



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES  
 Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
 FINAL/APPROVED**

**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	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R5
Allen, Mark B.	PRESENT	YES	Business	B1
Bille, Elizabeth	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R1
Castañeda, Priscilla	PRESENT – (in at 6:38pm)	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y1
Culley, Gene	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Dueñas, Angelica	Absent**	YES	Resident	R2
Flores, Susan; <b>Secretary</b>	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R6
Housden, Linda	Absent	YES	At-Large	A6
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean; <b>Treasurer</b>	Absent**	YES	At-Large	A4
Khalaf, Sam	PRESENT – (in at 6:38pm)	No (EX)	Business	B2
Koenig, Mylo	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A1
Mendez, Sara	Absent	YES	Business	B6
Naranjo, Jesus	PRESENT	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y2
Novoa, Rene	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A3
O'Gara, Barbara	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike; <b>President</b>	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A2
Palomino, Catherine	Absent**	YES	Resident	R3
Perez, Carmen	PRESENT	YES	Business	B7
Power, Rick	PRESENT	YES	Business	B5
Raaf, Robbie	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A5
Sower, Cindy; <b>1<sup>st</sup> V.P.</b>	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; <b>2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.</b>	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R7
<b>TOTAL: 25</b>	<b>17 PRESENT, 08 ABSENT</b>			

\*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 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; 17 Board members were present. Quorum was met. There were approximately 21 members of the public present

**ITEM 2: Opening Remarks**

- Mr. O'Gara made opening remarks to the board and public and noted Item 4 would be postponed until the arrival of LAUSD Boardmember Monica Ratliff.

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers Vasquez and Wall
  - Officer Wall commented on delays in service response due to recent election protests. He also expressed that it has been a pleasure to work with the SVANC. He is drafting a letter with CD6 to close the Peoria Corridor after hours.

ITEM 4: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to discuss the proposal from LAUSD to sell two acres of land that belong to the school property now occupied by the Sun Valley High School and the North Valley Military Institute. Motion to request that our school board representative Monica Ratliff have this item stopped from progressing and to see what it will take to have this two-acre plot made available for the students to use

- ***This Item was heard at 7:50PM after Item 15.***

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-04 (08:37p) CARRIED 19/00/00/06: Request LAUSD Boardmember Monica Ratliff to stop progress of proposal to sell two-acre LAUSD SV property</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> O’Gara, Mike		<b>Second:</b> Novoa	
<b>Board Action:</b> Carried		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> ALL	
<b>YES (19):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille, Castaneda; Culley; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; Naranjo; Novoa; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Power, Raaf; Sower, C.; Sower, M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

- After much discussion by SVANC board members and the public, Ms. Ratliff expressed that she would withdraw the proposal to sell the two-acre plot.
- ***Item 16 was opened after the conclusion of this Item***

ITEM 5: Announcements from elected officials and their representatives

- The following elected officials and representatives spoke:
- Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Nury Martinez, spoke on the success of the recent Peoria Corridor cleanup, part of the Clean Streets Challenge. He passed out certificates of recognition to the SVANC and Clean Streets Heroes. He thanked boardmember Raff for his participation in a recent disaster preparedness event.

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

- Mr. David Hernandez commented on his planned candidacy for Los Angeles Mayor in 2017
- Ms. Florina Martinez, from the campaign of LAUSD boardmember candidate Imelda Padilla
- Mr. David Barron, regarding slow police response, illegal dumping, the abolishment of CRA tax increment funds for basic services, and Assembly bill 2, Revitalization Investment Authority.

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

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 8: Review, correct and approve minutes from our August, September, & October Board Meetings

ITEM 8a: Review, correct and approve minutes from our August 9, 2016 **Regular** Board Meeting

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-08a (06:53p) CARRIED 16/00/00/06: Approve August 9, 2016 Meeting Minute as Written</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Vacas		<b>Second:</b> Bille	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved, as written		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> ALL	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille, Castaneda; Culley; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; Naranjo; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

ITEM 8b: Review, correct and approve minutes from our August 9, 2016 **Special** Board Meeting

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-08b (06:54p) CARRIED 16/00/00/06: Approve August 9, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as Written</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Novoa		<b>Second:</b> Aggas	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved, as written		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> ALL	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille, Castaneda; Culley; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; Naranjo; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

ITEM 8c: Review, correct and approve minutes from our September 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-08c (06:55p) CARRIED 16/00/00/06: Approve September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as Written</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Bille		<b>Second:</b> Novoa	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved, as written		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> ALL	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille, Castaneda; Culley; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; Naranjo; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

ITEM 8d: Review, correct and approve minutes from our October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-08d (06:56p) CARRIED 16/00/00/06: Approve October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as Written</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Novoa		<b>Second:</b> Allen	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved, as written		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> ALL	
YES (16): Aggas; Allen; Bille, Castaneda; Culley; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; Naranjo; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (00) ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9: Committee Reports— Outreach, Disaster Preparedness, Beautification, LANCC, Planning, Plancheck, Homeless, Budget Advocates, and Election Committee

