



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, October 11, 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 |
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| Aggas, Gary | PRESENT | YES | Resident | R5 |
| Allen, Mark B. | PRESENT | YES | Business | B1 |
| Bille, Elizabeth | PRESENT (out 8:30pm) | YES | Resident | R1 |
| Castañeda, Priscilla | PRESENT | No (A) | Youth Rep | Y1 |
| Culley, Gene | Absent** | YES | Senior Rep | S2 |
| Dueñas, Angelica | PRESENT (out 8:33pm) | YES | Resident | R2 |
| Flores, Susan; Secretary | Absent** | YES | Resident | R6 |
| Housden, Linda | Absent** | YES | At-Large | A6 |
| Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean; Treasurer | Absent** | YES | At-Large | A4 |
| Khalaf, Sam | PRESENT (out 8:30pm) | 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 | PRESENT | YES | Senior Rep | S1 |
| O'Gara, Mike; President | PRESENT | YES | At-Large | A2 |
| Palomino, Catherine | Absent** | YES | Resident | R3 |
| Perez, Carmen | Absent** | YES | Business | B7 |
| Power, Rick | PRESENT | YES | Business | B5 |
| Raaf, Robbie | PRESENT | YES | At-Large | A5 |
| Sower, Cindy; 1st V.P. | PRESENT | YES | Business | B4 |
| Sower, Michael | PRESENT | YES | Business | B3 |
| Thum, Wendy | PRESENT (in 6:42pm) | YES | Resident | R4 |
| Torrero, Jesse | PRESENT (in 7:35pm) | YES | Comm. Int. | C1 |
| Vacas, Monica; 2nd V.P. | PRESENT | YES | Resident | R7 |
| TOTAL: 25 | 17 PRESENT, 08 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

- Mr. Mike O'Gara, President, called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:33pm; the Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC Code of Civility were recited
- Mr. Koenig took roll in the absence of Ms. Flores, Secretary; 15 board members were present. Quorum was met. There were approximately 15 members of the public present

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks

- Mr. O'Gara made opening remarks to the board and public

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers Vasquez and Wall

- Senior Lead Officer Wall stated that the number one problem lately is car break-ins. The Officer thanked the SVANC for putting together the Peoria Corridor cleanup, and noted that the SVANC is one of the most supportive neighborhood councils.
- Senior Lead Officer Vasquez announced a Town Hall meeting in Sunland Tujunga with City Attorney Mike Feuer; and plans to better prepare businesses such as shopping centers in advance for handling security issues and terrorist attacks.

ITEM 4: Presentation by LAPD Foothill Division representative Herrold Egger regarding a new program at Foothill Police Station to form a Junior Cadet program to supplement the Cadet program, the LAPD Foothill Junior Cadets

- ***This Item was heard at 7:34PM prior to Item 6.***
- Mr. Harrold Egger, retired Sergeant and current volunteer at LAPD Foothill Division gave information about the Junior Cadet program. One issue is the need to purchase uniforms that are provided free of charge to the cadets.
- Mr. Barry Stone of DONE recommended processing any funding that the SVANC may be considering as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant ("NPG") through the Foothill Boosters.
- There was extensive discussion about police issues by the board and public.

(Item 6 was opened after the conclusion of this Item.)

