



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting MINUTES
 Tuesday, May 08, 2018
 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 |
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| Aggas, Gary; <i>2nd Signatory</i> | Present | YES | Resident | R5 |
| Allen, Mark B.; <i>2nd V.P./Cardholder</i> | Absent/Left Meeting Before Roll Call | YES | Business | B1 |
| (VACANT) | | | At-Large | A4 |
| (VACANT) | | | Resident | R1 |
| Dueñas, Angelica | Absent | YES | Resident | R2 |
| Garcia, Steven | Present | YES | Business | B6 |
| Linda Housden | Present | YES | At-Large | A6 |
| Khalaf, Sam | Absent | 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 |
| (VACANT) | | | Youth Rep | Y1 |
| Palomino, Catherine | Absent** | YES | Resident | R3 |
| Perez, Carmen | Absent** | YES | 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 | YES | Business | B3 |
| Thum, Wendy | Present | YES | Resident | R4 |
| Vacas, Monica; <i>1st V.P.</i> | Present | YES | Resident | R7 |
| Venegas, Eddie | Absent** | YES | Comm. Int. | C1 |
| Melgar, Mario | Present | YES | Resident | R6 |
| (VACANT) | | | At-Large | A3 |
| (VACANT) | | | At-Large | A5 |
| (VACANT) | | | Youth Rep | Y2 |
| TOTAL: 19 | 13 PRESENT, 06 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, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, SVANC Code of Civility

- Ms. Sower called the meeting of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) to order at approximately 6:35PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Mr. Aggas, as new secretary took roll. Thirteen Boardmembers were present and a quorum was met. There were approximately 15 members of the public present. The Code of Civility was recited by the Boardmembers.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks from SVANC President Cindy Sower

- Ms. Sower announced that Ms. Housden has sent her resignation and this will be Ms. Housden’s last meeting. She has served on the SVANC for the last 8 years.
- There will be Open House for Fire Service Day at Fire Station 77 on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 10:00AM - 4:00PM. Ms. Vacas needs Boardmembers to volunteer to help with the outreach of the Neighborhood Council at this event.
- Ms. Sower announced that in the Boardmember’s folder is a Thank You card from Villa Scalabrini for the outreach by the SVANC to their seniors. The Director at Fernangeles Park, Carlos Alvarez, has promoted to a new position at Humphries Park. Rudy Sanchez Is the new Director at Fernangeles Park.
- There was a Beautification meeting held on last Thursday and during the meeting there was some confusion and two of the community stakeholders on the committee did not get to vote. There will be another Beautification Committee Meeting scheduled and there will be a new vote for the position of Beautification Chair.

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

- 1 Seat: At Large Stakeholder, remainder of term, term ends 2019
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- 2 Seat: Youth Representative (age 14-21), term ends approximately April 2019

-Applications available on our website, DUE BY May 29, 2018-FILE EARLY!--

APPOINTMENT OF OPEN BOARD SEATS

There is one applicant for one of the open Resident Seats (R1), Mr. Oscar Portillo. Mr. Portillo will come forward when called and make a candidate statement prior to the vote. If appointed, he will be seated on the board and will have full privileges, including the ability to vote.* The new Boardmember will read the SVANC Code of Civility which will serve as the Oath of Office.

**A board member's ability to vote is governed by the SVANC Bylaws, SVANC Standing Rules, and whether the board member is current with both Ethics and Funding training and has signed the Code of Conduct within the allotted 30-day grace period.*

ITEM 4A: Postponed

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| SVANC ITEM 4A: Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint Mr. Oscar Portillo to the open Resident Stakeholder seat (R1), term expiring in 2019. | | | | |
| Yes – | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – |
| | NONE | NONE | NONE | |

ITEM 4B Postponed

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| SVANC ITEM 4B: If appointed, the new board member will be seated and recite the Code of Civility as the oath of office. Moved: Second: | | | | |
| Yes – | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – |
| | NONE | NONE | NONE | |

ITEM 5: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments (will always be allowed to address the board when They are ready, to facilitate their schedule)

LAPD SLO Esther Vasquez: There are still residential and commercial burglaries going on in the Division and residents are encouraged to please call the police if you see anything suspicious. SLO Vasquez provided a handout on how to file a police report online at www.LAPD.org It was announced that there are two events sponsored by LAPD, The LA Fitness Run is May 19th at Hansen Dam and Operation Cop-Sicle which will be held on May 29th and 30th. Command staff is working on being able to pick up another school in June to participate in the program. This program is an outreach event where the LAPD officers go to a school and meet with the kids.

