

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
for
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Angelica Dueñas	President	Absence excused
None	1 st Vice President	Position is not filled
Mike O’Gara	2 nd Vice President	Present
Robert Lim	Treasurer	Present
Julie Monroy	Secretary	Present
Imelda Padilla	Board Member	Present
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Karina Garcia Valles	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Present
Vic Hernandez	Board Member	Absent
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absence excused
Guy Dionne	Board Member	Present
Nicholas Dalton Pawle	Board Member	Present
Fern Romans	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Luis Medina	Board Member	Present
Carlos Coronel	Board Member	Absent
Stella Arrington	Board Member	Present

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

- Mike announced that Angelica Dueñas’ father is ill. Mike called the meeting to order at approximately 06:38 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Code of Civility was read
- Mike took roll

ITEM 2: Suspension of the AGENDA ORDER FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM

- President: Angelica Dueñas was nominated
 - The nomination was put up for a vote.
 - The vote was unanimous
- 1st Vice- President: Julie Monroy was nominated
 - The nomination was put up for a vote.
 - The vote was unanimous
- Treasurer: Rob Lim was nominated, and Guy nominated himself
 - Guy’s nomination was put up for a vote
 - Guy’s nomination received no votes
 - Rob’s nomination was put up for a vote
 - The vote for Rob as Treasurer was unanimous
- Secretary: Karina Garcia Valles was nominated

- The nomination was put up for a vote
 - The vote was unanimous
- 2nd Vice President: Mike O. was nominated
 - The nomination was put up for a vote.
 - The vote was unanimous

ITEM 2A: Seating of the new officers they will read the code of civility as their oath of office New President will now follow the balance of the agenda

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 grand theft auto crime has increased. The Officer advised to always lock your vehicles and do not leave any valuable items in plain view. The Officer added that some of these cars are being stolen for joy-rides and are often dropped off a couple of blocks from the original car's location.
- Officer Vasquez added that residential burglaries are down in her patrol area.
- Officer Vasquez announced a Safe Summer Tip-Off, LAPD vs LAFD basketball game, Saturday, June 25, 2011, 11 AM – 3 PM, USC Galen Center, 3400 S. Figueroa St.

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

- Gemma Jimenez, Alex Padilla's Office, brought for the public a Budget Process guide (in Spanish and English)
- Ms. Jimenez announced a Child Safety Workshop and Resource Fair, Saturday, June 18, 2011, 9 AM – 1:30 PM, West Valley Community Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda. Child fingerprinting kits will be available.
- Mary Benson, Councilmember Krokorian, invited everyone to an Inauguration picnic, Saturday, June 18th, Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park, 14201 Houston Street, Sherman Oaks. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.
- Ms. Benson stated that booths will be made available for NCs to use for outreach

ITEM 5A: PUBLIC COMMENT on items not on the Agenda

- Chiara Cruz, Sun Valley resident, asked for SVANC's assistance and support in resurfacing Cartwright Street (between Valerio and Sherman Place) because it's very damaged and deteriorated. Ms. Cruz was informed that this information will be given to Bill Robinson's replacement in order to update him on the urgent need of repairs for Cartwright St. and include it on the priority repairs list.
- Ms. Benson stated that after touring Cartwright Street, it was determined that the street damages are being caused by the tree roots, which the Urban Forest has to evaluate and decide the action plan for these trees before the City can take action.
- Ms. Jutta Ribot, Sun Valley resident, stated that Sun Valley Park and its buildings are in deplorable conditions (i.e graffiti, smell of urine, lots of trash, men loitering, etc.). Ms. Ribot asked for the stakeholder's and City's support to clean up the park. This issue will be included in next month's agenda and a representative from the Rec & Parks Dept will be invited to attend. The number to call to report issues regarding City of L.A.'s parks is 818-756-8060, or the Office of Public Safety 213-978-4570.
- Mr. David Hernandez, Candidate for the 42nd Assembly District, introduced his candidacy for Congress to the community. He mentioned that he has been a civic community leader for over 20 years and an insurance adjuster for over 25 years, among other professional and personal achievements, and asked for the public's support of his candidacy.

ITEM 6: Board member comments on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- Mr. Pawle stated that he met with Councilmember Krokorian, Mary Benson, and Chuy from the Sun Valley Youth Art Center to discuss strategies to highlight Sun Valley's community assets, such as the Art Center and the Theodore Payne Foundation, an organization that promotes the understanding and preservation of California native flora. Mr. Pawle will be meeting with Lynnette K. Kampe, Executive Director of the

Payne Foundation to further discuss ideas and strategies to raise awareness in the community of these community assets. Susan suggested to Nick to consider Ahead with Horses organization; it is an organization that offers programs and developmental therapy services to children with the use of horses.

