

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council  
General Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, September 10, 2013  
6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Gary Aggas	President	Present
Vacant	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	-----
Mike O’Gara	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Present
Lysander Cuevas	Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Absence excused
Linda Housden	Board Member	Absence excused
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Absence excused
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Absence excused
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absence excused
Luis Medina	Board Member	Absence excused
Mark Mardirossian	Board Member	Present
Barbara O’Gara	Board Member	Present
Gene Culley	Board Member	Absence excused
Sergio Carvajal	Board Member	Absence excused
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Present
Sam Khalaf	Board Member	Present
Don Harward	Board Member	Present
Mylo Koenig	Board Member	Present

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

- Gary called SVANC’s meeting to order at about 06:33 pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC’s Code of Civility were recited
- Mr. Cuevas took roll and asked the members to state whether they’ve completed DONE’s Ethics and Funding trainings as their name was called during roll call:
  - Mr. Cuevas stated that Ms. Angelica Dueñas resigned on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
  - Mrs. O’Gara stated that she has taken both trainings
  - Mr. Harward stated that he has taken the Ethics training
  - Mr. Aggas stated that he has taken the Ethics and Funding trainings
  - Mr. Cuevas stated that he has taken the Ethics and Funding trainings
  - Mr. Mardirossian stated that he has taken the Ethics and Funding trainings
  - Mr. O’Gara stated that he has taken the Ethics and Funding trainings
  - Mr. Koenig stated that he has taken the Ethics and Funding trainings
  - Mr. Sam Khalaf has not taken any of the trainings
  - Mr. Samuel Palomino has taken the Ethics training

**ITEM 2: Opening Remarks, (President) Self- introduction of Board Members**

- Mr. Aggas stated that he is wearing the SVANC Polo shirt and has worn it to different community events. Mr. Aggas stated that if the full board can attend some of these events and wear SVANC’s polo shirts, it will definitely make an impact on the community and its members’ participation.
- Mr. Aggas asked the board members present to introduce themselves, the street they live on, and/or what neighborhood/company they represent.

- Samuel Palomino, Sun Valley resident for the last 19 years
- Mark Mardirossian, lives on Rincon
- Lysander Cuevas, lives on Wheatland Place and Vineland
- Gary Aggas, lives near Saticoy and Tujunga
- Barbara O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Mike O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Mylo Koenig lives on Colwell Drive
- Don Harward lives on Roscoe and Glenoaks
- Sam Khalaf lives on Oneida Avenue

**ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments** will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule. (Officer Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer).

- Senior Lead Officer Vasquez for Sun Valley gave the following crime update of the area: Burglaries: a 4% increase of motor vehicles and of stolen motor vehicles (about 19 in July and 17 in August--about 25% were due to stolen car batteries). Officer Vasquez stated that the most popular stolen cars are Honda Civics and Toyotas; the Officer recommended having some type of locking device for these older models. The Officer added that a number of arrests have been made in her patrolling area, and in Burbank, of suspects who had a number of car batteries in their car.
- The Officer added that the LAPD/Foothill Division has been doing ‘park details’ at Sun Valley Park where shopping carts have been picked up and taken back to the appropriate stores. The Officer added that before the cart is returned to the store, a note is left on it advising the person using it to remove his/her belongings; then, on the following day, if the belongings have not been removed, the items are placed in a plastic bag and left in the place where the cart was located and then it is taken back to the appropriate store/owners.
- Officer Vasquez informed the community that anyone between the ages of 19-21 years of age is welcomed to attend the LAPD’s employment information sessions in Sun Valley held every week at 9030 Laurel Canyon Blvd. The subjects discussed are training and schooling options.
- Officer Vasquez stated that Holy Rosary Church will hold its annual carnival, October 11, 12, 13, 2013. Also, the Officer stated that a community resource fair will be held on October 12, 2013, at the church on Cantera and Case by Sun Valley Park.
- Officer Vasquez said that, for the past year, her station had been requesting funding to purchase and install lockers at their station, and now enough money was raised to get the lockers purchased and installed; a dedication ceremony will be held on September 17, 2013, at the Foothill Station. Everyone is invited.
- *Mr. O’Gara asked the following question: Was a Bobcat tractor was stolen from Sheldon by the Skate park? The Officer said yes, that a piece of machinery was stolen in July from the soon to be finished Skate Park.*
- *Mr. O’Gara asked the Officer to explain the ‘hot spots’ application-*The Officer explained that Foothill Division is a test-division for this application. The Foothill Division gets maps every single day which include ‘confidential boxes’ with the ‘hot spots’ that predict where the crime is most likely to take place based on previous history.

