



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
6:30pm – 8:30pm

FINAL-SVANC Board Approved 3/14/2017

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; Treasurer (7:46PM)	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R5
Allen, Mark B.	PRESENT	YES	Business	B1
Bille, Elizabeth	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R1
Castañeda, Priscilla	PRESENT	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y1
Culley, Gene	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Dueñas, Angelica	Absent**	YES	Resident	R2
Flores, Susan; Secretary	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R6
Housden, Linda	Absent	YES	At-Large	A6
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean	Absent	YES	At-Large	A4
Khalaf, Sam	PRESENT –(out between 7:41 – 7:50pm)	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 –(out between 7:42 – 7:57pm)	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike; President	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A2
Palomino, Catherine	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R3
Perez, Carmen	PRESENT	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	Absent**	YES	Business	B3
Thum, Wendy	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R4
Vacas, Monica; 2nd V.P.	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R7
(VACANT)			Comm. Int.	C1
TOTAL: 24	17 PRESENT, 07 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 called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:34pm; 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 11 members of the public present.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks

- Mr. O'Gara made opening remarks to the board and public
- An email was received from Jesse Torrero stating that he has resigned

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers Vasquez and Wall
 - No personnel present

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials and their representatives

- The following elected officials and representatives spoke:
- Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Nury Martinez, spoke about the upcoming public forum presentations by LA Metro regarding the San Fernando Road Double Track project, the Homeless Count and the need for volunteers including walkers.
- Lorraine Diaz, Field Rep., CD-2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian, spoke about the upcoming CD-2 clean ups on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, further clarified the new car-living ordinance, and mentioned that a new shade has been ordered for the playground at De Garmo Park.
- Brian Gavidia, East Valley Rep., Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, spoke about the upcoming Youth Council program meeting, a community resource meeting, cleanup, community walk, sidewalk repair program, and the benefits of using the MyLA311 app.
- Julio Anlieu, Field Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff, mentioned the second school semester started yesterday. Sun Valley area schools are hosting an LAPD community dialog where residents can ask questions. Boardmember Ratliff recently introduced a resolution to expand librarians at area schools, and the resolution was passed.
- Franklin Ochoa, Sun Valley Field Rep. for Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra, introduced himself and gave his contact information: franklin.ochoa@asm.ca.gov, phone (818) 365-2464.

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

- Mr. Mike Shubert, from T-Mobile, inquired on where to begin planning for a new cell tower at the Laurel Canyon Plaza Center near Kohl's, currently zoned for monopines.
- Ms. Imelda Padilla, running for LAUSD District 6 school boardmember, kicked off her campaign this Saturday and picked up some major endorsements.

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

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from December 13, 2016, Regular Board Meeting

SVANC ITEM 170110-07 (07:11p) CARRIED 17/00/00/07: Approve December 13 2016 Meeting Minute as Amended			
Motion: Power	Second: Novoa		
Board Action: Approved, as amended	Voting Eligibility: ALL		
YES (17): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Castaneda, Culley, Flores, Khalaf, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (07): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Mendez, Naranjo, Raaf, Sower-M

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 8: Committee Reports— Outreach, Disaster Preparedness, Beautification, LANCC, Planning, Plancheck, Homeless, Budget Advocates, and Election Committee

- Outreach: Ms. Vacas announced her Homeless Count sign-up sheet for those interested, and that there would be a meeting on this subject soon.
- Disaster Preparedness: Mr. Khalaf stepped out and was unavailable for comment. Beautification: Ms. Thum announced the upcoming plan to have a group clean along San Fernando Road in the spring.
- CPAB: Ms. Sower: CPAB didn't meet in December, but will meet this Thursday
- VANC: Mr. O'Gara: Discussing NC subdivisions such as the "Glencrest" neighborhood subdivision and possible Neighborhood Council subdivision. Mr. Barry Stone of DONE commented that this process has not existed so there were no rules or policies governing it. A policy was approved about four months ago by BONC. Also discussed was the marijuana initiative its implementation.
- LANCC: Mr. O'Gara: Attended with Mr. Aggas. Six mayoral candidates spoke. Five didn't know much about the city when asked questions about homeless and planning issues, etc.
- Planning: No change on Starbucks application; Still planning a four story homeless shelter on Ratner St. where the recycling place used to be.
- Plancheck: Mr. O'Gara won't be able to attend due to a conflict with the Clean Streets ceremony
- Public Affairs: Ms. Sower announced the deadline for pothole-filling for 01/15/17 and discussed the upcoming Hearts for First Responders project now planned for Valentine's Day, 2017.
- Homeless: Ms. Vacas: Covered in Outreach above.
- Budget Advocates: Ms. Thum: Followup from December: Survey was emailed out asking for

