



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES  
 Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**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; <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory</i>	Present	YES	Resident	R5
Allen, Mark B.; <i>2<sup>nd</sup> V.P./Cardholder</i>	Present (6:45PM)	YES	Business	B1
Bartlett, Susan	Excused	YES	At-Large	A4
Bille, Elizabeth	Present	YES	Resident	R1
Dueñas, Angelica	Absent	YES	Resident	R2
Garcia, Steven	Present (6:40PM)	YES	Business	B6
Housden, Linda	Present	YES	At-Large	A6
Khalaf, Sam	Excused	YES	Business	B2
Koenig, Mylo; <i>Treasurer</i>	Present	YES	At-Large	A1
O'Gara, Barbara	Present	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike	Present	YES	At-Large	A2
Palomino, Catherine	Present	YES	Resident	R3
Perez, Carmen	Present	<b>NO (EX)</b>	Business	B7
Power, Rick	Present	YES	Business	B5
Roque, Frank	Present	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Sower, Cindy; <i>President</i>	Present	YES	Business	B4
Sower, Michael	Present (6:40PM)	YES	Business	B3
Thum, Wendy	Present	YES	Resident	R4
Vacas, Monica; <i>1<sup>st</sup> V.P.</i>	Present	YES	Resident	R7
Venegas, Eddie	Present	YES	Comm. Int.	C1
Melgar, Mario	Present	YES	Resident	R6
(VACANT)			At-Large	A3
(VACANT)			At-Large	A5
(VACANT)			Youth Rep	Y1
(VACANT)			Youth Rep	Y2
<b>TOTAL: 21</b>	<b>16 PRESENT, 05 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, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, SVANC Code of Civility**

- Ms. Cindy Sower called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:36pm; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Stakeholders were asked to recognize Veterans.
- Mr. Mylo Koenig, filling in for the Secretary, took roll; 15 Board members were present. Quorum was met. There were approximately 23 members of the public present. The Code of Civility was recited.

**ITEM 2: Opening Remarks.** Outreach sponsored a Citizens workshop. Ms. Sower recognizes Ms. Vacas and Mr. O'Gara for work on the event. Ms. Sower also acknowledged that Mr. O'Gara had been honored by Councilmember Martinez.

**ITEM 3: Announce any vacant board seats (including prior and recent vacancies)**

- 1 Seat At Large Stakeholder, remainder of term, term ends 2018
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  - 2 Seats Youth Representative (age 14-21), term ends approximately April 2018
- Applications available on our website, DUE BY Tuesday, November 28, 2017-FILE EARLY!--

**ITEM 4: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments (will always be allowed to address the board when they are ready, to facilitate their schedule) No reports due to first responders' emergency.**

**ITEM 5: Announcements from Elected Officials or their representatives.**

- FD Lorraine Diaz, Councilmember Krekorian, handed out "good neighbor" law pamphlets. Free trees are available from the City. Shade and parkway trees are available. Neighborhood clean-up was performed last Saturday. 60 volunteers participated. January 15, 2017 will be the next clean-up.
- FD Caesar Huerta, Councilmember Nury Martinez, parking restriction signs have gone up throughout the district. The signs will restrict RVs and commercial vehicles from 66 streets, both residential and commercial areas. According to Sgt. Case from the LAPD HOPE Team, 85% of the homeless will not accept the help and resources from the City and County. Clean-up at Sheldon Skate Park is being planned. December 2 is a tree planting for Old San Fernando Road between Sheldon and the Waste Management facility.
- FD Christina Coria, ASM Bocanegra, Policy is researching the issue of illegal fireworks and plans to address the issue during the next Assembly session. AB332 is the bill that helps close streets to traffic that has the worst illegal dumping. The office is working with the businesses to complete the process. The district office has moved. The new address is 9300 Laurel Canyon Blvd. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Arleta, CA 91331. Caltrans will be cleaning the area near the 5 off-ramp near the new Starbucks of the homeless encampment. Let the office know if there are any areas that need to be cleaned. San Fernando Connect Day for the homeless will be on November 16 from 10:00AM-1:00PM.
- FD Jaqueline Serrano, Congressmember Cardenas, Congressmember hosted a Veterans' Day event on November 11, 2017 that offered services for over 200 men and women who served in uniform. November 18<sup>th</sup> will be an Affordable Healthcare Act Enrollment Fair from 10:00AM-1:00PM at David Gonzalez Park in Pacoima that will have certified counselors that can answer questions. Open enrollment for Covered California ends January 31, 2018. Medicare open enrollment ends December 15, 2017. If you are unsure of which plan to select, contact the district office for a referral. Congressmember Cardenas honored the SVANC for fifteen years of service.
- FD Esmeralda Marcial, LAUSD Boardmember Kelly Gonez, Last week to fill out school experience survey. Please share with friends and families that have students in LAUSD to fill the survey out. Boardmember Gonez proposed a resolution to recommend increased funding to California schools as California is 46 in per student spending.

Public comment was moved forward before Senator Hertzberg spoke.

