



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
6:30pm – 8:30pm
(FINAL-SVANC Board Approved 11/15/2016)

Meeting Location:
 Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
 10631 Vinedale Street
 Sun Valley, CA 91352
(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category	Seat
Aggas, Gary	Absent**	YES	Resident	R5
Allen, Mark B.	Absent**	YES	Business	B1
Bille, Elizabeth	Absent**	YES	Resident	R1
Castañeda, Priscilla	PRESENT	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y1
Culley, Gene	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Dueñas, Angelica	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R2
Flores, Susan; Secretary	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R6
Housden, Linda	PRESENT (in 6:40pm)	YES	At-Large	A6
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean; Treasurer	Absent**	YES	At-Large	A4
Khalaf, Sam	Absent**	No (EX)	Business	B2
Koenig, Mylo	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A1
Mendez, Sara	Absent**	YES	Business	B6
Naranjo, Jesus	Absent**	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y2
Novoa, Rene	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A3
O'Gara, Barbara	Absent**	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike; President	Absent**	YES	At-Large	A2
Palomino, Catherine	Absent**	YES	Resident	R3
Perez, Carmen	Absent**	YES	Business	B7
Power, Rick	PRESENT	YES	Business	B5
Raaf, Robbie	Absent**	YES	At-Large	A5
Sower, Cindy; 1st V.P.	PRESENT	YES	Business	B4
Sower, Michael	PRESENT	YES	Business	B3
Thum, Wendy	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R4
Torrero, Jesse	Absent**	YES	Comm. Int.	C1
Vacas, Monica	Absent**	YES	Resident	R7
TOTAL: 25	11 PRESENT, 14 ABSENT			

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

** Advance notice given for absence

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Code of Civility

- Ms. Cindy Sower, 1st Vice President, called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:33pm; the Pledge of Allegiance and Code of Civility were recited
- Ms. Susan Flores, Secretary, took Roll; 10 board members were present. Quorum was met. There were approximately 23 members of the public present

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks

- Ms. Sower made opening remarks to the board and public

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officer Vasquez introduced the new Foothill division

Neighborhood Prosecutor Mark Ross. Mr. Ross spoke briefly about his roll.

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

- The following elected officials and representatives spoke:
- Nigel Sanchez, Sun Valley area representative to Congressman Cárdenas, discussed subjects including a Job Fair in Sylmar in October
- Lorraine Diaz, Field Rep, CD2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian discussed subjects including Hope of the Valley's Sun Valley thrift store closing, a Homeless Connect day in October, and a homeless resource guide
- Mr. David Gonzalez, Education Deputy for Ms. Monica Ratliff, LAUSD, discussed subjects including a drive to start the school year after labor day
- Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Nury Martinez, spoke on issues including the Human Trafficking task force that obtained additional funding from the councilwoman recently

ITEM 5: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- Ms. Beatriz Smissen, the new principal at Roscoe Elementary School, introduced herself
- Mr. Renato Lira of the SFV LGBT Center discussed the recent Pride Day cleanup and a school supply giveaway to parents in August, and a possible Fedex closure on "old" San Fernando Road due to homelessness and drug trafficking issues in the area.
- Ms. Patricia Jimenez, a resident in the De Garmo Park area mentioned a problem with equitable refreshment distribution for volunteers at a recent area cleanup involving a boardmember

ITEM 6: Board member comments on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- None

(Note: The meeting was briefly interrupted for about 3 minutes due to a fire alarm.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 7: Review, Correct and Approve Minutes from the August 9, 2016 Board Meeting

- This Item was tabled because the minutes were not yet prepared

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 8: Committee Reports— Outreach, Disaster Preparedness, Beautification, CPAB, VANC, Plancheck, LANCC, Homeless, Planning, Budget Advocates, Finance, Election Committee, Public Affairs

- Outreach: No report (principals not present). Ms. Sower has reached out to the area parks regarding their Halloween festivities and how we can participate
- Disaster Preparedness: No report (principals not present)
- Beautification: Ms. Thum wanted to publicly acknowledge the efforts of Sun Valley Graffiti Busters and Susan Bartlett
- CPAB: Ms. Sower stated that Officers covered the details of the last meeting
- VANC: No report (principals not present)
- Plancheck: No report (principals not present)
- LANCC: No report (principals not present)
- Homeless: No report
- Planning: Ms. Sower passed along a quick update from Mr. O'Gara
- Budget Advocates: Ms. Thum said there is a meeting in 4 days, and she will update the board at the next meeting including details of the Homeless Initiative
- Finance: (principal not present); Ms. Thum stated that finances look good but we must work to pace our spending
- Election: No report
- Public Affairs: Ms. Sower said that Homelessness and illegal dumping issues are highest on the list right now. She noted that a number of neighborhood watch signs are in need of replacement and is working to get this done. In the Lankershim corridor area after 2 years of problems there are no reports in the last 5 nights of street racing and no illegal street vendors.

ITEM 9: Presentation by LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers Esther Vasquez and Rich Wall regarding their "CopSickle" program. They are requesting SVANC assistance in purchasing popsicles for the elementary schools within our SVANC boundaries. The schools are Glenwood, Roscoe,

Fernangeles and Fenton. They are requesting \$100 per school totaling \$400.00. Date of event to be determined by the Senior Lead Officers. This funding Item has been placed as the first funding item of the evening to accommodate their schedules.

