

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
on
Tuesday, December 08, 2009
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Board Member	Title	Status
Mike O’Gara	President	Present
Mary Benson	1st Vice President	Absent
Elidia Vasquez	2nd Vice President	Present
Karina Garcia Valles	Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Absent
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Absence excused
Jon Eshbach	Board Member	Present
Stephen Franklin	Board Member	Present
Jerry Piro	Board Member	Absent
Luis O. Medina	Board Member	Present
Manuel “Manny” de la Torre	Board Member	Absent
Angel Silva	Board Member	Absent
Lee McTaggart	Board Member	Absent
Rafael Cárdenas	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absent
Dionisio Alcala, Jr.	Board Member	Absence excused
Arthur “Art” Sweet	Board Member	Absence excused
Nicholas Dalton Powell	Board Member	Present
Nick Perdaris	Board Member	Absent
Samuel “Sammy” Palomino	Board Member	Present

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, SVANC Pledge

- Mike O. called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. after meeting quorum
- Jon recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- Mike O. took roll call

2. Opening Remarks from the President of SVANC

- Mike O. announced that all the 20 SVANC’s Board seats will be vacant in March 2010 for the NC election. Mike stated that he has distributed close to 3,000 flyers informing the stakeholders that candidates are needed for the March 27th NC’s election, that an ad will be included in the North Valley Reporter in December informing readers how to get and fill out a filing form to become a candidate, that the four-page brochure (Spanish and English) will be mailed out to approximately 14,000 stakeholders (12,000 residents and 2,000 businesses), that in March the SVANC will again have an ad regarding the elections in the North Valley Reporter (a full page),

and that the SVANC will share publicity expenses with at least five of the NCs in the region to have a full page ad in the Daily News.

- Mike stated that anyone who lives, works or belongs to an organization, which is located within the Sun Valley NC's boundaries, and anyone who expresses a concern or desire to run in the NC is eligible to run. The age limit is 18 years old to vote and to be a member of the Board, unless he/she is a youth adviser.

3. Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments - Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD's Foothill Division.

- Officer Vasquez announced that Officer Rodriguez will be off for a while due to a back injury but that Officer John Bennett will be taking her place temporarily.
- Officer Vasquez announced a slight increase in motor vehicle burglary crimes in Officer Rodriguez' area around Penrose, Goss and Dora Streets. There was also a slight increase in the same type of crime in Officer Vasquez' area. She advised the residents to take extra time to lock their vehicles and not to leave any personal items in plain view.
- Officer Vasquez stated that the crime of theft is predominant in her area because of the Radio Shack, Kohl's, Inca Blue stores, etc. She had two robbery crimes in her area, of which one was a home invasion (the home invasion crimes are usually targeted at the homes of drug dealers), and a couple of theft crimes where items were stolen from front yards of homes. The Officer asked the residents to be extra vigilant and to use added safety measures when answering their front doors. She also stated that their vice unit has been working on the prostitution problem in the area.
- Foothill Division's non-emergency dispatch number is (877) 275-5273 (ask-LAPD).

4. Presentation/Announcements from Elected Officials or their Representatives-

- Erick Menjivar, CD2 field deputy, reported that a special election for CD2 was taking place this evening at this location and encouraged everyone to vote.
- On the Voit Art project, Erick stated that all the inspections have been approved. The Art project will be placed on Glenoaks' median between Hollywood Way and (*street name is unclear on recorder*). The next step is to complete the work and then have the grand opening for which all the stakeholders will be invited.
- Erick stated that his position with the new Councilmember elect for CD2 is still not certain, but in the meantime all the pending projects and its' status are being related to the new CD2 staff.

5. Comments from DONE Representative – Barry Stone

- None

5a. Presentation personnel in charged of the Skate Park In Sun Valley project

- Mike announced that the presentation on this project and on the Cesar Chavez park (which is about \$3M short), will be included in next month's SVAC's agenda. Mike O. asked that a big berm be built on a slope, like an Amphitheater at Cesar Chavez park and plant it on grass for movie viewing in the Summer time.

6. Public Comment –

- Victor Hernandez appeared and asked to be included in next month's agenda in order to be considered under the resident member category for the SVANC's Board.