ITEM 5: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- The following elected officials and representatives spoke:
- Ms. Monica Ratliff, boardmember of the LAUSD spoke on a resolution regarding affordable workforce housing that is being explored for an unutilized plot of land near Sun Valley High School and North Valley Military Institute charters. She passed around documentation regarding a study of the plan. Questions and statements were taken by Ms. Ratliff from the board and public. Mr. O'Gara said that there were also issues with DDT on the site which previously prevented its use for anything and the LAUSD was unwilling to pay the huge cost of cleanup. Mr. O'Gara said that this issue will be an Item on next month's agenda where questions can be posed and answered in greater detail. Ms. Ratliff also announced that Magnet School applications are now being accepted.
- Rita Higa, secretary to State Assemblymember Patty Lopez, announced a program for schools, and a Halloween celebration at the San Fernando headquarters on October 31st.
- Mr. Ricardo Ramirez representing the Region 2 Budget Advocates, and a member of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council, discussed the latest proceedings covered by the Budget Advocates. He serves in Region 2 with Kevin Davis and Ann Job. (Mr. O'Gara thanked Mr. Ramirez for his service.)
- Lorraine Diaz, Field Rep, CD2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian thanked Cindy Sower for her community involvement. Ms. Diaz announced an upcoming Homeless Connect Day and they are partnering with County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office. She is also involved with an Emergency Preparation Summit mentioned earlier by SLO Officer Vasquez. There is also a neighborhood meeting regarding the Glencrest Hills name change on October 29th. She fielded questions regarding ramifications of illegal dumping.
- Mr. Barry Stone, of DONE mentioned DONE office hours in Van Nuys on October 21st, and the importance of boardmembers keeping their Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Funding training complete and up to date.

(Item 4 was heard at this time [7:34pm])

ITEM 6: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- Mr. Renato Lira of the SFV LGBT Center spoke against the plan by the LAUSD on the Sun Valley unused lot that's being studied for use as workforce housing
- Mr. David Hernandez spoke on Proposition HHH and its unfairness of taxing only homeowners for homeless housing construction costs
- Leticia Maravilla, resident of El Sereno but with ties to the Sun Valley area discussed an unpleasant encounter that her mother, who lives here, had in the Vineland/San Fernando Road area with the homeless, and wanted to offer her assistance in helping our community
- Felipe Escobar of Pacoima Beautiful announced a forum on October 27th at Pacoima City Hall, on the Proposition 1 Water Bonds and requested input from stakeholders on how to best use the funds
- Natalie Woode, Sun Valley resident, discussed neighborhood beautification and methods of

- dealing with patchy lawns
- Saaliha Khan of the North East Valley Health Corporation discussed a toy drive and requested the SVANC participate in the drive with a \$300 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)
- Steve Innocente of Shadow Glen Homeowner's Association discussed his observation that the parking lot across from the Sun Valley Post Office has become a makeshift truck stop

ITEM 7: Board member comments on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- Ms. Sower commented on the LAUSD Sun Valley unused lot, that the first thing such surplus property should be considered for is educational purposes.
- Ms. Sower stated that LA Family Housing asked the SVANC to speak at a Proposition HHH meeting at Palo Verde in Sun Valley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 8: Approve Minutes from August and September Board Meetings

- 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, and a major report from Clean Streets Challenge

- Outreach: Ms. Vacas discussed recent events including Voter Registration, and past and future MyLA311 outreach events related to the Sun Valley Clean Streets challenge. Mr. O'Gara added that boardmembers need to be active in these events.
- Disaster Preparedness: Mr. Raaf is working with Councilmember Nury Martinez on a local Emergency Preparedness fair at the Sun Valley Mormon Church in November, covering holiday safety, mosquitos, etc.
- Beautification: Ms. Thum stated that efforts are being focused now on the Clean Streets challenge. Mr. Barry Stone previously commented that the City's Office of Beautification can provide tools and equipment for cleanups for free, with two weeks notice (7:42pm)
- CPAB: Ms. Sower stated that Officers covered the overall details of the last meeting
- VANC: Nothing specific covered
- Plancheck: No report (Mr. O'Gara & Mr. Aggas were unable to attend due to a conflicting event)
- LANCC: The homeless measure HHH was discussed
- Homeless: (see LANCC)
- Planning: Mr. O'Gara discussed the latest on the Sun Valley Starbucks project
- Budget Advocates: This was covered by Mr. Ramirez in Item 5
- Finance: (principal not present) – No report – a joint meeting was held last week but the Treasurer was not present
- Election Committee: No report
- Public Affairs: Ms. Sower discussed recent Copsicle events; and the Prostitution Task Force has noted that the methods of operation are changing – including using banquet halls. Ms. Sower thanked Mr. Allen for the work involved in getting supplies for the events. Mr. Aggas noted that the Copsicle events are very beneficial for interaction between the community and police.