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

- Mr. Caesar Huerta introduced himself as Council member Nury Martinez’ field deputy for CD6 in Sun Valley.
- Mr. Huerta took a tour with Mr. Aggas and Mr. O’Gara to identify the areas in Sun Valley that need more attention as far as bulky-item drop-off ‘hot spots’, pot-hole problem areas, and graffiti-prone places in the community. Mr. Huerta promised the NC that he will work with the City Depts to take care of these problems.
- Mr. Huerta stated that CD6 office is currently working on opening their regional office in Sun Valley, and that further information will be forthcoming as it is received by their office.
- *Mr. Cuevas asked if the Mural ordinance will apply to residential areas or to commercial areas?* Mr. O’Gara stated that this ordinance only applies to murals in commercial areas; however, City communities have an option to opt-in to allow murals in residential areas of their

communities, such as the Venice community. However, the majority of the NCs are not in favor of using the opt-in murals in their residential areas.

**ITEM 4a:** Presentation by Metropolitan Water District of the Bay Delta Tunnels Project to supply water to Los Angeles.

- Mr. D. Kwan and Chris Ripp, LADWP representatives in the Water Resources Section, discussed the following three points regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP): 1) Why is this water supply important to the citizens of Los Angeles; 2) What's at risk now of this water supply in the Delta area; 3) What is being proposed by the State and Federal agencies to try and fix this problem. He gave the following update on the Plan:
  - The City of L.A. has three main water supply sources: Imported water from the Eastern Sierras through the L.A. Aqueduct, which is owned by the City of L.A.; the Delta in Northern California, which is operated by Department of Water Resource (DWR) and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is a water contractor with DWR; and, the third water source comes from local supplies, such as, local ground water, storm water and recycled water.
  - In the coming year, due to the current dry conditions, LADWP might need to buy up to 71% of its water supply from the State Water Project System in order to meet the water demands of the City; the other 8% will come from the Colorado river, and about 21% from the L.A. Aqueduct due to the dry conditions in the Eastern Sierras.
  - The North San Fernando Valley is served with water coming from the L.A. Aqueduct and the majority coming from the State Water Project System. Therefore, if there is a disruption in the State Water Project System, then this area will be highly impacted because of the amount of water supply coming from this system.
  - The risks the Delta area is facing are: the fish decline, primarily the endangered species, seismic risks in the Bay area that will affect the levees, and climate change.
  - The State Water Project System and the BDCP are a joint State and Federal proposal to try to fix the water supply reliability, which main goal is to fix the Delta, and to restore the Delta eco system.
  - The Obama Administration and the State system stated that by October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the EIR/EIS environmental documents will be released for public comment in order to get a project design built.
  - The BDCP will serve two main goals: to fix the water supply reliability, and to restore the eco system, which is the home of about 700 animal, bird and plant species. These actions will help to reduce and eliminate environmental stressors.
  - The Proposed Conveyance Tunnel Fix is a 3-pumping plant construction with new North diversion facility. The pumping plants' flow will be conveyed in two gravity-flow tunnels, is about 40 foot in diameter each, will run 35-miles in length, and will cross the Delta underground roughly about 150 feet below ground. The majority of the time it will be operated by gravity flow, with state of the art fish greens which will allow any fish that gets caught in the Delta pumps to be safely removed.
  - The biggest part of the cost is going to be in the construction of the tunnel; counting the capital cost to build the project and the operation and maintenance costs over the next 50 years to operate this system, the cost will be about \$24.5 billion to both the State and Federal governments.
  - The water-rate payer in the City of L.A. will be impacted depending on how much water the City plans to buy from the MWD. The average expected water rate increase per single residential family home's monthly bill will be between \$2.50 - \$3.00/month.
  - If nothing is done to the Bay Delta, there will continue to be pumping restrictions, the supply of water purchases by the City may be cut by up to 30%, and the eco system will continue to decline.
  - The City of L.A. is working on reducing its dependency of the imported water supply from MWD. The City on average purchases about 50% of water supply from MWD, but it's planning on reducing this amount by half in the next 25 years. The City will try to have significant development in local supplies by increasing ground water production, increasing recycle water development, increasing conservation efforts, increasing storm water capture and potentially accessing the water transfer market for up to 40,000 acre feet.

- It is expected that by Spring 2014 the environmental documents will be finalized based on the public comments received on the BDCP and on December 2014 they will conclude by obtaining a record of decision on the environmental documentation; by the year 2016 they will proceed the construction of the tunnels, which is expected to last about 11 years.

**Public Comment** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Members of the public are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker. **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.