7. Board Member Comments

- none

8. Committee Reports :

- **President**: none
- **Treasurer**: Mike will get together with Julie to discuss the NC's budget as soon as DONE provides them with the SVANC's current balance.
- **Land Use**: none
- **Environmental Justice**: Mike O. announced that Bradley is still meeting with the City Planning Commission and will have a meeting on December 18th at 8:30 am, at the Court House, the old City Hall on Sylvan Ave., in Van Nuys.
- Mike also stated the Athens has released their final EIR requesting a solid waste permit from the State. The EIR is being sent to the State for their process.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 9: Outreach Committee- none

Item 10: Update on SVANC's Elections and Outreach – see Item 2 above under President's opening remarks.

Item 11: Community Affairs Committee – none.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 12: Review, correct and approve minutes from our November 10, 2009 meeting. (Karina Vallas)

- This item was tabled until January's Board meeting agenda.
- Jon made the motion and Nicholas seconded it.
- The item carried.

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion and Vote to participate in the Christmas Posada at Fernangeles Park, not to exceed \$700 (Karina Vallas)

- Mike O. announced that \$500 was spent last year for the Posada. Karina added that about 400 people attended with about 200 kids, but it was not very well organized. She also said that Toys-for-Tots decided not to participate this year. Karina stated that if they don't receive more donations than the funds from the SVANC then they will not proceed with the Holiday show, which is scheduled for December 18th. This money will be used to provide toys for the kids.
- Stella said that she attended last year's event and was very impressed at the number of adults and kids that attended and added that this event is a great opportunity to get together with community members. Stella added that approximately \$1,500 will be needed to hold the event this year.
- Jon made the motion to provide no more than \$700 for this event with the provision that if the event is cancelled then the funds will be returned to the SVANC. Mike called for a vote.
- The item carried.

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion /Vote to Confirm that the SVANC is willing to pay all expenses incurred by having our location for our election moved to Poly High School from Fernangeles. Also that the Polls will be open from 1PM to 7PM It is necessary to pay the school ASAP (Mike O'Gara) THIS WILL BE A RESOLUTION.

- Mike O. added that he will ask Poly HS's electrician to change the lights in the Auditorium because last year it was very dark. Elidia has already reserved the space and will provide the cost by next week.
- Mike O. announced it is being requested to pay for the costs of the Auditorium lease in advance. Elidia will follow up with Mike O.
- The item will be voted on as a Resolution.
- Jon made the motion to pay for all the costs associated with holding the SVANC's elections at Poly HS and was seconded by Nicholas.
- The item carried

ITEM 15: Discussion/Motion/Vote on Purchase of Cables to plug the tape recorders directly into the sound system not to exceed \$100 (Mike O'Gara)

- Mike O. stated that this will make the sound on the recorders for the minutes much clearer.
- Jon made the motion and Nicholas seconded.
- The item carried.

ITEM 16: Short discussion of a future Skate Park in Sun Valley

- This item was tabled for next month's agenda.

ITEM 17: Discussion and **Possible** Motion/Vote To approve letters to the Planning Dept with Comments from the SVANC on proposed planning issues in Sun Valley This will include Cell tower at 9005 Bradley Ave and another one at 11401 Tuxford St. The 100 unit Apartment building on Cross Streets Stagg and Fair, The Development Project APCNV 2009-1410-ZC-BI located at 9355 San Fernando Road and Sheldon Street . Lopez Canyon Truck Driving School. Tehachapi Valley Ready mix 11357 West Pendleton St AQMD hearing. Update on FEIR from Athens Services.

- Mike O. Stated that the SVANC's planning committee has not held a meeting recently, but the most pressing project is the Lopez Canyon Truck Driving School which is being planned to go on top of the Lopez Canyon landfill. Diesel trucks will be operated and this school will be managed by the Teamsters with support from some City elected officials. There are two other truck driving, for-profit schools already located in Sun Valley that will be greatly negatively affected if this project is approved. These two companies are paying taxes and employing people.
- Mike O. is asking for permission from the Board so that Mary can write the letter opposing this project. The letter needs to be written and presented at the December 10th Lopez Canyon meeting and at the December 18th Planning Dept. meeting.
- The motion is to state the position that the SVANC is still opposed to a truck driving school on top of the Lopez Canyon landfill. The motion was made by Jon and seconded by Nicholas.
- The item carried.

ITEM 18: Public Comment

- Sam said that the youth at his church are willing to volunteer at the March NC's election.

ITEM 19: ADJOURN – A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Nick. The item carried at approximately 7:40 pm.