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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2007 at 6:34 PM. A roll-call of the Board Members was taken and there were 14 members present which was a quorum and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Members Present: Mary Benson; Manuel De La Torre; Jon Esbach; Frank Felix; Raul Gonzalez; Silvia Gracia; Lee Mc Taggart; Julie Monroy; Michael O'Gara; Carmen Perez; Cynthia Rodriguez; Ronald G. Sipus; Art Sweet; Nancy Vasquez & Steven Franklin.

NOTE: ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING.

S.V.A.N.C. WELCOMED NEW BOARD MEMBER!: Steven Franklin from
Sun Valley Middle School

MINUTES/CORRECTIONS: Item #10 not correct By Laws Committee Recommendation not mentioned. Incorrect on previous minutes as Agenda Posted and Minutes did not coincide.

ITEM #6 – correction of address 9310 Sunland Blvd.

Minutes accepted with corrections – Jon Esbach – Seconded - Silvia Gracia

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Efrain Valdovinos representative from Felipe Fuentes Office

Events mentioned

Sat. 9/15 Panorama Rec. Center/Clean Up Event

Sat. 9/22 with Alex Padilla work-shop – disabled/Senior Citizens on protection from Scams and Fraud. @ Mission Police Station-Mission Hills

Sat. 10/27 39th Assembly District Fair @ Branford Park in Arleta

Extended invitation for ideas on Freeway clen-up / Work Shops for Homeowner and future collaborations.

Manny Cigueros & Alvin Kelly with Tony Cardenas Office

Reported Emergency preparedness month - Woodley Park event .

Mr. Kelly also announced he is leaving his position and moving to Texas by the end of the month.

Erik Menjivar/Wendy Gruels Office

Events: Safety Fair - Sat. 10/6 10:00 – 2:00pm @ Valley Plaza by Sears

Raffles – Bikes, Bike Helmets for kids etc.

Surveillance Cameras are in the works for set up and hope that Council will match purchase cost of \$300.00. More information regarding the reloading, developing, film etc questions to Maria Sheets, should have more precise information regarding this by next meeting.

Gemma Jimenez/Senator Alex Padilla's Office

Homeowner and Renters Assistant Program.

Layla Campos/Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Rep.

Passed out a couple of event calendars and spoke regarding by-law application early next week should have a response.

Item #1A – Selection of a Grievance Committee – Committee must investigate and prepare full report of resolution in writing for Agenda.

Melinda Kelly

Workshop/Sat. 9/15 Aprox. 100 in attendance every 2 months held for one region, every 4 months one is held in the Sun Valley area. Calendar of events for September and October 07 – Fruit Tree Program: done about 3 years ago will start another by 11/07. Introduced ***Pam Gibson – NE Valley Rep.*** on outreach events.

Jovanne Harron/Sun Valley Rec. Center

Halloween Festival @ Fernangeles Park – Requested any assistance that council can provide/donation for prizes etc. ie; prizes were donated from council last year. To be posted on next meetings agenda from the Outreach committee.

Karl Kumak

Comment/wants to go back to when meetings were cleaner and faster.

BOARD COMMENTS

Cynthia Rodriguez

Reported/Sept. 19/07 Fair.L.A.P.D Fundraiser - Fairways Restaurant @ Hanson Dam Golf Course Called “Tip-A-Cop”, from 7am – 7 pm. Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner tips for servers will be donated the fun thing is that the cops will be the servers that day. Come all Tip Well.

Sun Valley Faith Coalition from churches Comm. Summit @ the Walmart on Rinaldi in Porter Ranch Sat 9/29. Gang Prevention plan for S.V.

PRESIDENT REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jon Eshbach/President– gave his report on the office space not yet occupied by the council, which will not be ready until middle to end of the month as a restroom was removed due to the footage. All getting done has spoken to Daniel Ruiz of the city for final approval.

Cynthia Rodriguez will make 25 CD's and hard copies of By Laws

Mary Benson/V.President – Took over

TREASURER REPORT/NONE

Cynthia Rodriguez; Funds in account the same no expenses, no big items spent. Office Depot 60% discount on machines for space.

MOTION/TABLED

LAND USE REPORT TABLED for next meeting 2 – 8.

OUTREACH REPORT

Mike O'Gara/Nothing to report

Land Use Committee

Waiting on EIR from LA 104,000 sq. ft. building of land use. Election comm. report -

ITEM #10/TABLED

Election to be postponed to 2/9/08

ITEM #2

MOTION/PASSED

MOTION – Ronald G. Sipus – Second – Michael O'Gara

Indoor shopping plaza – Sherman Way/Vineland

Concerned about re-zoning from residential to parking structure/vote needed.

1 – Landscape plan includes maintenance with # to call if problems.

2 – Zone change – projected auto sales/parts etc.

Board asked if they would write a letter in support of the project.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #3

Nick Dalton/Speaker; Sun Valley Youth Center

Summer/Winter program at center have drawn a very strong and successful program. Asking Council through Outreach to contribute 250 flyers to promote the 7 week program

MOTION/PASSED

Motion – Cynthia Rodriguez – Second – Ronald G. Sipus

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1

Approval of Presidential Appointment to the SVANC Board to replace Pat Flenner who resigned on August 6, 2007 for personal reasons.

MOTION/PASSED

New person is Mr. Steven Franklin from Sun Valley Middle School.

ITEM #3

Care Ministries 2004 Master Plan S.V.

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

Motion – Ronald G. Sipus – Second – Cynthia Rodriguez

ITEM #4

Sun Valley Renaissance Plan/Approval of expenditure

MOTION/PASSED

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Second – Cynthia Rodriguez

ITEM #2/(OLD BUSINESS)

All agreed that letter to Cardenas must be written regarding the Sun Valley Place Plaza Kiosk

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

Motion - Cynthia Rodriguez – Second – Mike O’Gara

ITEM #5

Arco Station by Sunland Bl./Car wash and mini mart expansion.

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

Motion – Ronald G. Sipus – Second – Lee Taggart

MEETING RUNNING LATE/EXTENSION OF MEETING REQUESTED –

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

MOTION – Cynthia Rodriguez – Second – Ronald G. Sipus.

ITEM #6

Land use Committee, Case 1: 10850 La Tuna Canyon Rd.

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

Motion – Ronald G. Sipus – Second – Mike O’Gara

ITEM #7

Land use Committee, Case 2: 9112, 9052, 9055 Sunland Blvd.

Pacoim – convert to Cabaret will create more traffic and alcohol sale – inadequate since it is too close to school area.

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

Motion – Ronald G. Sipus – Second – Mike O’Gara

ITEM #8

Land Use Committee, Council file #07-1261

Council will support by submitting a letter to waive the permit fees/waiver. A community impact statement in support of dirt trail no side walk. Under Community Beautification Grant.

MOTION/PASSED (unanimously)

Motion – Ronald G. Sipus – Second – Lee Mc Taggart

ITEM #9

SVANC participation in restoring the trees which were lost to vandalism along Sharp St. between Peoria St. and Wicks St.

MOTION/TABLED

Adjournment at 9:48 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.