



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
6:30pm – 8:30pm
(DRAFT)

Meeting Location:
 Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
 10631 Vinedale Street
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

Board Member	Category	Seat	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*
Aggas, Gary President	Resident	R5	PRESENT	YES
Allen, Mark B.	Business	B1	PRESENT	YES
Bartlett, Susan	Business	B5	PRESENT (out 8:16pm)	YES
Bille, Elizabeth; 1st V.P.	Resident	R1	PRESENT	YES
Cuevas, Lysander	Resident	R3	PRESENT	YES
Culley, Gene	At-Large	A5	Absent (excused)	YES
Ron Dahlquist	Senior Rep	S2	Absent	No (EN, FN)
Dueñas, Angelica	Resident	R6	Absent (excused)	YES
Housden, Linda	At-Large	A6	Absent (excused)	No (EX)
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean; Treasurer	At-Large	A4	Absent (excused)	YES
Jimenez, Briana	Youth Rep	Y1	PRESENT	No (A)
Khalaf, Sam	Business	B2	PRESENT (out 8:25pm)	YES
Koenig, Mylo; Secretary	At-Large	A1	PRESENT	YES
Monroy-Cantor, Julie	At-Large	A3	PRESENT	YES
Novoa, Rene	Youth Rep	Y2	Absent (excused)	YES
O'Gara, Barbara	Business	B6	Absent (excused)	YES
O'Gara, Mike; 2nd V.P.	At-Large	A2	Absent (excused)	YES
Perez, Carmen	Business	B7	PRESENT	No (EX)
Sower, Cindy	Business	B4	PRESENT	YES
Sower, Michael	Business	B3	Absent (excused)	YES
Thum, Wendy	Resident	R4	PRESENT	YES
Torrero, Jesse	Comm. Int.	C1	PRESENT (in 7:41pm)	YES
Vacas, Monica	Resident	R7	PRESENT	YES
(VACANT)	Resident	R2		N/A
(VACANT)	Senior Rep	S1		N/A
TOTAL 23			14 Present, 09 Absent	

(*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired)

- ITEM 1:** Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Code of Civility
- Mr. Gary Aggas, President, officially called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:51pm
 - The Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC's Code of Civility were recited
 - Mr. Mylo Koenig, Secretary, took roll
 - At 6:52pm, 13 board members were present; quorum was met.
 - There were approximately 15 members of the public present (at 7:11pm, 20 members)

- ITEM 2:** Opening Remarks
- Mr. Aggas stated that Mike and Debbie Boyd resigned from the Board due to time constraints.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION from Nyasha Buchongo from Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (NHSLA) regarding who they are, what they do and Neighborhood Pride Day

- Ms. Buchongo, NHSLA Community Affairs Manager, said that she is interested in organizing a Neighborhood Pride Day in Sun Valley. A neighborhood purpose grant application was completed requesting \$1,000 for lunch and breakfast for this day.
- Ms. Buchongo stated that NHSLA's emphasis is on housing and home ownership. The organization's mission is on neighborhood revitalization and advocacy.
- Ms. Buchongo said that she currently has about 1,000 volunteers who are invited to this type of event.

ITEM 4: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- Senior Lead Officer Vasquez and Senior Lead Officer Wall were unavailable this evening

ITEM 5: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- Mr. Nigel Sanchez, Congressional Aide for Congressman Cárdenas, announced the event "Victims of Domestic Violence" on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the Sepulveda United Methodist Church in North Hills. Mr. Sanchez also announced the "Government Day" event, at the Paramount Mall, Saturday, August 15, 2015. Representatives from many government offices will attend. Also, a Job and Resource Fair will be held in September at Pacoima Charter School.
- Mr. David Gonzalez, Education Deputy for LAUSD Board member Mónica Ratliff, announced:
 - A backpack give away will be held the week of August 19th at Roscoe Elementary school in partnership with Rainbow pack, a non-profit organization
 - The Board of Education met last month to bring discussions to hire a new school Superintendent
- Mr. Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Martinez, stated the following:
 - The movie night event was a success; close to 300 people attended at the Sun Valley Recreation Center.
 - Another movie event will be held on Thursday, August 13, at Historic Van Nuys Civic Center, in Van Nuys City Hall
 - CD6 is interested in hosting a Neighborhood Pride Day again this year. Their office will present a bid in order to be considered
- Ms. Lorraine Diaz, Field Rep., CD-2 Councilmember Krekorian, stated the following:
 - Motions have passed in City Council regarding gun control: one motion was about gun safety, and a second motion was about banning high capacity magazines
 - CD2 has also had movies at the park during the Summer
 - CD2 continues to work with Sue Bartlett of Sun Valley GraffitiBusters to continue making Sun Valley a cleaner community and graffiti free
- Mr. Greg Bartz, LADWP Community Liaison, brought copies of the 2015 briefing book, which includes internal stat sheets and a sheet with website addresses regarding the water districts. Mr. Bartz added that a flyer is included that mentions LADWP impostors that come to the clients' homes.
- Mr. Bartz said that for both power and water divisions of LADWP, there is a well planned infrastructure program which is further explained in the 2015 annual booklet
- Mr. Bartz stated that information on the solar programs and emergency preparedness programs can be reviewed by the public on LADWP's website

