

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
for  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Angelica Dueñas	President	Present
Gary Aggas	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Mike O’Gara	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Robert Lim	Treasurer	Present
Julie Monroy	Secretary	Absence excused
Imelda Padilla	Board Member	Absence excused
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Karina Garcia Valles	Board Member	Absence excused
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Absence excused
Vic Hernandez	Board Member	Absent
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absence excused
Guy Dionne	Board Member	Present
Linda Housden	Board Member	Present
Nicholas Dalton Pawle	Board Member	Present
Fern Romans	Board Member	Present
Danny Bejarano	Board Member	Present
Dalia Galvan	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absence excused
Luis Medina	Board Member	Present
Carlos Coronel	Board Member	Absence excused
Stella Arrington	Board Member	Present

**ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Code of Civility, Roll Call**

- Angelica Dueñas called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and SVANC’s code of civility was also recited
- Angelica Dueñas took roll

**ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)**

- None

**ITEM 2A:** Reminder for the members of the SVANC to complete Ethics and Open Government Training for City Officials. Please visit:

<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/education.cfm>

**ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments (Officer**

Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer.

- Officer Vasquez stated that last month's homicide was gang related. She added that there have been a lot of releases from camps, prisons, and other jails which means that people are out and about trying to get their 'businesses' up and started again in the areas of crime and intimidation, but the LAPD has been doing a great job in quashing these leads.
- Officer Vasquez also thanked the community participants/citizens for aiding in the arrest of three criminals.
- Officer Vasquez said that there was an increase in business burglaries along Sunland Blvd.
- Officer Vasquez asked the stakeholders to secure their homes especially during the Summer months in order to prevent home burglaries
- Angelica asked Officer Vasquez whether or not there had been a shooting by the Park the last month. The Officer answered that it was related to one of the robberies in the area

**ITEM 4:** Presentation/announcements from **elected officials** or their representatives.

- Olga Ayala, CD6 representative, thanked everyone for their participation at the Earth Day event, and invited everyone to tomorrow's May 11<sup>th</sup>'s tree trimming/care event on Elmer Street, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
- *There were a number of questions asked by Board members and/or community members but due to the lack of use of the microphone, it was inaudible on the recording.*
- Louie Sanchez, Assemblyman Fuentes representative, told all attendees that they were welcomed to mention any issues that needed to be addressed by the Assemblyman's office.
- *Questions were asked of Mr. Sanchez but due to the lack of use of the microphone, it was inaudible on the recording.*

**ITEM 5A:** none

**NOTE:** Public comments shall not be subject to discussion BUT issues may be recommended to be placed on the agenda for future meeting, by a Board member during board member comments period.

- David Hernandez, community member, said that he is involved with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks' event which will be held at Hansen Dam. As the Board's Treasurer of this event, he is extending an invitation to any of SVANC's Board members to participate as part of the governing board of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Hansen Dam, anyone interested can contact him for more information.

**ITEM 6: Board member comments** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Board members are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker; and additional discussion time if requested is made to place an item on an agenda of a future meeting.

- None

**OLD Business:**

**ITEM 7:** Review, correct and approve minutes from our Special Board Meeting in November (Veteran's Day Parade) Special Board Meeting in March 2011 (Bylaws

Vote) and the April 2011 Board meeting. (Julie Monroy)

- Julie was not present. Item tabled to next meeting.

**NEW Business:**

**ITEM 8:** Committee Reports - Outreach- Planning- Community Affairs- By-Laws – Treasurer

- Outreach Committee – Mike stated that Earth Day was a success with a lot of volunteers. Two booths were available: one for SVANC and the other for Sun Valley High School.
- Mike said that the Town Hall meeting has been postponed. It has been tentatively postponed for October; the planning process will begin in August 2011.
- Planning Committee – Monica said that all is well in Planning. Items will be discussed in Items 17 & 18.
- Community Affairs - none
- Bylaws Committee – DONE has not approved the Bylaws
- Treasurer's Report: Rob said that they are working on SVANC's yearly reconciliation or audit of all the items approved, outstanding demand warrants, etc., and any pending expenditures have to be submitted to DONE. This report will be ready for submittal to DONE this week.
- Rob said that the quarterly reconciliation reports along with the agendas for all the expenditures that took place are completed but will be printed and presented to DONE by next week.
- Rob also stated that they will start developing next year's budget for 2011-2012 by mid June. It seems that all NCs will have a \$45,000 annual budget or a 10% reduction from that which would be \$40,500 for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Rob's treasurer's report is the following:

**April 2011 Purchase Card Transactions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchaser</b>
04/12/2011	Papa John's	Pizza for April Board Meeting	\$53.29	R. Lim
04/12/2011	AAA Rents & Events	SFV Veteran's Day Parade	\$500.00	A. Duenas
04/13/2011	Smart & Final	Fernangeles Easter Event	\$346.15	SVANC
04/14/2011	Max Balloons	Helium Tank for Earth Day	\$82.31	M. O'Gara
04/20/2011	Staples	Paper Shredder	\$131.69	R. Lim
04/21/2011	Smart & Final	Sun Valley Park Easter Event	\$336.80	SVANC
04/28/2011	Food 4 Less	Refreshments for Meeting	\$14.04	R. Lim
04/29/2011	Time Warner	Internet (office)	\$65.76	R. Lim
04/29/2011	AT&T	Phone (office)	\$33.24	R. Lim
05/06/2011	Tri Arts	T-Shirts for Byrd MS All-stars	\$1,800.00	M. O'Gara
		Total Spent:	<b>\$3,363.28</b>	

**April 2011 Demand Warrants**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchaser</b>
04/13/2011	LA DWP	Water Meter for Laurel Cyn / Webb median	\$3,135.00	M. O'Gara
		Total Spent:	<b>\$3,135.00</b>	

**ITEM 9:** Mayor's Budget Representative updates (LIM)

- Rob said that there has been a lot of traction regarding the White Paper turned in to the Mayor's office but added that the CAO compiled a report addressing all the key points the budget representative group put together.
- Rob said that about 35% of their responses were cross referenced with Council files, which means that a lot of the recommendations made by the budget advocates are being addressed.
- Rob said that there was a suggestion for the funds that other NCs do not spend can be put into a 'money pot' and have other NCs compete for these funds to be granted for individual NC's projects.

**ITEM 10:** Motion/discussion/Vote to extend the Executive Board's term 30 days; to give the Board of Directors enough time to consider replacements and/or reelection of the Executive Board. (DUEÑAS)

- Angelica said that the Executive Board is requesting an extra month to give the current Executive Board members enough time to consider replacements or reelections of the members of the Executive Board.
- Angelica asked the Board members to think of any Board positions he/she might be interested in running for to be a member of the Executive Board. She asked anyone interested to bring it up during next month SVANC's board meeting.
- Angelica made a motion as to Item 10 and was seconded
- The motion carried

**ITEM 11:** Announcement: Senior Advocate and Youth Advocate terms will end this month, please consider replacements or reelection of appointees. (DUEÑAS)

- Angelica announced that next month the Board will have the opportunity to either reelect or appoint new Senior and Youth advocates

**ITEM 12:** Announcement: The Town Hall Meeting is being postponed to a date TBA. (DUEÑAS)

- Angelica stated that the possible date of the town hall meeting will be held in October
- Mike asked everyone present and those that are not present to get involved

**ITEM 13:** Committee Chair Opening: We are in need of a replacement for the Community Affairs Committee (DUEÑAS)

- Angelica announced that SVANC needs a replacement Chair for the Community Affairs Committee. If no one volunteers, Ms. Dueñas will send an email blast announcing this opening.

**ITEM 14:** Committee Chair Opening: We are in need of a replacement for the Outreach Committee (DUEÑAS)

- Angelica announced that SVANC needs a replacement Chair for the Outreach Committee.
- Monica volunteered to be the Chair of the Outreach Committee with Mike O. as the co-chair of this committee.

**ITEM 15:** Committee Co-Chair Opening: We are in need of a Co-Chair for the Town Hall Meeting (DUEÑAS)

- Angelica announced that SVANC needs a Committee co-Chair for the town hall meeting.
- Mike O. will be the Chair of this committee and he is looking for a co-chair for the town hall meeting that will most likely take place in October 2011.
- Stella volunteered to be a co-chair.

**ITEM 16:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to write a letter to Chuck E. Cheese in regards to the expansion project currently being considered. (AGGAS)

- Mr. Aggas said that the Planning Committee met on March 29th to consider the expansion project of Chuck E. Cheese to two adjacent stores next to it, and the committee members voted to recommend that the Board approve this expansion request. Therefore he is asking for permission to draft a letter to that effect.
- Mike O. made a motion to accept Mr. Aggas letter and was seconded by Nick
- The motion carried

**ITEM 17:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to write a letter to the 7-11 on Saticoy/Vineland in regards to the alcohol license they are trying to acquire (O'GARA)