**ITEM 8: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Members of the public are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. NOTE: Public comments shall not be subject to discussion.**

- Dave Depinto- High speed rail issue

**ITEM 6: Announcements, Updates, Questions and Answers from Senator Hertzberg. (We will accommodate the Senator's Schedule and allow him to present upon his arrival). (10 minutes)**

**ITEM 7: Presentation by Lilly O'Brien/LADOT to provide the Council with more information on the changes in speed limits to the streets within our boundaries. (5 minutes)**

**Public comment continued.**

- Micah Bruxroot- Announcement of Choir performance at Bethel Church
- Brian Santamaria- Sheldon Skate Park community clean-up.

**ITEM 9: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Board members are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker no comment**

S. Garcia left meeting 8:00PM

**Announcements from Elected Officials or their representatives continued.**

- NEA Semee Park, DONE introduced herself and asked that the board use her as a resource in City matters for she has nine years experience working for the City. Ms. Park can be reached at 818-374-9898 and her email address is [Semee.Park@lacity.org](mailto:Semee.Park@lacity.org). Ms. Park also asked the Board to review their monthly Profile as it contains useful information.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ITEM 10A: Approve Minutes from April 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Table**

**ITEM 10B: Approve Minutes from May 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Table**

**ITEM 10C: Approve Minutes from June 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Table**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote to Approve Minutes from October 10, 2017**

<b>SVANC ITEM 11 Approve Minutes Moved: Power Second: Bille</b>				
<b>Yes – 17</b>	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M O’Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

**ITEM 12: Committee Reports-**

- **Outreach-** Citizen Workshop 50 applicants were processed. Please have your family and friends sign the petition against illegal fireworks.
- **Beautification-** Clean-up projects planned for CD 2 and CD 6. More information will follow on the tree planting events.
- **Planning/Land Use-** Ratner project 42 units, concern with supportive services for senior homeless. Six more projects will be coming forth next month including Starbucks.
- **VANC-** Panel discussion format.
- **Plan-Check-** Discussed ReCodeLA.
- **LANCC-** Changing zoning codes since the codes have not been updated since 1974.
- **Budget Advocates-**no report
- **CPAB-** Burglaries are up. LAPD is reintroducing Hide it, Lock it, Keep it. If there are issues with the Trash Haulers, let Mr. Power and Ms. C. Sower know.
- **Finance-** no report

**ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for October 2017.**

**(Note: A supplemental report will also be provided with anticipated expenses.)**

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<b>SVANC ITEM 13 Approve MERS Moved: M. O’Gara Second: Aggas</b>				
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –01	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M O’Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Perez	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

**ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to fund a Minutes Taker/Preparer for SVANC Monthly Board Meetings, from our current City-approved provider Bridgegap, not to exceed the City's approved rate, currently \$25.75 per hour. (Note: This item was board approved in June but a new vote is needed for the current fiscal year that began July 1st.)**

<b>SVANC ITEM 14 Approve Minute Taker Expense Moved: Vacas Second: Aggas</b>				
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –01	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M O’Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Perez	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

**ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to create an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a Project Proposal for beautification improvements in the Sun Valley section of CD2. The Committee will be chaired by the current Beautification Chairperson and will include stakeholders within CD2. Any and all Project Proposals generated by the Committee will be subject to approval by the entire Board. Guidance for the Project Proposals may be provided by representatives of the Council Member for CD2, especially for projects that would be eligible for matching funds available through them.**

<b>SVANC ITEM 15 Motion to create Ad Hoc Committee for improvements Moved: Aggas Second: Vacas</b>				
<b>Yes – 17</b>	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M O’Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

**ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion/Vote to create a "Caught Being Good" letter for stakeholders outside of the Board who contribute to the cleanliness and/or quality of life within Sun Valley. The name "Caught Being Good" may be replaced by another catchphrase, and we may also create a certificate for the stakeholder(s) selected. In addition, local businesses will be invited to participate in the award presentation to honorees.**

<b>SVANC ITEM 16 Approve Letter Moved: Thum Second: Aggas</b>				
<b>Yes - 17</b>	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible -00	Absent - 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O'Gara, M O'Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

**ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote for the Planning and Land Use Committee to write a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for any Cannabis items on the November 2017 City Council Agenda, and write all City Council members, the Mayor, and the Director of the Planning Dept. regarding any and all items on the City Council Agenda pertaining to Cannabis.**

Public comment: Rafael Bernadino-attorney representative

<b>SVANC ITEM 17 Motion to write a CIS Moved: Vacas Second: Aggas</b>				
<b>Yes - 17</b>	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible -00	Absent - 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O'Gara, M O'Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

<b>SVANC ITEM 17A Motion to extend meeting for five minutes Moved: Aggas Second: M. O'Gara</b>				
<b>Yes - 17</b>	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible -00	Absent - 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O'Gara, M O'Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf

**ITEM 18: Public Comment on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker:**

- Daniel Rojas- A Community of Friends

**ITEM 19: Board Member Comment on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker:** Ms. Vacas commented that she does not receive responses back from the Board when they need volunteers and she is not sure if the Board is receiving the emails. Please respond if you receive an email even if it is a no answer. Ms. Sower reaffirmed that the rules state you need to volunteer for events other than the Board meetings.

**ITEM 20: Adjournment**

<b>SVANC ITEM 20 Motion to adjourn Moved: M. O'Gara Second: Vacas 8:41 PM</b>				
<b>Yes - 17</b>	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible -00	Absent - 04
Aggas, Allen, Bille, Housden, Koenig, B. O'Gara, M O'Gara, Melgar, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, C Sower, M Sower, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Bartlett, Garcia, Khalaf