



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting MINUTES
 Tuesday, August 14, 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
Aggas, Gary; <i>2nd Signatory</i>	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R5
Allen, Mark B.; <i>2nd V.P./Cardholder</i>	PRESENT	YES	Business	B1
Carbajal, Jackelyn	PRESENT (appointed 6:45PM)	NO(EFN)	Youth Rep	Y1
Correa, Steve	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R1
Duenas, Angelica	Absent	YES	Resident	R2
Garcia, Steven	PRESENT	YES	Business	B6
Khalaf, Sam	PRESENT	NO(EX)	Business	B2
Koenig, Mylo; <i>Treasurer</i>	PRESENT (left at 8:15PM)	YES	At-Large	A1
Melgar, Mario	Resigned	YES	Resident	R6
O'Gara, Barbara	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A2
Palomino, Catherine	Absent	YES	Resident	R3
Perez, Carmen	PRESENT	YES	Business	B7
Power, Rick	PRESENT	YES	Business	B5
Roque, Frank	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Sower, Cindy; <i>President</i>	Absent**	YES	Business	B4
Sower, Michael	Absent**	YES	Business	B3
Thum, Wendy	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R4
Vacas, Monica; <i>1st V.P.</i>	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R7
Venegas, Eddie	PRESENT	YES	Comm. Int.	C1
(VACANT)			At-Large	A4
(VACANT)			At-Large	A5
(VACANT)			At-Large	A6
(VACANT)			At-Large	A3
(VACANT)			Youth Rep	Y2
TOTAL: 19	15 PRESENT, 04 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. Vacas called the meeting of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:30PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Koenig took roll for Mr. Aggas. Fourteen Boardmembers were present and a quorum was met. There were approximately twenty-three members of the public present at the meeting. The Code of Civility was recited by the Boardmembers present.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks. Ms. Vacas mentioned that Mr. Melgar had sent in his resignation from the Board; and that the SVANC Office is now located at 8720 Sunland Blvd, Sun Valley, CA 91352 next to the Town Café.

ITEM 3: Announce any vacant board seats

- Ms. Vacas announced the open board seats and that applications are due by August 28th.

ITEM 4A: Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint Ms. Jackelyn Carbajal, to the open Youth Representative Stakeholder Seat (Y1), term ending in approximately April of 2019.

- Ms. Vacas introduced the appointee Ms. Carbajal and asked her to give a candidate statement.
- Ms. Carbajal stated that she lives in Sun Valley and is a commuter student at Cal State University, San Bernardino. Questions were solicited from the board and public prior to the vote.

SVANC ITEM 4A Motion to appoint Ms. Carbajal to the Youth Representative seat. Move: Power Second: Khalaf				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Correa, Khalaf, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Garcia, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Duenas, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

- Ms. Carbajal was appointed to the board.

ITEM 4B: If appointed, the new board member will be seated and recite the Code of Civility as the oath of office. Ms. Carbajal recited the Code of Civility and took her appointed seat.

- Ms. Carbajal recited the SVANC Code of Civility and was seated. Board members present went from 14 to 15.

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)

- Senior Lead Officer Ethan Lindsey, LAPD, 818-634-0754- SLO Lindsey announced area crime stats and provided safety advice. There will be two License Plate Task Force Events to replace license plate screws with theft-resistant screws. About thirty plates a month are stolen in the Foothill Division; many to cover up lack of registration. Two events will take place August 18, 2018 at the Target in Pacoima and Kohl's in Sun Valley. There were two National Night Out Events, one in Glencrest Hills and the other at Stonehurst Park.

ITEM 6: Announcements from Elected Officials, or their representatives:

