stated that a neighbor from Glencrest Hills brought this to her attention at the same time that SVANC received two notifications from Spectrum regarding the two cabinets installation. They feel that they do need these emergency power cabinets because they are in a high fire danger area but want to send a message to Spectrum that they cannot just dump those 41/2 feet boxes all around the community with no regard to the way they look or the way the block points of view in driveways. They would like the proper departments to oversee the projects so they can be strategically designed into their landscape.

Voting took place and the motion passed with ten votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve to temporarily merge the Beautification and Homeless committees for a one-year term, renewable yearly by Board vote. (Thum) 1<sup>st</sup>: Emilie A. Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. Wendy Thum presented the idea for merging the

two committees and shared that whenever there is a community cleanup, the committee is spending more than half the time dealing with the homeless issue and so she thought that it might be productive if the council tried as an experiment to merge these two committees to work together.

Norma O. Chávez asked if this was proper procedures given that quorum for regular board meetings is 7 members and the majority for voting is 4. The merged committee will have between 5 to 6 members which already is the majority of our regular board votes. Lorenzo Briceno offered guidance and said that it is possible to and explained the wording for the agenda. He did not address how the motions brought to the regular board will be affected by automatically having six votes from the members of the committee.

Emilie Hill recommended joining the committees so the problem of cleaning, trash pickup, and homelessness could be addressed at the same time.

Norma Chávez stated that she wished the items related to merging the committee were moved further down in the agenda when all the committees have been formed and the newly appointed members to Beautifications and to Homelessness committee can have a saying on whether they want the committees to merge or not, Also they should be given an opportunity to volunteer as chair of the Homelessness committee if they wanted to do so. Perhaps no one wants that position, but at least when the committee is formed they can voice their opinion about this.

Voting took place and the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 02	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Chávez, Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

Oscar Portillo joined the meeting at 7:29 pm.

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** (if the preceding passes) to appoint Emilie Hill as Co-Chair of the Beautification/Homeless committee (Thum) 1st: Lily Lee, 2nd: Wendy Thum. Emilie A. Hill would like the committee to move forward. She has been attending the LAHSA meetings to learn about what resources are available. The funding and getting the mental health support could be an issue. The housed neighbors are frustrated and the unhoused need resources. She is passionate about this so she would like to get this going towards solving the problem.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** (if the preceding passes) to hold a monthly in-person stakeholder meeting of the Beautification/Homeless Committee at Denny's, per the suggestion of Anthony Servera, to solicit input from the community (Thum). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Wendy Thum. Wendy Thum feels this is a good place to hold the meetings because it is in the middle of many issues happening in that area that need to be addressed. Lorenzo Briceno reminded board members that neighborhood councils still cannot hold in person meetings.

**ITEM 16A:** Emilie A. Hill **moved to amend motion item16** to state Motion / Discussion / Vote (if the preceding passes) to hold a monthly in-person stakeholder meeting of the Beautification/Homeless Committee at Denny's, per the suggestion of Anthony Servera, to solicit input from the community upon approval for in person meetings. Norma O. Chávez seconded the motion.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**Voting took place for amended item 16.** Motion / Discussion / Vote (if the preceding passes) to hold a monthly in-person stakeholder meeting of the Beautification/Homeless Committee at Denny's, per the suggestion of Anthony Servera, to solicit input from the community upon approval for in person meetings. The motion was approved by ten votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Mariam Moore, who is not a board member, to an open seat to the Planning and Land Use committee (Chávez, PLUM) 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill.

Norma O. Chávez stated that as she has mentioned in the past, the PLUM committee is very challenging and she feels it is very complicated to have a single person reading all the letters received for construction sites, visiting the sites, attending PlanCheckNC, attending hearings, attending trainings to learn all about planning. Ms. Chávez would love to have a full PLUM committee made up of three board members and three community stakeholders. So she strongly proposed accepting Mariam Moore who was a board member in the past and proved to be very passionate about looking into City code, municipal code, and criminal code and she read a lot so it feels good to have someone who is that motivated and to get her help. Voting took place and the motion was approved with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Mary Ann Geyer, who is not a board member, to an open seat to the Planning and Land Use committee (Chávez, PLUM) 1<sup>st</sup>: Wendy Thum, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García

Norma O. Chávez stated that Mary Ann had attended past PLUM meetings and was very passionate about the problems being seen in Sun Valley. Ms Geyer is a person who lives in Sun Valley, works in Sun Valley, and sounded very knowledgeable in this subject so Ms. Chávez reached out to her to invite her to become part of this committee. Ms. Geyer accepted. However, there is one problem. Ms. Geyer believes that the kind of identification SVANC is requesting is very private and personal. The list of SVANC documents of proof of identification are items such social security card, credit card, and passport to name a few. Ms. Chávez asked if there is any way the board could go around that to approve Ms. Geyer and so she would leave the decision up to the board and the guidance of the Empower LA NEA, Lorenzo Briceno.