- Outreach: Ms. Vacas thanked Ms. Sower and Mr. O'Gara for all their help with recent events
- Disaster Preparedness: Mr. Raaf: No report
- Beautification: Ms. Thum: We are being challenged by Clean Streets to do more than cleanups
- CPAB: Ms. Sower: LAPD Foothill Div. Captain Eskridge mentioned our cleanup and is personally helping to close the Peoria Corridor streets to afterhours traffic
- VANC: Mr. O'Gara: Their yearly planning seminar includes small lot subdivisions; the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative is coming up in the March election
- LANCC: Mr. O'Gara: No report
- Planning: Mr. O'Gara discussed: Sheridan Gardens lot construction; no update on the Sun Valley Post Office (USPS) sale; a 9 unit apartment project on Ratner next door; another apartment planned for the area where the recycler used to be; the City has not moved forward on the End Zone issue; and street widening is required to accommodate a bus stop where the Bobs Big Boy/proposed Starbucks location is.
- Plancheck: Small Lot Subdivisions are also being discussed at this meeting
- Public Affairs: Ms. Sower: Street vendors have left her area on Lankershim and have moved up and across the street. A death has occurred of someone crossing the street in connection with illegal activity. Prostitution has gone digital, including internet cafés with gambling downstairs, prostitutes upstairs. Issues should be reported to the prostitution task force such as unusual traffic in and out of an area business, and RV's used to make prostitution mobile.
- Homelessness: Ms. Vacas: A NC Liaison meeting is coming up Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. They are trying to address the homelessness issue and give NC's a voice
- Budget Advocates: Ms. Thum: A second white paper was recently delivered to the mayor with suggestions such as having the LA Rams pay for gametime police protection, and informing the city that the figures they are providing on funding of the LAPD pension plan are not realistic.
- Clean Streets Challenge: Mr. O'Gara thanked many corporate sponsors and 150-plus volunteers for their participation in the November 5<sup>th</sup> Peoria Corridor cleanup. Ms. Sower thanked Monica and the Boy Scouts troop 87 for MyLA311 outreach and app downloads. The Clean Streets Challenge art/coloring contest engaged 3 area elementary schools and resulted in 363 entries, narrowed down to 47 finalists.

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to provide \$300 contribution to Northeast Valley Health Corporation to provide Holiday Favors for children who are at the Sun Valley Health Clinic on Fair Ave. and Sherman Way on December 8th for the Holiday Party and presentation event. SVANC will have an outreach table at the event.

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-10 (7:36p) FAILED 06/10/03/06: Provide \$300 contribution to Northeast Valley Health Corporation for Holiday Favors for Children</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> O'Gara, M.		<b>Second:</b> Aggas	
<b>Board Action:</b> None		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> Funding Eligible Only	
YES (6): Bille; Flores; Perez; Raaf; Thum; Vacas		NO (10): Aggas; Allen; Culley; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M	OTHER (03): Castaneda, Khalaf; Naranjo ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote to provide money to pay for shirts through a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the newly formed LAPD Foothill Junior Police Cadets (40 shirts), not to exceed \$260 incl. tax. Receipt needed from Junior Cadets Program to satisfy the Neighborhood Purposes Grant requirements

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-11 (7:42p) CARRIED 16/00/03/06: Provide money for LAPD Foothill Junior Police Cadet t-shirts</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Sower, Cindy		<b>Second:</b> Thum	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> Funding Eligible Only	
YES (16): Aggas; Allen; Bille; Culley; Flores; Koenig; Novoa; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (03): Castaneda; Khalaf; Naranjo ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve funds for office supplies (two boxes – 10 reams each of white copy paper and six rolls of scotch tape for tape dispensers), not to exceed a total of \$140

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-12 (7:44p) CARRIED 16/00/03/06: Provide money SVANC office supplies, NTE \$140</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Raaf		<b>Second:</b> Allen	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> Funding Eligible Only	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille; Culley; Flores; Koenig; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (03): Castaneda; Khalaf; Naranjo
		ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero	

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint Monica Vacas to the new position of Homeless Liaison for SVANC to the new DONE Committee on Homeless

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-13 (7:44p) CARRIED 19/00/00/06: Appoint Monica Vacas as Homeless Liaison to DONE Committee on Homeless; with Linda Housden as an alternate</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> O’Gara, Mike		<b>Second:</b> Novoa	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> ALL	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; Naranjo; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (00)
		ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero	

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Treasurer’s Report (October 2016)

- In the absence of the Treasurer, Ms. Thum delivered the Treasurer's Report
- October expenditures came to \$1,120.04

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-14 (07:47p) CARRIED 16/00/03/06: Approve Treasurer’s Report (October 2016)</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> O’Gara, Mike		<b>Second:</b> Flores	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> Funding Eligible Only	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille; Culley; Flores; Koenig; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (03): Castaneda; Khalaf; Naranjo
		ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero	

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Next Month’s Anticipated Expenditures (NMAE) (November 2016)

- The expenditures were estimated to be \$1,233.97

<b>SVANC ITEM 161115-15 (07:49p) CARRIED 16/00/03/06: Approve Next Month’s Anticipated Expenditures (NMAE) (November 2016) (\$1233)</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Koenig		<b>Second:</b> O’Gara, Mike	
<b>Board Action:</b> Approved		<b>Voting Eligibility:</b> Funding Eligible Only	
<b>YES (16):</b> Aggas; Allen; Bille; Culley; Flores; Koenig; Novoa; O’Gara-B; O’Gara-M; Perez; Power; Raaf; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (03): Castaneda; Khalaf; Naranjo
		ABSENT (06): Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mendez; Palomino; Torrero	

*(Item 4 was heard at this time [7:50pm]; the agenda resumes here again at 8:37pm.)*

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

- Mr. Renato Lira, San Fernando Valley LGBT Center, thanked the SVANC for the hard work and said he is here to support us
- Carl, announced his new community pharmacy on Sunland across from 7-11/Acapulco Restaurant.

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

- Ms. Vacas announced her support for greenlightevent.com, a combination of placing a green light in one's home window and noting this on the website, as a remembrance of our veterans this holiday season
- Ms. Sower, regarding the above, said people can buy LED candles to use where light bulbs in apartment windows are not allowed

ITEM 18: Adjournment

- Mr. Power motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Aggas, approved unanimously 19/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.