1. Field Deputy Carolina Menjivar, CD6 Councilmember Nury Martinez - gave updates on the RVs and Homeless Encampments on San Fernando Road and Branford and the area has been cleaned up. Teams designated to go out and clean up Penrose, Bradley, and Ratner will be working on August 18 and 21, 2018. A grant has been awarded to the City for \$1.5 Million dollars to plant trees citywide. CD6 is getting the majority of the funds to plant the trees along Lankershim Blvd. Ignite LA is a program for young girls ages 14-24 interested in local government. The meetings are held every Monday.
2. Senior Field Representative Jacqueline Serrano, Mayors’ Office - Update on Summer Night Lights Program at Sun Valley Rec. Center will end on August 24, 2018. Ms. Serrano will be leading the Mayors Youth Council.
3. Field Deputy Jude Hernandez, State Assemblymember Luz Rivas’ Office -A beautification event will be scheduled on August 17, 2018, for a cleanup at the 5 fwy Sheldon St. northbound on and off ramps. There is a Senate Transportation Bill being worked on that will pay for improvements for the 5 fwy over crossings from Sheldon to Sunland Blvd. The office is also working with Caltrans on illegal encampments near Tuxford and San Fernando Road.
4. NEA Betty Wong-Oyama, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Ms. Wong-Oyama congratulated Ms. Jackelyn Carbajal on joining the SVANC Board. She thanked the Board for turning in all of their required paperwork. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners will be holding meetings to get input on the Council File submitted by Councilmember Ryu on Neighborhood Council Reforms. She will work with the SVANC Election Chair Sam Khalaf to help with outreach. The

Board was reminded that Ethics Certification needs to be renewed every 2 years. Funding will also need to be renewed every 2 years starting in 2020. There will be some new changes coming to the funding system soon. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held on September 22, 2018.

- Victim Coordinator Brionna Thompson, Victim Assistance Program, City Attorney, introduced herself

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

- Jay Moon, valley resident- wanted to know how to reach the Land Use Committee. He is a manufacturer of Cannabis Oil Suppositories. Mr. Moon is currently applying for a type 6 license and is interested in opening a business in Sun Valley. (Mr. O’Gara responded to the Public Comment informing Mr. Moon about the Cannabis Committee.)
- Los Angeles Public Library, Sun Valley Branch; New Senior Librarian Jennifer Siron introduced herself. She brought fliers for Thursday Night Family Nights at the Library.

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

- Mr. Power mentioned a problem that was expressed by the Manager at Bank of America on Glenoaks. This is an unsafe school drop off situation. The parents are even dropping students off as far away as Sunland Produce. Someone needs to contact the school.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 9A: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from the July 2, 2018 Joint Special Board /Executive /Finance Meeting – **Item Postponed**

ITEM 9B: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Minutes from the July 10, 2018, Regular Board Meeting

SVANC ITEM 9B Motion to approve Minutes from July 10, 2018 meeting. Move: Thum Second: M. O’Gara				
Yes –15	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Carbajal; Correa, Khalaf, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Garcia, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE		Duenas, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 10: Committee Reports:

- Outreach -The Outreach and Beautification Committees met together to plan Friday’s clean up at the 5 Freeway off ramp.
- Beautification- the Beautification Committee is scheduling clean-ups around CD6 and CD2. There is also a need to go back to San Fernando Road and do a cleanup again. Volunteers are needed.
- Planning/Land Use- waiting to hear about the hearing for the coffee shop near Grocery Outlet.
- Emergency Preparedness-the committee will be working to set up CERT classes for the community.

Mr. M. O’Gara spoke on the following Items:

- VANC-Election Debate on October 11, 2018 Election Outreach and Boundary Changes were discussed.
- Plan Check- Recode LA was discussed. It is a five year project.
- LANCC-Discussed the Neighborhood Council Reforms
- Budget Advocates- There is tension between the Budget Advocates and the City. The Budget Advocates need to have more help from the Budget Representatives to meet with City Departments and gather information for the White Paper.
- CHSRA - Upcoming High Speed Rail Committee Meeting on Aug 15, 2018 6:30PM at the New Sun Valley Neighborhood Council Office 8720 Sunland Blvd. next to Town Cafe.

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

SVANC ITEM 11 Motion to approve July 2018 MER Moved: Power Second: Aggas				
Yes –13	NO-00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –02	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Correa, Garcia, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Khalaf, Carbajal	Duenas, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow Committee/Community meetings in new NC Office. This motion is just informational in our endeavor to be transparent with the community. (Sower/Wong)

