



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
6:00 pm – 8:00 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. president	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Garcia, Steven treasurer (joined at 6:11 pm)	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Gonzalez, Hector (appointed approximately at 6:25 pm)	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		x
Hill, Emilie A.	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Kim, Ian (appointed approximately at 6:30 pm)	Youth Representative Director	x		x
Mares, Lionel	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Moore, Mariam	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Sierra, Douglas	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Tascian, Leticia (appointed approximately at 6:27 pm)	Senior Representative Director	x		x
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director		exc	
Venegas, Eddie secretary	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
TOTAL: 12 Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	12 Present, 1 Absent, 3 Ineligible	12	1	3

ITEM 1: Eddie Venegas, secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Venegas led the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Mr. Venegas and quorum was established with seven members present at the time of roll call.

ITEM 2: Installation of the 2023 newly- elected Board of Directors. (Briceno, NEA)
 Lorenzo Briceno installed the 2023 newly-elected board of directors: Wendy G. Thum, Norma O. Chávez, Douglas Sierra, and Mariam Moore. Mr. Briceno had the group recite the Code of Civility as their Oath of Office and presented them with certificates.

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. Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755

Overall there has been a reduction in crime in comparison to last year at this time. Robberies decreased by 26%. SLO Contreras is on vacation, so he covered the stats in that area as well which showed a decrease in overall crime. The area around Glenoaks Blvd. and Sunland Blvd. continues to be a problem.

B. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, 33272@lapd.online

Summer Night Lights Out is on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Sun Valley Park and Humphrey Park. The LAPD is down to less than 9000 officers. Sergeant Ojeda encouraged the community to apply to the LAPD at its various positions available. There are 27 new recruits.

C. LAFD Chief, lafdbatallion12@lacity.org, office (818) 756-8612

Advised to clear brush as the weather is getting hotter and we want to avoid fires, and to prevent accidents with children around Pools. He shared information regarding abandoned building catching up on fire. He proposed bringing CERT to the community.

Steven Garcia joined the meeting at 6:11 pm so Item 2 was revisited. Lorenzo Briceno installed the last 2023 newly-elected board of director's member, had him recite the Code of Civility as the Oath of Office and presented him with a certificate.

ITEM 4: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve María Villarreal's transition from a Residential Stakeholder Seat to an At-Large Stakeholder Seat, term ends in 2025. Motion withdrawn; the board member resigned before the meeting began.

ITEM 5: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Hector Gonzalez to a Residential Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2025. **1st**: Norma O. Chávez, **2nd**: Rosalío García. The candidate made his statement. He is interested in joining the Outreach committee. Voting took place. Mr. Gonzalez was appointed with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Vacas

ITEM 6: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Leticia Tascian to a Senior Representative Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2024. **1st**: Norma O. Chávez, **2nd**: Wendy Thum. The candidate made her statement. She is interested in joining the Outreach and the Beautification committees. Voting took place. Ms. Tascian was appointed with 10 votes in favor.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Vacas

ITEM 7: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Prescilla Cobieya or Ian Kim to the Youth Representative Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2024. Ms. Cobieya is unable to participate in the neighborhood council so the only candidate was Ian Kim. **1st**: Rosalío García, **2nd**: Wendy Thum. The candidate made his statement. He is a student at Village Christian School. Has experience working for companies in public relations. Voting took place. Ian Kim was appointed with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Venegas,	NONE	NONE	NONE	Vacas

ITEM 8: Discussion / Action Election of the 2023-2024 Executive Committee Officers

Lorenzo Briceno, NEA, called for a motion to open the floor for nominations for the SVANC executive board positions. Eddie Venegas moved to open the floor for nominations and Rosalío García seconded.

ITEM 8A: President: Norma O. Chávez self-nominated. Eddie Venegas nominated Wendy Thum and she accepted the nomination. The two candidates gave a statement about why they want this position. Ms. Chávez would like to bring back the main responsibility of a neighborhood council which is to listen to the community and bring those issues to the Council member and advice the Council member on those issues. Ms. Thum would like to continue bringing art to the community via puppet shows and live theater at the park,

continue serving the community with cleanups and beautification projects. Roll call vote was taken. Ms. Chávez received 6 votes in favor and Ms. Thum received 4 votes in favor. Norma O. Chávez was elected as the 2023-2024 SVANC president.

In favor of Norma O. Chávez - 06	In favor of Wendy Thum - 04	Abstained- 02	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Moore, Sierra, Tascian	E. Hill, S. Garcia, Thum, Venegas,	Kim, Mares	Vacas

ITEM 8B: The floor was opened for nominations for the secretary’s position. Ms. Chávez nominated Eddie Venegas and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominees; therefore, by a vote of acclamation Eddie Venegas was elected as the 2023-2024 SVANC secretary.

ITEM 8C: The floor was opened for nominations for the treasurer position. Ms. Chávez nominated Douglas Sierra, but he declined. Wendy Thum nominated Steven Garcia and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominees so by a vote of acclamation Steven Garcia was elected as the 2023-2024 treasurer.

ITEM 8D: 1st Vice President – There was no volunteer for this position. Motion tabled for next meeting.

ITEM 8E: 2nd Vice President - There was no volunteer for this position. Motion tabled for next meeting.