ITEM 10: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds for Halloween Festivities in Sun Valley and Fernangeles parks (\$150.00 each), not to exceed a total \$300.00.

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| SVANC ITEM 161011-10 (08:33p) CARRIED 14/00/01/10: Fund Halloween Festivities & Outreach in SV & Fernangeles parks at \$150 each, NTE \$300 | | | |
| Motion: Vacas | | Second: Raaf | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE | |
| YES (14): Aggas; Allen; Duenas; Koenig; Novoa; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Torrero; Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE) | ABSENT (10): Bille; Culley; Flores; Housden; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; Palomino; Perez |

ITEM 11: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to purchase Halloween Bags to hold Halloween treats for children. These will be given to parents who learn and download the MyLA311 App. at our booths at the Halloween festivities at Fernangeles and Sun Valley parks. There will be Outreach Materials in the bags. Not to exceed \$100

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| SVANC ITEM 161011-11 (08:34p) CARRIED 13/00/01/11: Purchase Halloween Bags for MyLA311 App Outreach at SV Parks, NTE \$100 | | | |
| Motion: Thum | | Second: Aggas | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE | |
| YES (13): Aggas; Allen; Koenig; Novoa; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Torrero; Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE) | ABSENT (11): Bille; Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; Palomino; Perez |

ITEM 12: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds for food and supplies for the CLEAN STREETS CHALLENGE cleanup for the Peoria-Tujunga corridor, not to exceed a total \$1250.00.

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| SVANC ITEM 161011-12 (08:36p) CARRIED 13/00/01/11: Approve Funds for Food & Supplies for Clean Streets Challenge Cleanup of Peoria Tujunga Corridor, NTE \$1250 | | | |
| Motion: Vacas | | Second: Thum | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE | |
| YES (13): Aggas; Allen; Koenig; Novoa; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Torrero; Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE) | ABSENT (11): Bille; Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; Palomino; Perez |

ITEM 13: TO APPROVE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE STARBUCKS RESPONSE REGARDING HOURS OF OPERATION. Starbucks originally wanted a 24 hour operation BUT the SVANC asked that they only be allowed to be open per the "Corner Lot Development" hours of operation which is 7AM to 11PM. It looks like we may get our wish BUT it might be in the community's best interest to allow the hours of operation to be 5AM to 11PM which is their revised request.

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| SVANC ITEM 161011-13 (08:37p) CARRIED 14/00/00/11: Approve Adjustment to Starbucks Requested Hours of Operation | | | |
| Motion: Raaf | | Second: Torrero | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: ALL | |
| YES (14): Aggas; Allen; Castaneda; Koenig; Novoa; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Torrero; Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (11): Bille; Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; Palomino; Perez |

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the September 2016 Treasurer's Report

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

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| SVANC ITEM 161011-14 (08:39p) CARRIED 13/00/01/11: Approve Treasurer's Report (September 2016) | | | |
| Motion: Aggas | | Second: Novoa | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE | |
| YES (13): Aggas; Allen; Koenig; Novoa; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Torrero; Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE) | ABSENT (11): Bille; Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; Palomino; Perez |

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fund our account for next month's anticipated expenditures (October 2016)

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| SVANC ITEM 161011-15 (08:41p) CARRIED 13/00/01/11: Approve Next Month's Anticipated Expenditures (October 2016) | | | |
| Motion: Raaf | | Second: Novoa | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: FUNDING ELIGIBLE | |
| YES (13): Aggas; Allen; Koenig; Novoa; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M; Thum; Torrero; Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (01): Castaneda (NE) | ABSENT (11): Bille; Culley; Duenas; Flores; Housden; Inkelaar; Khalaf; Mendez; Naranjo; Palomino; Perez |

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- None

ITEM 17: Board member comments on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- None

ITEM 18: Adjournment

- Mr. Raaf motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Novoa, approved unanimously 14/00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.