input on where money should be distributed.

- Finance: Looking for a Treasurer since Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz had to resign due to time commitments
- Clean Streets Challenge: Mr. O'Gara announced the upcoming recognition SVANC will receive at a ceremony at City Hall and determine what our reward will be. We need another cleanup because the corridor is a mess again. We need to work with the Dept. of Sanitation. Ms. Thum noted that we would not have known about the ceremony except that it was published in EmpowerLA's newsletter. Mr. Stone of DONE said that some in the department feel it's best to communicate with NC's via social media, email, or online.

ITEM 9: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds for renewal of SVANC domain names, not to exceed a total \$300.00

SVANC ITEM 170110-09 (07:42p) CARRIED 15/00/01/08: Approve funds for renewal of SVANC domain names NTE \$300			
Motion: O'Gara, M.		Second: Bille	
Board Action: Funds approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (15): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01) Castaneda	ABSENT (08): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Khalaf (temp), Mendez, Naranjo, Raaf, Sower-M

ITEM 10: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds to reimburse Mike O'Gara for the cost of design and setup of the Clean Streets Thank You Newspaper ad.

SVANC ITEM 170110-10 (07:44p) CARRIED 15/00/01/09: Reimburse Mike O'Gara \$95 for Clean Streets Thank You Newspaper Ad design			
Motion: O'Gara, M.		Second: Aggas	
Board Action: Funds approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (14): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01) Castaneda	ABSENT (09): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Khalaf (temp), Mendez, Naranjo, O'Gara-B (temp), Raaf, Sower

ITEM 11: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve payment for Certificate cover folders from the City Print Shop for large (8.5x14) certificates, not to exceed \$50.00

SVANC ITEM 170110-11 (07:45p) CARRIED 15/00/01/09: Approve funds for SVANC domain			
Motion: Vacas		Second: Novoa	
Board Action: Funds approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (14): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01) Castaneda	ABSENT (09): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Khalaf (temp), Mendez, Naranjo, O'Gara-B (temp), Raaf, Sower-M

ITEM 12: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to elect new Treasurer to replace current Treasurer who has resigned due to time commitments.

- Mr. Gary Aggas was the only nominee for Treasurer, and he accepted the nomination.
- A vote was taken to accept Mr. Aggas as SVANC Treasurer

SVANC ITEM 170110-12 (07:46p) CARRIED 15/00/00/09: Elect New SVANC Treasurer: Gary Aggas			
Motion: O'Gara, M.		Second: Power	
Board Action: Mr. Garry Aggas appointed Treasurer		Voting Eligibility: ALL	
YES (15): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Castaneda, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (09): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Khalaf (temp), Mendez, Naranjo, O'Gara-B (temp), Raaf, Sower-M

- Mr. Aggas was unanimously appointed and assumed the position of SVANC Treasurer at 7:46PM

ITEM 13: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to hire a person from D.O.N.E. approved list of bookkeepers to report MERs (Monthly Expenditure Reports) and retrieve and keep financial records in the SVANC office

SVANC ITEM 170110-13 (07:47p) CARRIED 14/00/01/09: Hire approved bookkeeper to report MERs and keep financial records in SVANC office			
Motion: Vacas		Second: Allen	
Board Action: Approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (14): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Castaneda	ABSENT (09): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Khalaf (temp), Mendez, Naranjo, O'Gara-B (temp), Raaf, Sower-M