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint the **2023-2024 bank card holders and signatories**

- A. 1st Card Holder – Steven Garcia
- B. 2nd Card Holder – Rosalío García
- C. 2nd Signatory – Norma O. Chávez
- D. Alternate Signatory - Eddie Venegas

1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Lionel Mares. Voting took place. The above list was approved as the financial officers with 9 votes in favor.

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Tascian, Kim	Vacas

ITEM 10: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- A. Salvador Manriquez (Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 39th District, salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov)
Mr. Manriquez reminded constituents of services offered through their office, EDD. He shared information about the Clean California Project. Backpack giveaway in Pacoima, flyer left in the back table.
- B. Katherine Castrejon (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov)
 - Coffee with Senator Menjivar on July 22 at Casa de Nati in Mission Hills.
 - Medical redetermination coming up, update it
- C. Savannah Portillo Heap (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, SPortillo@lacounty.bos.gov, (213) 595-9198)
 - Introduced herself as the new representative from the office of Supervisor Horvath.
 - Will join in person next meeting
 - Has already visited the community with Ms. Moore and Ms. Chávez to visit the Rory Shaw Wetlands

ITEM 11: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

Invited board members and constituents to join the Congress of Neighborhoods on September 23 at City Hall from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

ITEM 12: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion) There was no comment.

ITEM 13: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Lionel Mares asked for board members support to get him appointed as the LANCC representative

ITEM 14: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board available seats were reviewed:

(5) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (3 terms end in 2025, 2 terms end in 2027)

(4) seats available for Business Stakeholder (2 terms end in 2025, 2 terms end in 2027)

(1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)

There are also one year appointed positions for:

(1) seat available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2024)

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 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to reimburse Wendy Thum for a \$15 up front payment of a new post office box key for Norma Chávez . **1st:** Emilie Hill, **2nd:** Wendy Thum. Voting took place. The motion passed with 9 votes.

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Thum, Venegas,	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim, Tascian	Vacas

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to reimburse Wendy Thum for a \$26.84 up front payment for refreshments for Sun Valley Park cleanup/tree giveaway event on April 1, 2023. **1st:** Emilie Hill, **2nd:** Eddie Venegas. Voting took place. The motion passed with 9 votes.

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Thum, Venegas,	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim, Tascian	Vacas

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to reimburse Barkley Communications (Susan Lustig) for a \$25 up front payment of the purchase of the svanc.org domain name. (a new SVANC GoDaddy account will be created so the transfer of the domain name can be made to that account.) All board members were in favor of tabling this motion for next meeting

ITEM 18: Approval of the Temporary (NO ROLLOVER FUNDS) Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for submission to the City Clerk's Office. **1st:** Emilie Hill, **2nd:** Steven Garcia. Discussion took place and it was noted that the budget will have insufficient funds to pay for rent for the entire year and that the services obtained by the webmaster had been reduced in order to reduce the amount budgeted for her services. Voting took place. The motion passed with 9 votes.

Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Thum, Venegas,	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim, Tascian	Vacas

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a request to Councilwoman Imelda Padilla to file a zoning appeal with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety for Sun Valley Park and adjacent areas, including residential, commercial, and industrial. This request is because no zoning modifications or rezoning has been conducted in Sun Valley Park area since 1999. (Moore) **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Lionel Mares. Discussion took place. Ms. Moore shared a Powerpoint presentation. Voting took place. The motion passed with 12 votes.

Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian,Thum, Venegas,	NONE	NONE	NONE	Vacas

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a CIS to Council File 23-0662 regarding the preparation to study the regulation of overnight parking of oversize vehicles as it relates to vehicular homelessness. (Hill) 1st: Wendy Thum, 2nd: Steven Garcia, Discussion took place. Those opposing to approve the CIS stated that while the body of the letter represents their stand on this topic, and agreed will all points made by the presenter of this motion the letter states support for the motion CF 23-0662 which contradicts the body of the letter. Voting took place. The motion did not pass with 6 votes against and 4 votes in favor.

Yes - 04	No - 06	Abstained -01	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
S. Garcia, Hill, Mares, Thum,	Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Venegas	Kim	NONE	NONE	Vacas

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve partnering with CD2/CD6 to host a National Night Out event at a Sun Valley park on August 1, 2023 with time TBD and to provide popcorn for attendees. No funding is needed since popcorn has been already purchased for outreach events. **Motion tabled for next meeting**

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the new contract with Barkley Communications to provide the services of Susan Lustig for a twelve month agreement, July 2023 through June 2024 to update the SVANC website, update SVANC board member emails (adding & deleting names as necessary) for the sum of \$3,600 (approximately \$300/mo. 6 @ \$60/hr for 8 hrs) The yearly amount of \$3,600 is the do-not-exceed. The monthly amount is an approximation. (duties no longer include creating any meeting notices/newsletters on Constant Contact or posting to social media (Facebook/NextDoor). **Motion tabled for next meeting**

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter of support to the LASAN Sun Valley Green Neighborhood Infrastructure Project 1st: Wendy Thum, 2nd: Steven Garcia. Discussion took place. Chávez encouraged board members to approve projects to improve our community even when they do not affect us individually and directly. Voting took place. The motion was approved with 12 votes in favor.

Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Vacas

Norma O. Chávez moved to table items 24 - 33 for next meeting and board members approved it unanimously.

ITEM 34: 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 35: 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 36: Adjournment 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Norma O. Chávez. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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