SLO Vasquez explained that the Division is changing their ordering procedures for the special tamper resistant license plate screws and will now be ordering directly from the producer in New York. There is a substantial cost savings which will allow the department to order additional screws for the theft prevention program.

LAPD Sergeant Winter: Burglary from motor vehicles has increased. Call the police if you see people looking into cars. Keep It, Lock It, Hide It: Remember to lock the doors, hide anything that is in your car, and do not let thieves see anything. Suspects will break your windows for item as simple as food. Do not store valuables in your car.

Bianca Moteone, Victim Advocate for LAPD Foothill Division: Ms. Moteone introduced herself and explained the Victim Advocate Program and the type of support that is available for victims of a crime. To find out more about the program go to their website at www.helplacrimevictims.org

ITEM 6: Announcements from Elected Officials or their representatives (2 minutes each)

FD Jackie Serrano, Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas: If you have any Federal concerns or issues please contact their office. Ms. Serrano gave an update on the recent Grant Workshop and over 50 non-profits attended to get information on the grants available to the community. The 2018 Congress Art Show is over with 130 pieces of art submitted to the contest from local High School Students. The winner selected was from Van Nuys High School. Another program of interest to the community sponsored by the Congressman's office on the 4th Tuesday of every month is a mobile office at Sun Valley Branch Library from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. There will be a Veterans Work Force Development Workshop Program held for those Veterans transitioning into the civilian workforce on Saturday, July 7, 2018 10:00AM - 2:00PM

FD Lorraine Diaz, Office of Council Member Paul Krekorian: Ms. Diaz gave an update on the status of tree planting and cleanups sponsored by the Council Office in the district. 180 trees have been planted on Vineland between Strathern St. and Oxnard St. The watering is being paid for by a grant. Free shade trees are available for stakeholders for their yards and there is a limit of six trees per household address. If stakeholders are interested in learning more about Utility Box painting go to the website www.streetboxart.com At North Hollywood Park there is an upcoming free concert series being set up. More information will be available soon. It was announced that there will be a Summer Movie Series and the first event will be on June 29th at De Garmo Park. The movie will be Despicable 3. At the Community Watch Meeting, Ms. Housden was recognized for all of her hard work. Paul Krekorian has opened the first city-owned homeless parking lot. The homeless sleep in their cars between the hours of 10:00PM and 6:00AM and clients are prescreened through LA Family Housing. The clients must have a valid Driver's License and the car must be currently registered and insured. The city is looking for a parking lot for recreational vehicles. The City would like a non-profit to step up and run the Safe Parking Program.

FD Caesar Huerta, Office of Council Member Nury Martinez: Ciclavia will be on June 24, 2018 from 9:00AM-4:00PM. The route will carry riders and walkers through areas of Arleta, Panorama City, and Pacoima. There will be a Movie in the Park Event Friday, July 20, 2018 at Fernangeles Park. Summer Night Lights will be held at Sun Valley Recreational Center and this year there will be a robust schedule that will include an exercise program. Only two Speed Hump projects for Sun Valley have been approved and they are on a waiting list to be completed. To qualify the street has to have at least 1,000 trips a day and the submission of a collision report. Contact the Council Office if you want to submit an application. The Council Office is putting up the second round of Parking Restriction signs to stop people from sleeping in their vehicles. You have a right to take pictures of the homeless and problems but be very careful. Do not approach people. Call LAPD if you feel in danger. During Q&A a stakeholder commented that their burglar alarm went off and the police showed up six hours later. FD Huerta advised them to speak contact LAPD. Another stakeholder asked, "What do they do with the homeless sleeping in their vehicles, they cannot tow away cars with people in them? FD Huerta stated that the homeless are given citations and representatives from the County of Los Angeles are present to help the homeless person be referred into housing and services. FD Huerta provided maps as to where the no parking signs are currently located. FD Huerta recognized the SVANC for their tree planting event on San Fernando Road where sixty trees were planted between Sheldon and Bart. Ms. Housden was given a recognition certificate for her work on this project and for her work as a Neighborhood Council Board Member.