- Mike O. announced that an Ethics meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18, at Marvin Braude Building, Van Nuys.
- Susan thanked SVANC and the public for their support for Graffiti Busters. Ms. Benson asked if members of the public are planning on getting rid of items, like water heaters, to please call Graffiti Busters first, since many items can be resold and the proceeds of these items can be used to buy materials and supplies for Graffiti Busters.
- Ms. Vacas announced that SVANC is 37% in compliance with the Ethics training and encouraged fellow Board members to attend Saturday's Ethics training in order to reach 100% compliance.
- Julie announced that SVANC transferred \$7,500 to NALEO for the citizenship workshop. Also 300 tote bags have been ordered and will be available at SVANC's next meeting. Mike talked to the Director at Fuente de Vida Church as a possible site for this workshop.
- Ms. Padilla asked fellow board members to list their top three naming suggestions for the upcoming Skate Park and to bring it to the next meeting. Then, she will canvass the community, with help from students, to get their input on the names suggested for the upcoming skate park.

OLD Business:

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from our Special Board Minutes for June 5, 2011's meeting; and the minutes for May 10, 2011's regular Board meeting. (Secretary)

- Julie made the motion and Mike seconded to approve June 5th's Special Meeting minutes as transcribed
- The motion carried
- Karina made the motion and Rob seconded to approve May 19th's Regular Meeting minutes as transcribed
- The motion carried

NEW Business:

ITEM 8: Appointment of seniors and youth advocates

- Imelda nominated Josephine Navares for the Youth category and was seconded by Art
 - The motion was voted on;
 - The motion carried
- Julie nominated Gary Aggas for the Senior category and was seconded by Nick
 - The motion was voted on;
 - The motion carried

ITEM 9: Committee Reports - Outreach- Planning- Community Affairs- By-Laws –Treasurer

- Outreach: Mike talked to a Director at Fuente de Vida Church as a possible site for the citizenship workshop.
- Planning: Monica thanked everyone who attended the planning committee meeting last Sunday and for their help in writing the letter regarding the proposed 7-11 store which will be located on Lankershim. Ms. Vacas said that SVANC got a two week extension to present the letter in order to include crime statistics and proposed permit conditions for this store. Ms. Vacas also stated that members of the Planning committee will meet with Councilmember Cárdenas to discuss a proposed name for the Skate Park.
- Community Affairs – A Chair is needed for this committee. Julie said that this item will be included in next month's meeting agenda.
- Bylaws – Art said there is no report. The bylaws were submitted to DONE and are waiting their response.
- Treasurer's Report:

May 2011 Purchase Card Transactions

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount	Purchaser
05/10/2011	Papa John's	Pizza for April Board Meeting	\$53.29	R. Lim
05/15/2011	Target	Binders, Dividers for Reconciliation Forms	\$12.28	R. Lim

05/20/2011	USPS	Mail Reconciliation Forms	\$9.15	R. Lim
05/23/2011	Spicers Paper	Paper Stock	\$727.40	M.O'Gara
05/29/2011	Time Warner	Internet (office)	\$63.24	R. Lim
06/07/2011	Color FX	9 Banners for NPG Recipients	\$419.60	R. Lim
06/08/2011	Office Depot	Office Supplies	\$370.88	M. O'Gara
06/08/2011	West Coast Supply	Broom, dustpan for office	\$49.17	R. Lim
06/09/2011	Amazon.com	Dolly Cart and Bungee Cords	\$69.39	J. Monroy
06/09/2011	AAA Flag & Banner	Flag Presentation Set	\$193.71	G. Aggas
06/10/2011	USPS	9 rolls of Forever Stamps	\$396.00	M. O'Gara
06/10/2011	Urban Restoration Group	Graffiti removal products for Sun Valley Graffiti Busters	\$1,439.32	M. O'Gara
06/10/2011	Valley Power Equipment	TMC Shears for Sun Valley Graffiti Busters	\$482.90	M. O'Gara
06/10/2011	Barnes Distribution	Gardening tools for Sun Valley Graffiti Busters	\$1,162.28	M. O'Gara
06/10/2011	American Water Works	Trigger gun, Sandblaster Kit for Sun Valley Graffiti Busters	\$372.05	M. O'Gara
06/10/2011	NALEO	Funding for Citizenship Workshop	\$7,500.00	J. Monroy
06/10/2011	Espinoza Printing	Hand bags for Sun Valley HS	\$978.97	M. O'Gara
06/11/2011	Office Depot	Paper Stock	\$231.66	M. O'Gara
06/11/2011	Aaron Brothers	Foam core board, Easel	\$366.37	M. O'Gara
06/12/2011	Office Depot	Digital projector, scale, misc. office items	\$1,410.82	R. Lim, M. O'Gara
06/13/2011	Vision Paint Recycling	Paint for Sun Valley Graffiti Busters	\$1,536.02	M. O'Gara
06/13/2011	Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce	Earth Day booth and banner sponsor	\$350.00	M. O'Gara
		Total Spent:	\$18,194.50	