Lorenzo Briceno asked if the type of identifications was an item coming from the Standing Rules and it seems it is not, but there is a document in the SVANC website under Board Information that has a list of acceptable documentation as proof of identification. No board member had knowledge of where the list came from. Given than Ms. Geyer is a person who lives in this community and her participation is only with the PLUM committee and not the board, it was recommended to move forward with the vote. Voting took place and the motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to set a new date for training of all Board Members by the City (Thum) 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill. Ms. Thum reminded all boards that in a past meeting we all approved to set up a training for potential committee chairs and the City recommended holding this training for the entire board. We had already set up a date to meet in person, but it had to postponed so now the training just needs to be rescheduled. Mr. Briceno and Ms. Thum will work on setting up a list of possible dates for the training. Rosalío García recommended holding this meeting in the late afternoon when most members are off work. The motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Portillo, Villarreal

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to create a TikTok account for the SVANC which will be managed by Wendy Thum (Thum) 1<sup>st</sup>: Eddie Venegas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Serj Danielian.

Wendy Thum - This came about during a discussion with Lorenzo Briceno about ways to increase our visibility primarily for elections, events, ways to promote our neighborhood council. SVANC has not been able to retrieve its twitter account nor its instagram account.

Norma O. Chávez would like a plan on the kind of content there will be, how often SVANC will be posting and that sort of details.

Mark P. Ryan spoke as someone who deals with social media drama daily and he would like to caution the board on how social media accounts can be badly misused and they do require significant attention and management and maybe Ms. Thum is capable of spending 90 hours a week for SVANC work, but it feels like the SVANC is not supposed to be a 90 hour a week endeavour and the more of these types of things that the board does, the more management that it takes and the more liabilities it receives when someone posts something or forwards something or does whatever with it. If Ms. Thum is willing to be the goddess of this, then great. But all these pieces of social media make Mr. Ryan nervous when SVANC doesn't have a solid social media plan, there is no solid strategy for properly managing it. It was mentioned not having the password for Twitter and Instagram and that sort of thing speaks volumes of our inability to properly manage this.

Susan Lustig would be happy to share with Ms. Thum any graphics she uses for Facebook and Nextdoor, but would not put it in her computer. It is own by China. She would not touch it at all and would think twice about doing anything with TikTok. The other accounts are not a problem, but TikTok is a no.

Serj Danielian recommended sharing the password to TikTok with the executive committee.

Oscar Portillo recommended focusing on the other SVANC social media accounts. He does not recommend TikTok because this is targeted to teenagers and he feels positive not many teenagers follow SVANC.

Serj Danilian believes that using TikTok is a good platform to start getting the younger users involved with the community.

Wendy Thum looked at other accounts and Gelsons Super Market uses it to promote their sales. She would like to start with introducing SVANC and their elections. She feels this is not a complicated task and she can manage it easily.

Lorenzo Briceno reminded the board that TikTok accounts must also adhere to social media policy just like other social media platform such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and recommended taking a look at that or even having a one to one meeting with their communications director.

Voting took place and the motion was approved with 6 votes in favor and 5 against.

Yes - 06	No - 05	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Danielan, D. Hill, E. Hill, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Chávez, García, Lee, Mares, Portillo	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**FINANCE ITEMS (21-40):**

**ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the *Temporary (NO ROLLOVER FUNDS) Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget* for submission to the City Clerk's Office, to later be replaced with previously approved *Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget*. 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. Emilie Hiill shared that this is a formality and that the rollover funds will not arrive until sometime in August. SVANC still needs to submit a budget that is within the \$32, 000 mark and does not include the rollover funds. She went back to the previous budget and crossed out the things that would get us to below the \$32,000 and needs to upload it as soon as it is approved. This will be with the understanding that once the rollover funds are made available, this budget will be replaced with the previously approved budget in last meeting. Voting took place and the motion was approved with 10votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

ITEMS 22, 23 and 24 are items that were approved at SVANC's last meeting. They need to be approved again so funds for this fiscal

year may be used for these expenses. 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García. Voting took place and the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	D. Hill	Villarreal

**ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve using funds from fiscal year 2022-2023 for an amount not to exceed \$350 for food and beverages for the volunteers from a previously approved community cleanup in CD2 (May 10, 2022) along San Fernando Road between Sunland Blvd. and Hollywood Way and all the streets in between on July 30, 2022 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the reimbursement to Wendy Thum for \$17.09 for coffee pods

**ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for \$500.00 for 4 Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA) to help continue supporting the Los Angeles community through advocacy, mentorship, and education. This grant application was presented by Imelda Padilla at the April 12, 2022 meeting and was approved by the board. In order to use the new fiscal year funds the grant must be approved again.

**ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a reimbursement of \$48.16 to Norma O. Chávez for the purchase of office supplies 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. Norma O. Chávez shared that when she makes purchases for SVANC she always looks for the best deals and sometimes SVANC's credit card is not accepted at certain stores. She could not pass this deal as there were 3 storage bins for about \$23.00 while at most stores the prize for one was \$15.00 and up.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas		NONE	D. Hill	Villarreal

**ITEM 26: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve creating a YouTube channel for SVANC, cost not to exceed \$12 per month, which will be managed by Wendy Thum (Thum) Wendy Thum moved to table item 26 for the time being pending. There were no objections.

**Wendy moved to table items 27 and 28. Emilie Hill seconded the motion and stated that there were a couple of BACs still needed to be uploaded to clear them up. There were no objections.**

**ITEM 27: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2022

**ITEM 28: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2022

**Note:** In a consent calendar, items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. There will be no discussion on these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda. Any member of the Board may request that an item be removed.

**Consent Calendar for items 29 through 40 there is one motion and one vote** 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Serj Danielian. The motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	D. Hill,	Villarreal

**ITEM 29: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the recurring expenses for monthly payment to The Pappas Family Trust in the amount of \$1,749.83 for office space rental at 8720 Sunland Blvd.

**ITEM 30: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve recurring monthly Spectrum office telephone and internet costs not to exceed \$2,280.00 for the year (Average \$170 per month.)

**ITEM 31: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve subscribing to Constant Contact (SVANC Newsletter service) for a yearly subscription of \$459.00/yr (\$38.25/mo). The savings will be \$81.00 per year from their monthly cost of \$45/mo.

**ITEM 32: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve monthly translation expenses of \$215.00 to \$260.00 per month with services to be reimbursed by the City.

**ITEM 33: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve monthly expenses for refreshments, generally pizza and bottled water not to exceed \$75.00 per meeting

**ITEM 34: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to allow the PRESIDENT to approve reasonable expenses toward the maintenance of SVANC office and for our meetings for such items as office supplies, equipment repairs, and other basic needs, not to exceed \$350 in any month

**ITEM 35: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve recurring payment to Insight Investment for the Konica Minolta copier that is leased. Payment not to exceed \$80/mo.

**ITEM 36: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the recurring payment for copies from the Konica Minolta copy machine of approximately one cent per copy, billed quarterly.

**ITEM 37: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve property tax payment for the Konica Minolta machine of approx. \$120.00 per year.

**ITEM 38: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve recurring charge for electricity from the LADWP not to exceed the average of \$150.00 every month (\$1,800 per year.)

**ITEM 39: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to renew our contract with Barkley Communications to provide the services of Susan Lustig for a twelve month agreement, July 2022 through June 2023 to update the SVANC website, update SVANC board member emails (adding & deleting names as necessary) and to create and send out the newsletters via Constant Contact for Executive, Board, and Committee meetings for the sum of \$5,760 (approximately \$480/mo. @ \$60/hr for 8 hrs) The yearly (\$5,760) is the do-not-exceed, the monthly is not, it is an approximation.

**ITEM 40: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the recurring monthly payment to Barkley Communications not-to-exceed \$650 for Susan Lustig’s services to update the SVANC website, update SVANC board member emails (adding & deleting names as necessary) and to create and send out the newsletters via Constant Contact for Executive, Board, and Committee meetings. (Yearly budget in item above stays the same.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (41-45):**

**ITEM 41: Discussion / Action Election of the 2022-2023 chairpersons of the Standing Committees**

**A. Outreach/Community Affairs – Norma Chávez** moved to table this item and come back to it next month. There were no objections.