NEA Betty Wong-Oyama, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Thanked Ms. Housden for all of her years of service to the Neighborhood Council and the community. It was announced that Neighborhood Councils will not have to send in a budget package, but will need to do an assessment that will be due in August 2018. The Department can help each council put together a survey for their stakeholders. NEA Wong-Oyama is reviewing the By-laws for SVANC. If anyone has any questions or concerns they contact her directly. NEA Wong-Oyama's office is at Van Nuys City Hall. There will be a live Ethics Training in the North Valley in the next couple of months. NEA Wong-Oyama reprimanded the Board and reminded the Board of the policy that Neighborhood Council Boardmembers should not be wearing identifying Neighborhood Council badges, shirts, or any other items with a Neighborhood Council logo on their persons while attending meetings or forums and speaking only as a stakeholder. This could cause the public to infer that the Boardmember was there in their official capacity. The Boardmember needs to have the permission of the Neighborhood Council President before representing the Board at a meeting on any position that the Board has taken a vote on. NEA Wong-Oyama strongly recommended that

the SVANC revise their Standing Rules to reflect that policy. The Congress Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the upcoming Neighborhood Council Congress which is on September 22, 2018.

ITEM 7: 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.

Meredith McGowan, Sun Valley Library; New acting Senior Librarian introduced herself and will bring program fliers to the next meeting.

ITEM 8: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Board members are limited to two (2) minutes per speaker.

SVANC needs to find a new office to rent. The current location has a new owner so they may be able to only stay a couple more months. The Neighborhood Council needs everyone to help find a new location. The SVANC have been unable to find a location so far.

ITEM 9A: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from the April 10, 2018 Board Meeting Postponed

ITEM 9B - ITEM 9B: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from the April 16, 2018 Special Board Meeting Postponed

ITEM 9C: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from the April 24, 2018 Special Board Meeting Postponed

ITEM 10: Committee Reports:

- Outreach- Open House at Fire Station 77 on Saturday from 10:00AM-4:00PM. Annual Movies in the Park: Friday June 29, 2018 at De Garmo Park and the Movie will be Despicable Me 3. Friday July 20, 2018 at Fernangeles Park and the Movie will be Ferdinand.
- Beautification-The Beautification Meeting will be scheduled and the date will be announced. Please attend and bring new project ideas.
- Planning/Land Use-Update on the April 16, 2018 meeting in regards to the Hampton Inn on Glennoaks. The applicants are applying for a Beer and Wine license. The operators are also applying for a zoning change and that would include the addition of six rooms. The Beer and Wine License was approved by the Land Use Committee. Now it moves on to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department.
- Emergency Preparedness- No report.
- VANC-Is held on the second Thursday of the month. The meeting this month will focus on AB827 which was recently defeated. It takes local control away for apartment buildings to be built anywhere within a quarter mile of a bus route or other public transportation. Local government will not have the power to stop these projects. The bill is being re-written.
- Plan-Check- Meeting is this Saturday.
- LANCC- (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) LANCC meeting is on the first Saturday of every month. One of the topics this month was the Fee for Trees issue for developers. The Urban Forestry Department is not receiving an increase in this year's city budget.
- Budget Advocates- Will host Budget Day at City Hall on June 23, 2018 at 7:30AM. A free breakfast will be provided.
- CPAB-Active Shooter Event
- Fireworks- Several North Valley Neighborhood Councils filed CIS's. The Council File 17-1421. It was voted on by the Los Angeles City Council today. SVANC was the leader on this issue and the City Council approved it. It was passed as amended. There is a Report Back due with recommendations on how to incentivize residents to turn in their illegal fireworks.
- Trash Hauler- Republic has been doing better. Ms. Sower has been helping Sunland-Tujunga get their issues addressed. The City needs to work harder to get it together.
- (Note: Finance will be heard with finance items on agenda.)