- Monica briefly read part of the letter and stated that these do not seem to be the same petitions signed last time. After checking them against each other, they seemed to be different forms.
- Monica asked the rest of the Board members to allow the draft of this letter in opposition of the application by 7-11 requesting an alcohol license.
- Mike O. said that there were issues regarding the conditional use permit which is good for one year, and it appears that these conditions have not been fulfilled which has nothing to do with the alcohol license; these are two separate issues. The Zoning Administrators (ZA) is taking this under advisement and will issue a determination in three to four weeks.
- David Welsh, community member living at 10821 Saticoy Street, Sun Valley, since 1976, said that he is totally against 7-11 getting an alcohol license because there are two other stores across the stores already selling alcohol and within a two mile radius there are five liquor stores that also sell alcohol.
- Serena Perez, community member living at 7445 Vineland, said that she is against the issuance of an alcohol license for safety reasons. She added that this is a very dark and drug infested area, with a lot of noise, dangerous activities and trash.
- Robert Sanchez, community member living at 7515 Denny Avenue for the last 25 years, said that he opposes the request made by 7-11 to have an alcohol license, for safety reasons.
- Juan de la Cruz, 7-11 representative, said that yesterday's hearing had to do with Conditions of Approval to see if 7-11 met the 27 conditions set forth by the ZA. Some issues were addressed and resolved, such as the lighting issue.
- Mr. de la Cruz stated that 7-11 understands the sensitive issues in the area and is working diligently with the community to resolve these issues. He stated that even though the 7-11 store will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week, the store has self imposed a schedule for the sale of alcohol to be

from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

- Mr. de la Cruz stated that after canvassing the area they've collected about 520 support cards supporting the CUP which will be presented to the NC as mentioned at the PLUM committee.
- Nicholas Pawle disagreed with Mr. de la Cruz' comments and stated that he is totally opposed to the project.
- Linda said that one of the arguments presented by SVANC is the advocacy for the community's safety at large, and for you, a 7-11 representative, to make such a light-hearted statement of your understanding of some of the crime of that corner, it leaves doubt whether you are aware of the crime that has occurred on that corner to date, or in the last three years.
- Mr. de la Cruz answered that yesterday one of the officers of the vice units was there and he/she commented on that subject but had no 'substantial evidence' for that.....Mike O. interrupted and corrected Mr. de la Cruz' statement stating that there was no 'specific evidence'.....and Mr. de la Cruz said that they've been trying to meet with Officer Vasquez to discuss issues related to these community concerns in order to find ways to work with the LAPD and address these issues and to have more police presence at this location.
- Ms. Vacas said that she finds it very difficult to believe that over 500 people agreed on permitting the 7-11 store to have a liquor license at a corner where there are already two other establishments with this type of license.
- Mike made a motion to give permission to Monica to write the letter regarding the position of SVANC in opposition of the alcohol license being requested and was seconded by Nick.
- The motion carried unanimously

**ITEM 18:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to write a letter the Sunland Garden Apartments of approval with conditions (O'GARA)

- Mike O. said that this item had to do with a letter that had already been written and presented by Monica last month. This item was moved and voted on last month.
- No action taken on this item

**ITEM 19:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend an additional sum of \$200 to purchase XLR microphone cords for our sound system (O'GARA)

- Mike O. said that a couple of months ago Mike requested about \$300 to update the audio system but it was not enough money because the cords alone cost like \$60 each. So Mike is planning to buy three more cords and two more microphones because some of these cords need to be replaced.
- The item was put up for a vote
- The motion carried

**ITEM 20:** Motion/ Discussion/Vote to spend up to \$150 to purchase wire frames that allow us to place the WATCH THE KIDS signs in our parkways (O'Gara)

- Mike O. said that a couple of years ago Watch the Kids wire frame signs were issued but the most recent signs do not have wire frames, so this money, if approved, will be used to buy wire frames for the new signs.
- Nick made the motion and Karina seconded.

- The motion carried

**ITEM 21:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to add additional \$2,500 to the Citizenship Workshop event for Security and Children's recreation. (LIM, MONROY)

- Rob said that the \$2,500 is in addition to the \$7,500 that has already been approved and allocated for that event. He added that these monies should be secured for the state workers who will be processing the paperwork and will also be used to provide children's recreational activities for the attendees' children.
- Rob made the motion and was seconded by Mike
- The motion carried by a majority vote, with one vote against it.

**ITEM 22:** PUBLIC COMMENT

- Susan asked about Glenwood Elementary School? Monica replied that Susan's email stated that there was no more money available, but Susan denied saying that because she was told that the money was not available and added that she is very much committed to keeping that area moving in the right direction. Mike O. said that when he showed the map at a Board meeting a couple of months back, the demand warrants had already been requested.
- Rob said that Imelda emailed him a couple of days ago regarding this issue and he sent her all the Neighborhood Purposes Grant Forms and Demand Warrant, but has not heard from her since.
- *Ms. Vacas' comments and the rest of the Board members' discussion were inaudible for the recording in order to be included in these minutes.*

**ITEM 23:** Adjournment

- Mike O. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded
- The Motion carried.