May 2011 Interdepartmental Transfers

06/09/2011	DONE	Neighborhood Council Congress 2011	\$250.00	M. O'Gara
		Total Spent:	\$250.00	

- Rob stated that he finished the quarterly and yearly reconciliations. He invited fellow Board members to join them at the upcoming Budget committee next week to work on 2011-2012 budget.
- Rob said the as of tomorrow, Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at Noon, the balance on SVANC's account, which is about \$20,000, will be transferred to the General Fund.
- Julie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Mike
- The motion carried

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/ Vote: Whereas the City Council has seen fit to "Sweep" all encumbered funds, those items which have been voted on in the past that required an expenditure of funds that have/has not been made are no longer valid. The City has reclaimed the money and we are on a reduced budget. We must start with a clean slate. (O'Gara)

- Mike O. said that there are items in the budget with encumbered funds which were approved by the Board as far as two years ago. This motion will invalidate these funds so no one can claim these funds in the future after 12 noon tomorrow, Wednesday, June

15,2011.

- Mike made the motion and Karina seconded
- The motion carried

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote; to alter the design of the letter head for the SVANC correspondence to a design that moves the list of Officers under the logos and the address. This makes it easier to use on AOL in E-mails. It makes my life easier. In addition to change the address on the letterhead from the Office [9000 Sunland Blvd] to our postal address. We have recently encountered some problems with our mail from the planning dept going to other entities at Care Development offices causing us to miss hearing deadlines[O'Gara]

- Mike O. said that the City's and SVANC's logos will be placed in the center of the new letterhead; SVANC's Officers' names will be removed from the stationary.
- Rob will email a template of this type of letterhead on a table format which he will send to Mike for his use.
- Mike withdrew his motion. No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 12: Announcement ethics training

It will be held on June 18th at the Braude Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys, Ca 91401. The workshop schedule will run from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Translation will be available upon request.

- Julie encouraged the Board members who have not attended the Ethics training to try and attend this Saturday.

ITEM 13: PUBLIC COMMENT

- Emily Williams, Acting Chief of Staff for Councilmember Cardenas, announced a Pet Care Fair, Saturday, June 25, 2011, 10 AM – 2 PM, Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave., Lake Balboa
- Ms. Williams gave the following summary on the recent \$6.5 million 2011-2012 budget recently approved by the City and its impacts on the NCs and its constituents:
 - o The NCs monies will not be rolled over to the next fiscal year
 - o The library hours will return to six days of service
 - o The Summer Night Lights Program has expanded to 32 parks (one of these parks is Sun Valley Park), from the current 24. The program runs after school to midnight on Wed, Thur, Fri, & Sat.
 - o A 1/2 a million dollars for median island landscaping was approved
 - o An extra \$1.95 million for alley paving and repaving was included
 - o The funding for street maintenance and pavement preservation has increased. It will include 235 miles of street resurfacing, 400 miles of slurry seal, 100 miles of crack seal, and 300,000 of pot hole repairs City wide.
 - o An increase in pot hole repair of 20% through the Operation Pot Hole program was approved
 - o The Laurel Canyon Bridge will be expanded (Laurel Canyon Blvd over by the Tujunga Wash). The project proposes to rehabilitate and widen the existing bridge deck by 38', construction of new architectural barriers, sidewalks, driveways, and improvements to the bridge approach and transition guardrails are also proposed. Construction is expected to begin in 2013.
- Ms. Williams said that DONE and the LAFD will report on steps to mandate that every NC is a CERT Team and what portion of funding for NC will be able to cover additional expenses related to training
- Marcos Sanchez, Assembly member Fuentes, announced that the majority of the Bills he introduced all got out of the Assembly. He said that AB1069, the California Film and Television Tax Credit extension, which would extend the tax credit for five additional years was also introduced and is expected to be receive approval in the near future.

ITEM 14: Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 08:20. The motion carried.