ITEM 6: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction not on the agenda

- Mr. Ruben Zaragoza, Government and Community Relations Manager for Recology Los Angeles, who are now the operating managers and owners of the Crown Disposal facility, stated that Rocology acquired Crown Disposal in March 2015
- Mr. Zaragoza stated that Recology Los Angeles has been in the industry for the past 95 years
- Mr. Zaragoza stated that the company has had an 85% diversion rate from landfills, and that the company has done monthly safety and weekly training with the company's supervisors and managerial staff. He added that they have been implementing standard operating procedures with everyone on staff.
- Mr. Zaragoza said that additional street sweepers have been added in order to keep the area clean, since dust is a big problem, and the company is planning on addressing this issue as soon as they enclose this facility.

- ITEM 7:** Board Member Comment on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction not on the agenda
- Ms. Bartlett announced that a new CERT training session will be held near Strathern and Vineland starting on 9/2, once a week for 8 weeks

Unfinished Business

- ITEM 8:** Review, correct, and approve the minutes from the July 14, 2015 Board Meeting
- Ms. Thum motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Bille
 - The Item was on the floor for discussion
 - A roll call vote was taken of all board members present

SVANC ITEM 150811-08 (8:15p) Carried 14/00/00/09 (7/14/15 Meeting Minutes, as written)				
Yes - 14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent – 09
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille; Cuevas; Jimenez; Khalaf; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Perez; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-08 (7/14/2015 meeting minutes, as written) carried 14/00 with 09 absent

NEW Business

ITEM 9: Committee Reports

- Outreach: Ms. Bille thanked Councilwoman Martinez and Caesar Huerta for their participation in the ‘Movie in the Park’ event last Thursday, August 6, 2015.
- Beautification: Ms. Thum said that she is waiting to call a special meeting to organize the Sun Valley Neighborhood Pride Day neighborhood clean-up event; and she is working with Mr. Huerta regarding the safety vests and the mural artwork that is being sponsored by CD6.
- CPAB: Ms. Sower stated that the next meeting is Thursday.
- VANC: Mr. Aggas stated that the citywide committee meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month
- LANCC: Mr. O’Gara said that the LANCC meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of each month
- PlanCheck: Mr. Aggas said that a PlanCheck meeting was held on Saturday, August 8, 2015, and a presentation was given by the City of L.A.’s Planning Dept.
- Homeless: No report
- Planning: Mr. Aggas said that with regards to the movie studio, the City PLUM committee referred this Item to City Council which will be heard on Friday, August 14, 2015.
- Marijuana Clinics: No report
- Budget Advocates: No report
- Finance: No report
- Election: No report
- Emergency Preparedness – Mr. Khalaf said that everyone should have not just one but two fire extinguishers at home and that extinguishers should be shaken monthly.

ITEM 10: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to appoint one Budget Advocate

- Mr. Aggas made the motion, seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- There were no volunteers for the second Budget Advocate position
- No vote was taken on this Item

ITEM 11: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds to co-sponsor a Citizenship Workshop with the International Rescue Committee, up to but not exceed \$800.00

- Ms. Bille made the motion, seconded by Mr. Aggas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Ms. Bille stated that the actual cost will probably be significantly less than \$800 for the International Rescue Committee who reached out to SVANC to set up a small citizenship workshop at Holy Rosary church, and the funds would primarily cover the rent for the copy machines and some food for volunteers, and it will be held either on September 19th or the 26th
- Mr. Nigel Sanchez, Congressional Aide for Congressman Cárdenas, said his office could provide water and some materials such as videos, flash cards, and provide some bilingual helpers
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 150811-11 (8:28p) Carried, as amended 11/00/02/10 (Co-sponsor Citizen Workshop \$800)				
Yes - 11	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 02	Absent - 10
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Khalaf; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Jimenez; Perez	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-11 (Co-sponsor Citizenship Workshop \$800) carried 11/00 with 02 ineligible and 10 absent

ITEM 12: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds to co-sponsor Sun Valley Neighborhood Pride Day for September 12, 2015, up to but not exceed \$1,100.00

