



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 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. <b>vice-president</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Hill, Daniel	Youth Representative Director		<b>exc</b>	<b>x**</b>
Hill, Emilie A. <b>Treasurer</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Lee, Lily      Joined at 6:44 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Mares, Lionel	Residential Stakeholder Director		<b>x</b>	
Portillo, Oscar Jr.	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Ryan, Mark P. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president</b> left the meeting 6:50 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Thum, Wendy <b>President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Venegas, Eddie <b>Secretary</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
Villarreal, María	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>x</b>		
<b>TOTAL: 12      Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)</b>	<b>10 Present, 2 Absent, 1 Ineligible</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**ITEM 1:** Wendy G. Thum, president, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Thum led the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Eddie Venegas and quorum was established with nine members present at the time of roll call.

**ITEM 2:** Wendy Thum, the president, welcomed attendees. Ms. Thum thanked all board members for the diligent work they have done and their dedication to SVANC.

**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      Not Present for the meeting

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

- A.** Salvador Manriquez (Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 39th District, [salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov) )
- Mr. Manriquez spoke about the bills in the state he will have more updates next meeting. He also spoke about 17.5 million in funding for improvements ,7.5 million in funding for the pacoima wash. 10million to mission college. There will also be a check presentation on Saturday August 13, 2022, they will also be handing out free laptops starting at 10am.
  - Spoke about 4018 for more information about relocating rv's email or contact them for information. Also complimented their hard work on Phase I of the clean up on San Fernando Rd. that SVANC held
- B.** Diana Gonzalez (Office of Council members Paul Krekorian, CD2, [diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org](mailto:diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org) )
- 41.18 – some people are pushing back on this
  - There is a priority list of RVs to be removed. Ten are being removed at time.
  - De Garmo Park is receiving some equipment.

- Glad to partner up for the San Fernando Rd cleanup.

**C. Esmeralda Marcial (LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez, 6th District, [esmeralda.marcial@lausd.net](mailto:esmeralda.marcial@lausd.net) )**

- announced that Board member Kelly Gonez will join the meeting at 7:30 pm

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

- Digital Media Policy session held on basic tips and policies on NC social media. Meeting being held on August 31, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Email Lorenzo for more information and/or to join the training.
- 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, September 27 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Wednesday September 28, 2022, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, youth training be held on August 23, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm

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

No comment

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

No comment

**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 senior’ 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 do the following appointments to the 2022-2023 committees

- A. Elections Ad Hoc Committee chairperson – Norma O. Chávez
- B. Outreach/Community Affairs chairperson – Lily Lee
- C. Finance and Budget member- Eddie Venegas
- D. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness member- Eddie Venegas
- E. CHSRA High Speed Rail member - Open Seat
- F. Homelessness- change in member to have a sixth member in the merged committees
  - Norma O. Chávez moved and Emilie Hill seconded.
  - Still one open seat since Maria Villarreal held seats in both committees.

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

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Monica Vacas, who is not a board member, to an open seat to the Planning and Land Use committee (Chávez, Elections)

- Rosalío Garcia moved the motion, Thum seconded. Motion passed
- Norma O. Chávez stated that Monica is an important part of the PLUM committee because she is knowledgeable of the community, the business owners, and the streets in Sun Valley.

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

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Monica Vacas, who is not a board member, to an open seat to the Homelessness Committee (Chávez, Elections)

- Garcia moved the motion Thum seconded. Motion passed
- Thum stated that Vacas works hard at all the cleanups she has participated in, so she is an active participant.

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

Mark P. Ryan left the meeting at 6:50 pm

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the 2022-2023 Elections Information Worksheet Form (Chávez, Elections)

- Thum moved the motion, Venegas seconded. Motion passed
- Chávez said we are looking at different locations to hold the election on June 3, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The proposed locations are the SVANC office, the Fernangeles Recreation Center, and the Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies.

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

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve** a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for \$5,000.00 for Robert H. Lewis High School located at 12508 Wicks St., Sun Valley. The purpose of the grant is to beautify their campus with planting and art.

- Thum spoke on this matter and Item was tabled by consent.
- No one was here to do the presentation.

Yes - 09 Tabled Item	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, D. Hill, E. Hill, Lee, Thum, Venegas, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Mares, Ryan

**ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve** Phase II of a community cleanup in CD2 along the San Fernando Road between Arminta Street and Hollywood Way and streets in between on September 17, 2022 (fallback date Sept. 24) from 8:00am to 12:00pm with a budget not to exceed \$350 for food and beverages for the volunteers (Thum, Beautification)

- Chávez moved the motion, Thum seconded. Motion passed
- Thum stated the first phase was a total success and look forward to the next phase.