ITEM 11 Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April, 2018. (A supplemental report will also be provided with anticipated expenses.)

| SVANC ITEM 11: Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report Moved: Thum Second: Aggas | | | | |
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| Yes – 13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to reimburse Monica Vacas for emergency funds paid during the Creek Fire when the Card Holder was out of town not to exceed (NTE) \$200.00. (Wong)

| SVANC ITEM 12: Vote to reimburse Monica Vacas for emergency funds paid during the Creek Fire Moved: Garcia Second: M. O’Gara | | | | |
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| Yes – 13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase refreshments and supplies for a Movie-in-the-Park Outreach

| SVANC ITEM 13: Vote to purchase refreshments and supplies for a Movie-in-the-Park Outreach Moved: Garcia Second: Power | | | | |
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| Yes – 13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to reimburse Board member Mylo Koenig for batteries purchased at Costco for SVANC office and meeting equipment, not to exceed \$20.00.

| SVANC ITEM 14: Vote to reimburse Board member Mylo Koenig for batteries Moved: Power Second: B. O’Gara | | | | |
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| Yes – 13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to create a committee that needs to be comprised of Boardmembers and Community Members to research taking a position on the California High Speed Rail. (Vacas)

- The following goals and calendar items should be considered by the board:
 - a. The goal of the committee is to thoroughly research the pros and cons of the HSR and consider the merits of each route, SR14, E1, and E2. With the conclusion of that research, at the October 2018 SVANC board meeting, the committee will present their findings and submit a written document along with links to the supporting materials on both the CHSRA: <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and SAFE www.dontrailroad.us websites, as well as other media sites and documents. Each member of the board will be encouraged in the following month to further research and explore the merits of the HSR and to draw their own conclusions.
 - b. At the November 2018 meeting, the vote shall be taken by the board members, with the tentative plans for agenda items to be voted upon to be:
 1. To vote for support or non-support of route SR14.
 2. To vote for support or non-support of route E1.
 3. To vote for support or non-support of route E2.
 4. To vote for support or non-support of the HSR project regardless of routes.
 5. To vote to write and submit a CIS by SVANC to the City Clerk’s office with the voting results.

Public Comments: Dave De Pinto spoke in favor of starting the committee and asked them to take a tour of the area involved.

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| SVANC ITEM 15a Motion to create a committee that needs to be comprised of Board Members and Community Members to research taking a position on the California High Speed Rail. The following goals and calendar items should be considered by the board: A) The goal of the committee is to thoroughly research the pros and cons of the HSR and consider the merits of each route, SR14, E1, and E2. With the conclusion of that research, at the October 2018 SVANC board meeting, the committee will present their findings and submit a written document along with links to the supporting materials on both the CHSRA: (website here) and SAFE (www.dontrailroad.us) websites, as well as other media sites and documents. Each member of the board will be encouraged in the following month to further research and explore the merits of the HSR and to draw their own conclusions. B) At the November 2018 meeting, the vote shall be taken by the board members, with the tentative plans for agenda items to be voted upon to be: 1. To vote for support or non-support of route SR14. 2. To vote for support or non-support of route E1. 3. To vote for support or non-support of route E2. 4. To vote for support or non-support of the HSR project regardless of routes. 5. To vote to write and submit a CIS by SVANC to the City Clerk’s office with the voting results. (Vacas) Moved: Vacas Second: Power | | | | |
| Yes – 13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |

Ms. Sower stated that there is a clipboard at the back of the room and they need community participation from both sides of the issue. They want people to ask questions and people to do the research. The Neighborhood Council needs the community to participate. During discussion of the new committee and the position of Chair, Ms. Sower had self-nominated herself for the position of Chair of the new committee after NEA Wong-Oyama advised that it had been determined by the City Attorney that Ms. Sower could self-nominate.

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| SVANC ITEM 15b Motion to Approve Cindy Sower as the Chair of the committee that will research taking a position on the California High Speed Rail.. Moved: C. Sower Second: Vacas | | | | |
| Yes – 13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |

Item 16: Public Comment: There were no Public Comments

ITEM 17: Board Member Comment: There were no Boardmember comments.

ITEM 18: Adjournment Meeting adjourned at: 8:10

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| SVANC ITEM 18 Adjournment Mover: Aggas Second: Garcia | | | | |
| Yes –13 | No – 00 | Recuse – 00 | Not Eligible –00 | Absent – 06 |
| Aggas, Garcia, Housden, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, Roque ,C. Sower, M. Sower, Thum, Vacas, Melgar | NONE | NONE | NONE | Allen, Duenas, Khalaf, Palomino, Perez, Venegas |