- Ernie Moscoso, North Hollywood North East NC, regarding the LADWP- in connection with LANE and the IBEW, they are having an event on October 5 called "Green the Block" at Pacoima City Hall on Van Nuys Blvd. The LADWP staff will provide applications for home inspections for insulation and other projects that will help with some home repairs, free of charge.
- Carla Arrue, aka "CC," works with the Department of Recs and Parks. She works at Fernangeles Recreation Center and invited the public to their center to enjoy a lot of the new programs and activities for the community. Also, the park staff is trying to organize a teen club. CC also said that on September 18, 2013, at 09:30 am, there will be a Commissioner's meeting. CC stated that their Halloween event the "Wizard of OZ" is being planned for Saturday, October 26. Donations and volunteers are welcomed.

**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 request is made to place an item on an agenda of a future meeting.

**Board member comments** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- None

#### **OLD Business:**

**ITEM 7:** Review, correct and approve minutes from our **August 13, 2013** Board meeting.

- After amendments were made to the August 13, minutes, a motion was put out on the floor to approve the amended minutes by Mr. O'Gara and it was seconded by Mr. Cuevas
- A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously

#### **NEW Business:**

**ITEM 8:** Committee Chair Volunteers: Outreach; Planning; Community Affairs; Sun Valley Homeless; By-Laws; Treasurer; Beautification; C-PAP; VANC; PlanCheck

- Outreach: none, but Mike added that Lysander Cuevas has created the Facebook page for SVANC, and thanked Mr. Cuevas. Mr. Cuevas asked for pictures to be uploaded to Facebook, and stated that event, election dates, etc. will be included. He also asked for description with every picture submitted.
- Mr. O'Gara said that since last Board meeting, there have been two park ceremonies. One was the ground-breaking ceremony for the skate park, and the other one was a dedication of a Shane's park in CD2 (referencing Shane's Inspiration).
- Planning: to be discussed in Item 11
- Community Affairs: this committee has no Chairperson.
- Sun Valley Homeless: Mike, Gene, and Gary attend the meeting for the homeless, which is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at L.A. Family Housing.
- By-laws: Don had no report
- Treasurer: Mike said that the Time Warner cable bill for the Internet and phone was not paid for three months and had to pay \$400 to reactivate these services; \$101.61 was spent on(?). Mike received a couple of other bills that need to be paid. This item will be discussed further in next month's meeting agenda.
- Beautification: none
- C-PAP: none

- VANC: Mike said that the meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12.
- Mike stated that the City Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety are being consolidated on January 1, 2014.

**ITEM 9:** Discussion of the city's Neighborhood Pothole repair Project and SVANC's "Pot Hole Patrol" campaign.

- Mike said that SVANC bought t-shirts with its logo on the front, and on the back it had Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Pot Hole patrol. These t-shirts would be given to high school students interested in participating in this campaign. Mike said that 50 pothole locations were given to the City Dept., and only 13 were repaired. The City Dept of Street Services will be back on January 2014. Therefore, Mike suggested passing out flyers to the community schools in December with the goal to attract students to participate in this pothole identification campaign.

**ITEM 10:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to approve last month's cost, and to fund our account for next month's anticipated costs.

- Gary said that DONE requires this Item to be included in each month's agenda.
- Mike made the motion to table this Item for next month's meeting and it was seconded by Mark.
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously

**ITEM 11:** Discussion and Possible Action of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:

- Discussion about the Petaluma Drive developer desire to build 14 homes on site and meeting he has called for September 14th (Saturday) on the Site
  - Mike said that Petaluma Drive is a very steep area—part of CD2. In April, Gangi Development's representative attended a SVANC meeting to give a presentation regarding this project. Valley Christian Church owns the property.
  - Mr. Gangi mailed a letter to the community surrounding this area inviting them to a community meeting which will be held on Saturday, September 14.
- Proposed apartment complex on Sheldon St and Telfair Ave.
  - Mike said that this is a low-income housing project. The developer has asked for a density bonus. He is allowed to build 18 units, and a 9-unit density bonus for a total of 26 apartments: 8 four-bedroom units, and 18 three-bedroom units, but he is only proposing to have one parking space per unit. This item has had a hearing before the City's Planning Committee and it is ready to be sent to the North Valley Planning Commission for a final decision.
  - SVANC is asking for Wi-fi, possible child care services, and tutoring.

-Still pending: Crown Disposal FEIR and the community Working Group: WIG

**These planning Items on agenda are subject to Discussion and Possible Action.**

**The Land Use Committee will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month.**

**ITEM 12:** PUBLIC COMMENT -none

**ITEM 13:** Adjournment – a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 08:40 pm