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

**ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve** going forward with the Beautify LA Grant Proposal, "Playing in the Park" that seeks to bring live children's theatre to Sun Valley parks in both CD2 and CD6. [https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2022/08/Beautify-Grant-Proposal-Guidelines-V7\\_03-17-22.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2022/08/Beautify-Grant-Proposal-Guidelines-V7_03-17-22.pdf) (Thum)

- Chávez made the motion, Hill seconded. Motion passed
- There was a total grant of \$2500 giving for this Grant to take care of the environment, planting trees, and other item like so were the ones that were covered.
- Portillo asked what was the turn out Thum answered 125 people participated and 40 were Spanish speakers.

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

**ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion/Vote** to approve a Fire Safety Event for the Homeless with My Safe LA <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2022/08/SCP-NC-Overview-7-2022.pdf> (Hill, Thum)

- Thum moved, Venegas seconded. Motion passed
- Chávez asked what is SVANC providing for the homeless. Hill then answered that CD2 is making the connection with My Safe LA and the Connected Navigation Center to provide the training. Hill also mentioned that the reason behind this training is to prevent unexpected fires that happen with the homeless. Portillo also asked if we are going to give fire extinguishers to the

homeless, Hill responded no. My Safe LA may provide the extinguishers approved by the state. Portillo also asked how much is this training going to cost us Hill responded nothing.

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Mares, Ryan

**ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote** to approve up to \$150 for refreshments for the Fire Safety Event, if it passes.

- Thum made the motion, Garcia seconded. Motion passed
- Thum replied, my safe LA will be holding the event and if need we could provide refreshments.

Voting took place and the motion was approved with 8 votes in favor.

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

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to hold a clothing drive for the Homeless Navigation Center in CD2. (Hill, Thum)

- Thum asked to amend the motion to read as follows: Motion/Discussion/Vote to continue planning a clothing drive for the Homeless Navigation Center. Motion approved by consent.

**ITEM 18A: Motion / Discussion / Vote amending** to work on planning a clothing drive for the Homeless Navigation Center in CD2.

- Norma O. Chávez moved to approve the amended motion and Emilie Hill seconded it. The motion passed.
- Thum stated that people could bring clothing to SVANC office and or we can request volunteers to help.
- Norma O. Chávez stated that holding a clothing drive at the office might not be a good idea because if the event is very successful, there might be not be enough room for storage. This could also bring lots of trash because people have good intentions of giving, but sometimes have a hard time deciding what is considered gently used. Last, she stated that bulks of clothes my bring bugs to the office.
- Portillo agreed with Chávez's statement and would like for CD2 to hold this event instead of SVANC.
- Susan Lustig recommended creating a list of clothing items needed by age and gender.
- Diana Gonzalez will reach out to Hope of the Valley for assistance and Emilie Hill will collaborate with them.
- Rosalío García stated that clothes may bring roaches and/or bedbugs to the office so he did not recommend the office as the location to hold the clothing drive.
- Monkey pox is also a concern.

Yes - 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Mares, Ryan

**7:37 P.M. LAUSD BD6 Board member Kelly Gonez's update:**

Ms. Gonez welcomed back all the kids that came back to school. Summer enrichment 2022 classes were a success. There are plans for more growth and opportunity in the green sector. Her staff continues to do testing. They are also recommending mask in doors. Reach out to your local district for test kits and more resource to keep the kids safe. Update on 180 million in funding for Poly construction. Poly's new campus will open in spring 2023-2024.

- Portillo asked if the 80 million is for greenery improvements for soil and land upgrade. He also asked for me CPU not grass. Gonez responded it is not just for that there are lots of factors that happen besides just putting soil.
- Emilie Hill asked that why is it that the district makes it so hard for teachers to transfer to their home schools to make it easier on the teacher to be able to be better at there job. Gonez replied she is not aware of anything like these (Hill pointed at herself). Gonez answered she will look into this but cannot speak on district matters.
- Norma O. Chávez stated that there are 19 schools within Sun Valley. She asked how many schools in Sun Valley will benefit from the greenery project. Ms. Gonez stated that only 1 school would, Sun Valley Magnet.
- Thum asked if Gonez could come to the forum. Ms. Gonez said she would follow up and would look into her schedule.