- Mr. Torrero motioned to approve the Item, seconded by Ms. Bille
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Discussion ensued about whether this should be a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) directed to the NHSLA, or if SVANC should handle the expenditures directly
- The funding provided for last year's Sun Valley Pride Day was discussed and it was decided that the amount might not be enough to cover expenses for all of the volunteers expected to attend
- An amendment was made by Ms. Sower to increase the amount to \$1,500, seconded by Mr. Torrero
- A vote was taken to accept the amendment, which carried unanimously (10/00) of all board members eligible to vote on funding matters
- A roll call vote was taken on the amended Item of all board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 150811-12 (8:38p) Carried, as amended 10/00/02/11 (Co-sponsor Sun Valley Neighborhood Pride Day 09/12/2015 \$1500)				
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 11
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Jimenez; Perez	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-12 (Co-sponsor Sun Valley Neighborhood Pride Day 09/12/2015 \$1500) carried, as amended, 10/00 with 02 ineligible and 11 absent

--(At 8:33pm, Mr. Aggas motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Ms. Sower. The motion carried 12/00)--

ITEM 13: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the Treasurer's Report

- Mr. Aggas motioned to table this Item, seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion to table this Item was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Mr. Aggas stated that the Treasurer is not available to answer questions, so this item should be postponed
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present and eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 150811-13 (~8:39p) TO TABLE, Carried 10/00/02/11 (TREASURER'S REPORT - TABLE ITEM)				
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 11
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Jimenez; Perez	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-13 (TO TABLE: Approve Treasurer's Report) carried 10/00 with 02 ineligible, and 11 absent
- The Item was tabled

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fund our account for next month's anticipated expenditures

- Mr. Torrero motioned to approve next month's anticipated expenditures, seconded by Mr. Koenig
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Ms. Monroy-Cantor and other board members discussed the anticipated expenditures which was estimated to be an amount not to exceed (NTE) \$4,500 for the month of September, including the funding Items voted on at this meeting
- A roll call vote was taken of board members eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 150811-14 (~8:44p) Carried 10/00/02/11 (Next Month's Anticipated Expenditures [Sep] not to exceed \$4500)				
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 11
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Jimenez; Perez	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-14 (Next Month's Anticipated Expenditures [Sep] NTE \$4500) carried 10/00 with 02 ineligible, and 11 absent

ITEM 15: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the 2014-15 year end Treasurer's Report.

- Mr. Aggas motioned to table this Item, seconded by Mr. Torrero
- The motion to table this Item was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- It was decided again to reintroduce this Item when a comprehensive report could be issued and when the Treasurer would be available to answer questions
- A roll call vote was taken of board members eligible to vote on funding Items

SVANC ITEM 150811-15 (~8:45p) TO TABLE, Carried 09/00/02/12 (Approve 2014-2015 Year End Treasurer's Report - TO TABLE)				
Yes - 09	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 12
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Sower-C; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Jimenez; Perez	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M.; Sower-M; Thum (temp.)

- Motion 150811-15 (TO TABLE: Approve 2014-2015 Year End Treasurer's Report) carried 09/00 with 02 ineligible, and 12 absent
- The Item was tabled

ITEM 16: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the 2014-15 NC Self Assessment Form

- Mr. Aggas motioned to table this Item, seconded by Mr. Torrero
- The motion to table this Item was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Mr. Koenig said that this report basically takes key points of goals and estimates on various aspects of NC outreach and expenses that we provided at the beginning of the last fiscal year and to compare them with the actual numbers now that the fiscal year has ended, and to explain deficiencies.
- Mr. Koenig said that this report must be submitted by September 1st to EmpowerLA, and noted that almost all goals were met or exceeded
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present

SVANC ITEM 150811-16 (8:45p) Carried 12/00/00/11 (Approve 2014-2015 NC Self Assessment Form)				
Yes – 12	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent - 11
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Jimenez; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Perez; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-16 (Approve 2014-2015 NC Self Assessment Form) carried 12/00 with 11 absent

ITEM 17: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to write a letter in favor of the Alliance Charter School project on Allegheny Street/San Fernando Road and to express our concerns

- Mr. Aggas motioned to approve this Item, seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- A draft copy of the intended letter was distributed to the board
- A roll call vote was taken of all board members present

SVANC ITEM 150811-17 (8:48p) Carried 12/00/00/11 (Write letter in favor of Alliance Charter School project, including concerns)				
Yes – 12	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible – 00	Absent - 11
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Cuevas; Jimenez; Koenig; Monroy-Cantor; Perez; Sower-C; Thum; Torrero; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Dahlquist; Dueñas;Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Khalaf; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M.; Sower-M

- Motion 150811-17 (Write letter in favor of Alliance Charter School Project and to express concerns) carried 12/00 with 11 absent

ITEM 18: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION on all pending City Planning applications

- Mr. Aggas opened the floor for anyone interested in providing their personal comments, but there were no comments.

ITEM 19: Public Comment

- No comment

ITEM 20: Board Member Comment

- Ms. Thum is planning a Beautification meeting soon to plan for the Neighborhood Pride Day event
- Mr. Allen said that business cards and badges will be completed by next month's meeting

ITEM 21: Adjournment

- A motion was made by Ms. Thum to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Vacas. The motion passed 12/00. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:53pm.