- Mr. Garcia moved to open this item, seconded by Mr. Allen
- Mr. Aggas moved to amend the motion to remove Ms. Wong as a maker of the motion, and to make the item a "Discussion Only" item, seconded by Mr. M. O’Gara. Discussion was opened on the proposed amendment (12a).
- Ms. Thum motioned to table the Item until next month when Ms. Sower could be in attendance to discuss the item further, seconded by Ms. B. O’Gara (12b). A voice vote was taken to table the item, but due to the lack of a clear call, a roll call vote was undertaken. Before the formal poll occurred, discussion started again. Ms. Wong-Oyama of DONE clarified why the motion was brought before the board, and that without approval of the item, community meetings could not be held due to liability issues, and committee meetings could no longer be held as before (including a meeting two days following) because this item addressing them had been agendized.
- After lengthy discussion, Ms. Thum withdrew her amendment to table the motion.
- Mr. M. O’Gara then made an amendment to the original item to remove the word "committee" from the language of the motion, seconded by Ms. Vacas

SVANC ITEM 12b Motion to amend to remove the word committee from Item 12 Move: M. O’Gara Second: Vacas				
Yes –15	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Carbajal, Correa, Khalaf, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Garcia, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	None	Duenas, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

A vote was taken on the amended item: *"ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow ~~Committee~~ Community meetings in new NC Office. This motion is just informational in our endeavor to be transparent with the community."*

SVANC ITEM 12 Motion to approve amended item to allow community meetings in the NC office, Move: M. O’Gara Second: Vacas				
Yes –15	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent – 04
Aggas, Allen, Carbajal, Correa, Khalaf, Koenig, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Garcia, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	None	Duenas, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

Mr. Koenig left the meeting at 8:15PM

Mr. Aggas left the meeting at 8:15PM, and returned to the meeting at 8:20PM

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve funds up to \$150 for a neighborhood cleanup & OUTREACH event. Refreshments for 30 volunteers at the I-5 offramp at Sheldon. Main Sponsorship from Assemblywoman Luz Rivas and Councilwoman Nury Martinez. Refreshments will consist of juices and water, breakfast bars, bagels, plus an assortment of fruits and nuts. (Thum/Vacas)

SVANC ITEM 13 Motion to give \$150.00 for clean-up refreshments. Move: Thum Second: Aggas				
Yes –12	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –02	Absent – 05
Aggas, Allen, Correa, Garcia, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, Khalaf	Duenas, Koenig, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve \$150.00 to co-sponsor the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils' (VANC) upcoming meeting to debate the propositions that will be on the November Ballot. Some of the items that will be debated are: the Parcel Tax, the repeal of the Gas Tax, Rent Control, New Tax for Hospitals. This is NOT an exhaustive list. (O'Gara)

- The event will be held October 8, 2018 at CBS Studios.

SVANC ITEM 14 Motion to approve \$150. For VANC Debate. Move: O'Gara Second: Aggas				
Yes –11	No – 01	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –02	Absent – 05
Aggas, Allen, Correa, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	Garcia	NONE	Carbajal, Khalaf	Duenas, Koenig, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase the balance of office keys to be distributed to Executive Board and Committee Chairs, not to exceed \$100. (Sower)

SVANC ITEM 15 Motion to spend up to \$100.00 on Keys for office. Move: Allen Second: O'Gara				
Yes –12	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –02	Absent – 05
Aggas, Allen, Correa, Garcia, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Carbajal, Khalaf	Duenas, Koenig, Palomino, C. Sower, M. Sower

ITEM 16: Public Comment on non-agenda items, two (2) minutes per speaker

1. Imelda Padilla reintroduced herself. She wants to work on projects here with the SVANC to improve the community including the Strathern Wetlands and the San Fernando Road Bike Lane. She said the community is affected by the war on drugs and knows of one shop that has onsite consumption.

ITEM 17: Board Member Comment on non-agenda items, two (2) minutes per speaker

1. Mr. Garcia mentioned the 55th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream Speech." Mr. King also arranged the Montgomery Bus Strike.
2. Mr. Correa stated that he is very concerned with the defamation that is happening to Sunland-Tujunga Boardmembers, and that allowing the public to use the SVANC computers could potentially create a similar situation.
3. Ms. Vacas stated the need for someone to return Items to the new office and all tables and chairs need to be put away, please help.

ITEM 18: Adjournment (8:37PM)

SVANC ITEM 18 Motion to adjourn. Moved: Power Second: O'Gara 8:37PM				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –04
Aggas, Allen, Carbajal, Correa, Garcia, Khalaf, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Palomino, Perez, Power, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE		Duenas, Koenig, C. Sower, M. Sower,