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve to hold a virtual Forum on the Medical Consequences of Pollution on November 3 with a fallback date on November 10, 2022 (Hill)

- Thum moved the motion, Chávez seconded. Motion passed
- Susan asked if we could ask other NCs to join in on this topic.

- Hill recommended Danielian to be a member of the ad hoc committee.

Yes – 9	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, E. Hill, Lee, Portillo, Thum, Venegas, Villarreal	NONE	NONE	NONE	D. Hill, Mares, Ryan

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a letter of support to a local business in CD2, Daniel's Tacos, located at 7956 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352 regarding a City request to remove its awning. (Chávez, PLUM)

- Chávez moved to table this item. All in consent
- Chávez said we need to get more information on this matter before voting.
- Danielian said this is a busy place and he would like to see the colors changed.

**Note:** 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.

**ITEM 21:** Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 14, 2022 (Chávez)

**B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 12, 2022 (Chávez)

**C.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2022

**D.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2022

- Thum moved the motion, Venegas seconded. Motion passed.
- Emilie Hill asked to remove items E and F as they were not available yet.

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

**ITEM 22: Report / Discussion** by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

**A. Standing Committees:**

3. Beautification – Wendy Thum – there items were presented as part of the agenda

4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez

- Reviewing a request from the City to have Daniel's Tacos remove its awning.
- Reviewing a project of a Congregate Living Health Facility that is seeking to change their number of beds from 6 to 16.
- Spectrum boxes are projected to be installed in various parts of Sun Valley and community members are upset about the tone of the letters, the \$100 fee they must pay to appeal the locations, and the appearance of the boxes. PLUM is looking to invite personnel from Spectrum and the Bureau of Engineering to hold a presentation regarding these cabinets. Chávez asked Lorenzo Briceno if a new vote was necessary to make changes to the previously written letter to apply to the general public and have the most current information. Briceno stated that as long as the intention of the letter does not change, then it should be ok to modify it.

**B. Ad Hoc Committees:**

1. CHSRA High Speed Rail – Serj Danielian – This project is costing more money. Local governments have lots of power to stop this project. Palmdale added 12 minutes to the ride. Private citizens are suing and more experts have to get hired and this adds to the cost. The Environmental Impact Report has been released and Danielian is planning on reading it to bring more feedback.

2. Homelessness – Emilie A. Hill – Many items have been added to the agenda.

4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – Elections will be held on June 3, 2023. In an item of the agenda, it was approved the possible locations for SVANC's voting locations..Chávez encouraged those who are running to start working on their candidacy statement.

5. Cindy Sower MyLA311 Project – Eddie Venegas – Planning to hold a meeting next month. He would like to create pamphlets.

**C. City-wide community liaisons:**

1. LANCC – Serj Danielian – Activists were yelling during a City Council meeting. There has been a decrease of 39% in City lawsuits. Venice boardwalk is reopening soon. Private property has been removed from the homeless. Homelessness is growing in the City of LA due to attractive elements such as cheap drugs and no crime being removed. Two percent of the population of homeless are undocumented.

2. VANC – Emilie A. Hill – LAUSD Superintendent Carvalho has been invited to speak at VANC meetings, but has not showed up at

least two times. VANC is discussing the Northeast Corridor, the rapid bus lanes, and the Northeast animal shelters.

At 8:28 pm, Thum moved to extend the meeting for 10 minutes and Emilie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

3. NCEPA – Oscar Portillo Jr - Chávez asked when the next meeting will be.
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez – The STEP Program is being discussed again
5. NCBA – Emilie A. Hill – Kevin Davis, president of the Foothills Trail NC came to ask the board to elect two representatives to the NCBA. Their meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 9:00 am.
8. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) – Wendy Thum – 2000 trees have been approved to be planted in Sun Valley at a specific area. They are collaborating with Los Angeles Conservative Corp. and Green Collaboration. Norma O. Chávez asked if residents could ask for small projects for tree planting. She would like to propose a beautification project along Jerome St. and Laurel Canyon Blvd. where three crape myrtle trees died due to homeless dumping motor oil from their vehicles into the tree's hole. Thum replied that she will need to look into whether the location proposed falls under the area that qualifies for the grant.

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email [info@svanc.com](mailto:info@svanc.com)

**ITEM 23: Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) no comments

**ITEM 24: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) no comments

**ITEM 25: Adjournment** 1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eddie Venegas. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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