ITEM 14: Discussion and INPUT regarding pot holes that need to be filled in Sun Valley the week of January 16 (due Friday January 13, 2017)

- Mr. O'Gara mentioned that Street Services comes every 6 months and to submit a list soon

ITEM 15: Discussion regarding Valentine's Day greetings for Sun Valley's First Responders

- Mr. O'Gara mentioned that this had been approved at last month's meeting and had been discussed earlier during the committee reports

ITEM 16: Discussion and request for volunteers for the Jan. 24, 2017 Sun Valley Area Homeless Count

- If there are any problems signing up for the homeless count, just come to Sun Valley Park

ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote to reimburse Cindy Sower per Oct. 2016 "ITEM 11" Halloween Bags

- A vote was already taken on this Item in October. Mr. O'Gara will send another Funding Request Form to fill out since her first one was not processed by the former treasurer.

ITEM 18: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to reimburse Mike O'Gara \$17.00 for Certificate cover folders (8.5x11)

SVANC ITEM 170110-18 (07:53p) CARRIED 14/00/02/08: Reimburse Mike O'Gara for \$17.00			
Motion: Sower, C.		Second: Bille	
Board Action: Funds Approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (14): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (02): Castaneda, Khalaf	ABSENT (08): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Mendez, Naranjo, O'Gara-B (temp), Raaf, Sower-M

ITEM 19: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report

SVANC ITEM 170110-19 (07:56p) CARRIED 13/00/02/09: Approve November 2016 Treasurer's Report			
Motion: Aggas		Second: Novoa	
Board Action: Report Approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (13): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (02): Castaneda, Khalaf	ABSENT (09): Bille (temp), Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Mendez, Naranjo, O'Gara-B (temp), Raaf, Sower-M

ITEM 20: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve the December 2016 Treasurer's Report

SVANC ITEM 170110-20 (07:58p) CARRIED 15/00/00/00: Approve December 2016 Treasurer's Report			
Motion: Vacas		Second: Novoa	
Board Action: Report Approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (15): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara-B, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (02): Castaneda, Khalaf	ABSENT (07): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Mendez, Naranjo, Raaf, Sower

ITEM 21: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve Next Month's Anticipated Expenditures (January 2017)

SVANC ITEM 170110-21 (07:58p) CARRIED 15/00/00/00: Approve NMAE (January 2017)			
Motion: Aggas		Second: Bille	
Board Action: NMAE Approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (15): Aggas, Allen, Bille, Culley, Flores, Koenig, Novoa, O'Gara-B, O'Gara M., Palomino, Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (02): Castaneda, Khalaf	ABSENT (07): Duenas, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Mendez, Naranjo, Raaf, Sower-M

ITEM 22: Discussion of Sun Valley Planning Projects in Particular the Community Plan for Sun Valley and the General Plan for the City

- Mr. O'Gara: The community plan and general plan are being discussed for revision. This includes upzoning and downzoning. This can affect areas in our area and nearby such as the Vulcan pit at Glenoaks and Peoria that is being filled with dirt, rocks and cement, and since it's being compressed, it will be ready for construction in just a few years.
- Waste Management had permission to build a huge trash recycling facility on Tujung. It was designed to be state of the art, but due to difficulties including lawsuits it was never built. The court cases were settled last year. They will likely build the facility to accommodate the apartment/commercial waste franchise. When the facility is built it may be even better than the 2010 design because of advancements in technology. This facility will add 1800 truck trips per day to the area, but will also provide area jobs. Ms. Perez commented that she, Mike and other members of the board at the time spent more than three years of frequent 4-hour evening meeting regarding the facility.

ITEM 23: PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- Ms. Imelda Padilla again announced her candidacy for LAUSD Board Member, District 6.

ITEM 25: Board member comments on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- Mr. Aggas stated to the board that the blue SVANC Outreach dress shirts have arrived.

ITEM 26: Adjournment

- Ms. Vacas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Novoa, approved unanimously 17/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.