



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
(DRAFT)

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Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221

* No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote **No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

BOARD MEMBER	BOARD POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE
Chávez, Norma O. president	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Garcia, Steven treasurer	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Gonzalez, Hector	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Hill, Emilie A.	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Kim, Ian	Youth Representative Director	x		x
Mares, Lionel	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Moore, Mariam	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Sierra, Douglas 2nd vice-president (joined at 6:20 pm)	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Tascian, Leticia	Senior Representative Director	x		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director		exc	
Vacas, Monica vice-president	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Valle, Cindy (appointed at approx. 6:25 pm)	Business Stakeholder Director	x		x
Venegas, Eddie secretary	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
TOTAL: 14 Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	12 Present, 1 Absent, 3 Ineligible	13	1	2

ITEM 1: Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Chávez led the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Mr. Venegas and quorum was established with twelve members present at the time of roll call.

ITEM 2: Ms. Chávez welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their presence.

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

Good reduction in crime in comparison to last year at this time, property crime included. The department has had the biggest

decrease in grand theft auto. There is a class action against KIAS and Hyundai cars because they are easy to steal due to their ignition.

B. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, 33272@lapd.online

Reduction in crime is nearly 50 %. There is an increase in aggravated assault. An area of concern is Lankershim Blvd between Saticoy and Strathern with assaults and robberies. There is a large concentration of RVs on Randall.

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

Adam K. from Batallion 12 shared that he just newly transferred. We have a large geographical area with a very high fire severity zone. He advised the community to clean the brush as many times as needed to protect one's home. He spoke of bringing a CERT class soon.

ITEM 4: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Councilmember Imelda Padilla was present at the meeting and was happy that SVANC's meetings were taking place at the library because this is an important place for the Sun Valley community. Ms. Padilla introduced Rafael Gonzalez as the new field deputy for Sun Valley. She shared that Lorena Bernal is now the area director. Rafael Gonzalez introduced himself.

B. LAUSD Boardmember D6 Kelly Gonez was present and provided an update of current events in LAUSD. Ms. Gonez shared the Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (V.O.C.E.S.) will be participating in a film festival and that an NPG would be coming our way as they are trying to fundraise \$14,000 to participate in the mentioned film festival. There will be a grand opening of the low income housing project located across from V.O.C.E.S. Magnet. August 14 is back to school day. Her proposed Greening Resolution passed unanimously. Thirty percent of the schools' yards will be turned to green space by 2035.

C. Diana Gonzalez (Councilmember Paul Krekorian, CD2, diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org) – emailed flyers to be shared

D. Salvador Manriquez (Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 43rd District, salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov) – emailed flyers for their distribution

E. Savannah Portillo Heap (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, SPortillo@lacounty.bos.gov, (213) 595-9198) – Ms. Portillo was glad to participate in the PLUM committee meeting regarding the Rory Shaw on August 24. She informed that Supervisor Horvath will be the next LASHA chair. She shared that the Sun Valley Library is a cool center and mentioned other cooling centers in the vicinity. There are resources for the street vendors regarding permits.

F. María Flores (LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez, 6th District, m.d.flores@lausd.net, (818) 401-8585) - introduced herself

G. Katherine Castrejon (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov) – shared that she had secured a visit to Sun Valley with Senator Menjivar and invited the community for Coffee with Caroline in September. She shared that this is the time to re do the updates to the Medical application

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org) – having difficulties with zoom

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion)

Janice Sendejas shared the difficulties getting trash picked up and emergency vehicles difficulty accessing their street because it is too narrow and when cars park there they block the access to that street. She has been trying to bring attention to this issue since 2018 with no results. This is in Keswick and Lull, only four houses there.

There are concerns with a rehab center located on 8820 Wheatland Place, near Vineland, which seems to be expanding and the community is not very supportive given that it has brought negative impact to this area.

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Jamie York was appointed to BONC by City Controller Kenneth Mejia because she has done a lot of work for neighborhood councils. SVANC was asked to provide a letter of support. Karen Water was appointed to BONC by City Council.

ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Cindy Valle to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2025. **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Monica Vacas. Cindy Valle introduced herself and made her candidate statement. She was appointed with twelve 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, Vacas, Venegas,	NONE	NONE	NONE	Thum

ITEM 9: Presentation by Carlos Madrigal regarding the McDonalds project proposed at 9009 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Sun Valley, CA 91352 *tabled*

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote approve a letter of support regarding the McDonalds project 3 proposed at 9009 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Sun Valley, CA 91352 and submit this letter to the agencies involved in the process of approving the permits for the project *tabled*

ITEM 11: Presentation by Michael Pauls regarding the Express Car Wash project proposed at the Commercial Corner development at 8431 Sunland Blvd. Sun Valley, CA 91352 in the C2- 1VL-CUGU zone and P-1VL-CUGU zone

Mr. Michael Pauls made a very thorough presentation of the project and went into detail of how the project will be in compliance with the Clean Up Green Up Policy. He used visuals to illustrate the aesthetics of the building and the landscape.

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter of support regarding the Express Car Wash project proposed at the Commercial Corner development at 8431 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352 in the C2-1VL-CUGU zone and P-1VL-CUGU zone **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Mariam Moore. SVANC continues to recommend use of canopy trees for maximal shade as opposed to decorative trees. They also recommended that the project follows through with all the environmental study results. The letter of support was approved with eleven votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to endorse the proposed Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights developed by the Working Group for Constructive Change, which is a committee created under the auspices of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) **1st:** Monica Vacas, **2nd:** Rosalío García. The motion was approved with eleven votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter of support to Mayor Bass and all Council members regarding Assembly Bill 799 (Homelessness Accountability and Results Act) - The bill seeks to reform California’s current homelessness approach to issuing funds by enacting meaningful accountability measures, promoting the use of State homelessness funds, and setting State goals to anchor local progress. **1st:** Monica Vacas, **2nd:** Rosalío García. The motion was approved with 11 votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a CIS to Council File 22-0392 to oppose the Metro Transportation Communication Network Ordinance which proposes to erect digital display signs to approximately 49 Metro-owned parcels throughout the City that are adjacent to the 2, 5, 10, 90, 110, 101, 118, 170 and 405 Freeways and major streets as part of its Transportation Communication Network program. **1st:** Douglas Sierra, **2nd:** Rosalío García. Discussion took place and board members requested the motion be sent back to the PLUM committee for investigation of bringing this program would bring more revenue and reduce taxes.

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve having Steven Garcia step down from his position as treasurer, first card holder, and chair of the finance committee as there has been difficulties completing all the trainings, which has resulted in lack of access to the SVANC’s finances. **1st:** Monica Vacas, **2nd:** Rosalío García. Ample discussion took place and boardmembers agreed to table this motion until further notice.

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Cindy Valle as the SVANC treasurer, first card holder, and chair of the finance committee, if appointed under Item 8. This item was tabled given that item 16 did not proceed.

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve to reimburse Emilie Hill for a \$72.44 up front payment for pizzas for the regular board meeting on July 11, 2023 from Georgio’s Sports Bar and Pizzeria. **1st:** Rosalío García , **2nd:** Monica Vacas

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Thum, Venegas

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to do the following appointments to the **2023-2024 committees** tabled due to lack of time

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 20: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote. **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Douglas Sierra. Items B, C, and D were removed from the consent calendar as they were not ready yet. The minutes for July 11 were approved with eleven votes in favor.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, R. Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Kim, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	S. Garcia, Thum, Venegas

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 11, 2023 (Venegas) - approved
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 14, 2023 (Venegas) – removed from the consent calendar
- C. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2023 (S. Garcia) – removed from the consent calendar
- D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2023 (S. Garcia) – removed from the consent calendar

ITEM 21: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons: Committees were unable to share their reports due to lack of time. Item tabled

ITEM 22: 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 23: 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 24: Adjournment **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Monica Vacas. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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