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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2007

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center

10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352

The General Meeting of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council was called to order on April 10, 2007 at 6:33 PM. A roll-call of the Board Members was taken and there were 15 members present which was a quorum and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Members Present: Jon Eshbach; Doug Corcoran; Manuel De La Torre; Virginia Beck; Art Sweet; Jose Morales; Raul Gonzalez; Susan Bartlett; Mike O'Gara; Sylvia Gracia; Tina Cameron; Carmen Perez; Mary Benson, Lee McTaggart & Frank Felix.

Emergency Personnel Reports:

Officer Tim Olea & Officer Shawn Rubenaw with the Foothill Division

Spoke regarding the Foothill Volunteer Surveillance Team (V.S.T.)

The officers presented a proposal to the Council for equipment needed for their volunteer team to perform as a better, more efficient unit. The unit runs on volunteers and its purpose is to assist law enforcement in keeping surveillance in an area that is infested with crime and criminal activity. The proposal for equipment listed items that would better assist the group of volunteers in this task, this list was given to all the council in the amount of \$35,581.10.

Officer Pablo Monterossa;

Reported on the crime reduction and informed the council that a change in captain would take place at the beginning of May as Captain William would be leaving and his replacement should start beginning of May/June.

Announcements from Elected Officials or their Representatives:

Luis Sanchez & Yolanda Fuentes from the Mayors Office

They thanked the council for their involvement with 'Big Sunday'.

Alvin Kelly

Reported on a Drug Bust by Sun Valley M.S. where \$27,000 was seized along with a large amount of drugs/Pot holes are also getting fixed.

Public Comments:

Kristen Chapman & Lynne Sermpe with New American Foundation

Presented an *Instant Runoff Voting* proposal; this allows voters a ranking system of first, second and third choice which is anticipated to save the Los Angeles area the cost and the difficulty of a second runoff election for the seat of Mayor, City Attorney, City Council and Controller.

Nick Dalton-dole; LA Troop-Sun Valley Youth Center

Will Montoya & Richard Stoltz were contacted and 40 students will be participating in Jeopardy. Roscoe Elementary and other area schools have been offered the opportunity and they are all excited at the prospect.

Sandra Monrigo from LAUSD-Outreach Program

Informed all of a communittee meeting @ Poly H.S. on 4/25/07 at 6:30pm regarding The Environmental Impact Report

Felipe "Philip" Siordia, Democratic Candidate 39th Assembly District

Running on the May 15th Ballet/Gave a speech on his forum and what he has done in the public arena in pursuit of this seat in May.

BOARD COMMENTS – NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jon Eshbach/President– gave his report regarding the invitation for a meeting from Councilman-Alarcon and how successful it was.

Treasurer Absent

Mary Benson – Land use committee/March cancelled Chamber of Commerce office not open Mon. 3/26 according to Exec. Dir. Jesse, they would have to re-visit and vote to hold meeting there. 4/4 notice meeting regarding waste area expansion of 400% @ the 11121 Pendleton St. S.V Stonehurst Community – 200 ft. parameter includes Loft St. & Freight Lines Unfair notice – expanded

Outreach meetings held direct

Athens waste – seeking to use current permit while doing EIR does not permit expansion.

EIR traffic/air quality/water waste & direct tracking to streets.

Notice of proposition open to 13th

MOTION/PASSED

MOTION – Mary Benson – Second – Doug Corcoran write a letter to Wayne Suta & Wendy Greuel meet with the SVANC to prepare for EIR comments. Land Use Committee and council member Doug Corcoran will attend.

Land Use Committee proposes that the SVANC form an Ad Hoc Committee for American Waste and Crown Disposal.

Land Use Committee propose that the SVANC send a letter to the Foothill Trails N.C., inviting them to attend information sessions and comment.

MOTION/PASSED

MOTION – Mary Benson – Second – Sylvia Gracia for the forming of an SBSCA committee.
9901 Dronfield S.V. Council Dist. 6 hearing Dept. of Planning – Jimmy Lau (?)

MOTION/PASSED

MOTION - Mike O’Gara – Second – Doug Corcoran
Foothill Trails N.C. to attend informal sessions regarding Sunland Care Ministries

Outreach Community Report = 4/30/07 next meeting/Mailer @ Fernangeles very successful for
Halloween last year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lee McTaggart – Transportation and escorts for Dr. Appointments and the use of buses and subways in
the works so seniors can adapt and learn this mode of public transportation.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Motion/Discussion/Vote to name the pocket park at San Fernando Rd. and Tuxford St. the
William G. Slater Memorial Park.

Discussed and agreed to table as the Chamber has precedence in the matter but suggestions were offered
of different ways to address issue in support of chambers action as council may not have say all to be
checked at a later time and re-visited at the next meeting 5/8/07. 2ND Motion to Table – Doug Corcoran –
Second – Sylvia Gracia

MOTION/PASSED

Item #2: Motion by Doug Corcoran – Second - Mary Benson
DWP/NC MOU agree to support 2yr extension.

MOTION/PASSED

Item #3: Motion/Discussion/Vote to accept the proposal from Foothill Volunteer Surveillance Team –
Council questioned expenses and offered suggestions as how monies might be better spent and how the
assistance if agreed upon could be written and presented in a more clear way with no room for error. To
be written as follows:

*Authorize the expenditure of up to 1/5 of \$35,581.10 or \$7,116.22 to support the Foothill Volunteer
Surveillance Team, with the following conditions:*

*That SVANC will consult with D.O.N.E. to determine the valid, appropriate and legal method for
disbursement and it will be made pursuant to said method.*

MOTION/PASSED

Extension of Council Meeting to conclude with agenda for 15 more minutes

MOTION/PASSED

Item #4: Motion to appoint Doug Corcoran and Mary Benson to attend the Sun Valley Renaissance UDAT meeting on April 17, 2007 as council representatives. Others, Mike O’Gara, will attend as well.

MOTION PASSED

Item #5: Motion to discuss D.O.N.E. financial planning suggestions.

Jon Eshbach – Requested Financial plan to be discussed at the next meeting as treasurer was not present. Agreed to be discussed on 5/8/07 meeting.

Adjournment at 8:45 PM

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board of Directors may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular SVANC meeting. The Board of Directors, on either of these two occasions, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a “Proposed” Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Representative who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Representative on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting. This procedure shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Any individual stakeholder or group of Community Stakeholders of the SVANC shall be able to express any concerns to the Board of Directors of the SVANC, about its decisions and/or actions, by submitting a written signed grievance to the Secretary or other officers of the SVANC for recording with the Secretary. The grievance should specify the resolution sought. Grievance filings will be accepted after the 60-day period and reviewed by the Board and DONE to determine whether or not the issue can still be addressed.

THE GRIEVANCE

- A.** Shall be submitted, in writing, within sixty (60) days from the time the complainant became aware of the alleged violation, and shall contain an allegation of the facts on which the grievance is based, including the applicable dates, and shall specify the nature of the resolution sought.
- B.** The person or persons making the grievance shall be notified in writing of the date and time of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the grievance shall be brought forward for discussion.
- C.** The Board of Directors shall appoint an ad-hoc Committee of no less than Three (3) Directors to investigate the grievance and prepare a recommendation for the Board of Directors.
- D.** The recommendation shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board of Directors meeting for discussion and action. The person or persons filing the grievance shall be notified in writing of the date and time of this Board of Directors meeting.
- E.** In the event that the grievance cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the person or persons filing the grievance, the complainant(s) may appeal the Board of Directors decision to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in the manner established by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.