**B. Finance and Budget-** Emilie Hill agreed to continue to be the chair of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eddie Venegas. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**C. Beautification-** Wendy Thum agreed to continue to be the chair of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**D. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) - Norma O. Chávez** agreed to continue to be the chair of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Wendy Thum, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares,Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**E. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Oscar Portillo Jr Emilie** agreed to continue to be the chair of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares,Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**ITEM 42: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members to the 2022-2023 Standing Committees** (2 members maximum per committee)

**A. Outreach/Community Affairs – Rosalío García and Lily Lee** volunteered as members of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**B. Finance and Budget - Rosalío García** volunteered as member of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 11 votes in favor. There will be a vacancy.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

**C. Beautification - María Villarreal and Oscar Portillo** volunteered as members of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eddie Venegas. The motion was approved with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Ryan, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Villarreal

Wendy Thum proposed tabling the next items in the agenda for next month if there were no objections and moving on to public comment. Norma O. Chávez objected because she had already prepared over 30 BAC documents that she printed at her own cost because the office printer is still not available. This was a two hour job that made her late to this meeting. She has been providing many copies for the past six months due to the office printer not being accessible yet.

Mr. Ryan excused himself from the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Wendy Thum moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes and Rosalío García seconded the motion. It was approved by consent.

**D. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) Emilie A. Hill and María Villarreal** volunteered as members of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo,	NONE	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

Thum, Venegas				
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E. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Mark P. Ryan and Eddie Venegas volunteered as members of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>Wendy Thum, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 02	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

**ITEM 43: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint chairpersons to the 2022-2023 Ad Hoc Committees**

A. CHSRA High Speed Rail – Serj Danielian volunteered to keep representing SVANC. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares,Portillo, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

B. Homelessness – Emilie A. Hill was already appointed under item 15.

C. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez volunteered to stay as chair of this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Eddie Venegas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares,Portillo, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

D. Elections – there were no volunteers so it was tabled for next month.

**ITEM 44: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members to the 2022-2023 Ad Hoc Committees (2 members maximum)**

A. CHSRA High Speed Rail - Emilie Hill volunteered to be a member 1<sup>st</sup>: Emilie A. Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor. There is one vacancy.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Mares, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

B. Homelessness – Daniel Hill volunteered. María Villarreal was appointed. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddie Venegas. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

C. Bylaws – Mark P, Ryan and Wendy Thum volunteered for this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill. The motion was approved with 09 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

D. Elections – Daniel Hill and Lily Lee volunteered for this committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Emilie A. Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Thum. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

**ITEM 45: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint board members to the 2022-2023 NC city-wide committees/Liaisons/Coalitions**

Norma O. Chávez proposed filling out all the positions and then have a single motion. There were no objections.

- A. LANCC-Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (meets 1st Saturday at 10:00 am) – Serj Danielian
- B. VANC-Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (meets 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm) – Emilie A. Hill
- C. NCEPA-Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (meets the 4th Saturday at 10:00 am) – Oscar Portillo Jr.
- D. PlanCheckNC-Plan Check Neighborhood Councils (meets 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm) - Norma O. Chávez
- E. NCBA – Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate (meets 1st Monday at 7:00 pm) – Wendy Thum
- F. C-PAB – Community-Police Advisory Board (meets 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm) – Serj Danielian
- G. Homelessness Liaison- Emilie A. Hill

. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Daniel Hill. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

**ITEM 46: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to consider further public children's events with Theatre West. 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García. Wendy Thum shared that Theatre West was very happy with us and the goody bags. They thought that Norma and Emilie were fantastic. They would like to think of us as community partners and they are very interested in doing more things. The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielan, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas	Mares	NONE	NONE	Ryan, Villarreal

**ITEM 47: Report / Discussion** by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons. Wendy Thum moved of table all the committee reports and Emilie Hill seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

**ITEM 48: Public Comment** on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Alma Flores applauds all board members for their civic duty to Sun Valley. She grew up in Sun Valley, Valerio Street. She attended Camilla Elementary School and as the world turns she came back to Sun Valley. She went to CSUN and is now working for Serra Medical Clinic on San Fernando Rd. and Sheldon Street. She is the director of marketing and community outreach. They employ about 150 people, but more importantly she is brand new. She just got the business card about two weeks ago. She would like to make connections with the neighborhood councils. She wants to let them know that her doors are open. We want to get involved with blood pressure screenings, community events at the park, parks after dark, and so on. Please get in touch with me to set up community workshops. Serra Medical Clinic has been here for 48 years.

**ITEM 49: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each) NONE

**ITEM 50: Adjournment:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Wendy Thum, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emilie A. Hill, Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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