- This outreach helps children to not be afraid of the police and make them more comfortable asking for help when needed
- Ms. Housden wanted to personally contribute to the cause. Officer Vasquez referred her and any others interested to the LAPD Foothill Division Boosters Association.
- The SVANC will be present at all four Copsicle events.

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to help Finance the LAPD Foothill Senior Lead Officers' request for \$400.00 to fund their Copsickle Program for the Elementary Schools listed that are within the SVANC Boundaries (Glenwood, Roscoe, Fernangeles and Fenton Schools as stated in Item 9).

- See Discussion under Item 9

SVANC ITEM 160913-10 (07:44p) CARRIED 10/00/01/14: Fund LAPD Foothill Copsicle Program for Elementary School Outreach, NTE \$400			
Motion: Novoa	Second: Thum		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE		
YES (10): Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Koenig; Novoa; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE)	ABSENT (14): Aggas; Allen; Bille; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; OGara-B; OGara-M; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero; Vacas

(NOTE: Item 13 was heard after Item 10 to accommodate the officers' schedules [7:45pm]. Item 11 was continued after Item 13 [8:00pm].)

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote to help Finance the annual Planning and Zoning Seminar presented by The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Not to Exceed \$150. This is an item we do every year.

SVANC ITEM 160913-11 (08:01p) CARRIED 10/00/01/14: Help Finance VANC Annual Planning/Zoning Seminar, NTE \$150			
Motion: Duenas	Second: Novoa		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE		
YES (10): Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Koenig; Novoa; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE)	ABSENT (14): Aggas; Allen; Bille; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; OGara-B; OGara-M; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero; Vacas

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the APPLICATION LETTERS for the Clean Streets Challenge prepared by the Clean Streets ADHOC Committee. The Application has an extended filing date of Sept 30, 2016 with a project beginning date September 17, and a project finish date of November 18, 2016.

- Mr. Renato Lira mentioned that kids needing community service credit can be utilized for these events
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SVANC ITEM 160913-12 (08:16p) CARRIED 11/00/00/14: Approve Application Letters for the Clean Streets Challenge			
Motion: Duenas	Second: Novoa		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: ALL		
YES (11): Castaneda; Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Koenig; Novoa; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (14): Aggas; Allen; Bille; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; OGara-B; OGara-M; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero; Vacas

(NOTE: Item 13 was heard after Item 10 to accommodate the officers' schedules [7:45pm].)

ITEM 13: For Discussion only, to be presented at the next or future meeting. The LAPD Foothill Junior Cadets (Jeopardy Program) representative Vicki Burch is requesting up to \$1,660.00. They are in need of the following items for their new incoming Junior Cadets. 40 shirts = \$260, 40 drill shorts = \$260, 40 dress pants = \$480, Educational Field Trip \$660 totaling \$1,660.00. Wendy Thum will give a brief description so we can research pursuit of a regular request or applying for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG).

- Ms. Vicki Burch who represents the Junior Cadets program explained details of the programs.
- She clarified that this is NOT the Jeopardy program as stated in the agenda Item
- This is the first year of the program; 23 youths signed up, 20 showed up.
- Foothill Trails and Sunland Tujunga NC's also donated to the program
- Ms. Duenas suggested that training would emphasize de-escalation
- A graduation will take place at Pacoima City Hall, the location where they also drill since there is no room at the Foothill station

(After Item 13, the additional agenda Items from 11 on were heard [8:00pm].)

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote on a request by Boardmember Robby Raaf to support the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair 2016, Not to Exceed \$100. Event to be held at Fire Station #87 in Granada Hills, CA, Saturday October 1st, 2016 10am-2pm.

- Discussion took place on this Item
- A motion to table this Item was made by Mr. Novoa because Mr. Raaf was not present to answer questions posed by the board, seconded by Ms. Thum
- The motion to table passed 7/3/1 (Culley, Sower-C, Sower-M opposed, Castaneda not eligible).
- The Item was tabled.

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the August 2016 Treasurer's Report

- In the absence of the Treasurer, Ms. Thum delivered the Treasurer's Report

SVANC ITEM 160913-15 (08:24p) CARRIED 10/00/01/14: Approve Treasurer's Report (August 2016)			
Motion: Duenas	Second: Novoa		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE		
YES (10): Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Koenig; Novoa; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE)	ABSENT (14): Aggas; Allen; Bille; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; OGara-B; OGara-M; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero; Vacas

ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fund our account for next month's anticipated expenditures (September 2016)

SVANC ITEM 160913-16 (08:30p) CARRIED 10/00/01/14: Approve Next Month's Anticipated Expenditures (September 2016)			
Motion: Power	Second: Duenas		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE		
YES (10): Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Koenig; Novoa; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE)	ABSENT (14): Aggas; Allen; Bille; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; OGara-B; OGara-M; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero; Vacas

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

ITEM 18: Board member comments on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- Ms. Flores mentioned the upcoming Neighborhood Council Congress
- Ms. Housden mentioned reporting a person posing as a utility worker wanting to go into the backyard and said to be vigilant
- Ms. Thum mentioned the upcoming LAPD Foothill Golf Tournament and "Adopt-A-Cop" fundraisers
- Mr. Power asked additional board members about SVANC shirt sizes needed

ITEM 19: Adjournment

- Mr. Power motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Sower, approved unanimously 11/00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.