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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
6:00pm – 8:30 pm

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Aggas, Gary	President (interim)	PRESENT
Allen, Mark B.	Board Member	PRESENT
Bartlett, Susan	Board Member	PRESENT (6:35 PM)
Bille, Elizabeth	Board Member	PRESENT
Boyd, Debbie	Board Member	PRESENT
Carvajal, Sergio	Board Member	PRESENT (6:22 PM)
Cuevas, Lysander	Board Member	Absent, excused
Culley, Gene	Board Member	PRESENT
Housden, Linda	Board Member	PRESENT (6:15 PM)
Khalaf, Sam	Board Member	PRESENT (6:23 PM)
Koenig, Mylo	Board Member	PRESENT
Mardirossian, Mark	Treasurer (interim)	PRESENT (6:23 PM)
O'Gara, Barbara	Board Member	PRESENT
O'Gara, Mike	Board Member	PRESENT
Perez, Carmen	Board Member	PRESENT
Salazar, Daniel	Board Member	Absent, excused
Thum, Wendy	Board Member	PRESENT
Vacas, Monica	Board Member	PRESENT
TOTAL (18)		16 Present, 2 Absent

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

- Mr. Gary Aggas, interim President, officially called the meeting of Sun Valley Neighborhood Council to order at 06:06pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC's Code of Civility were recited
- Mr. Mylo Koenig, acting Secretary, took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (interim President), Election of the new Executive Board. Nominations for President, roll call vote, seat new President.

- Mr. Gary Aggas welcomed the new board.
- Mr. Aggas asked for nominations for President.
- Mr. Aggas noted that he has served two consecutive 1-year terms and he is termed out.
- Ms. Monica Vacas nominated Mr. Mike O'Gara, seconded by Ms. Wendy Thum.
- Mr. Mike O'Gara accepted the nomination.
- Ms. Debbie Boyd nominated herself, seconded by (inaudible).
- Mr. Mylo Koenig took a roll call vote of all members present (06:15pm).
- Mr. Mike O'Gara was elected President with 10 votes.
- Mr. O'Gara took over the Presidency from Mr. Gary Aggas.
- The board thanked Mr. Aggas for his service over the past two years.

O'Gara, Mike – 10 – ELECTED PRESIDENT	Boyd, Debbie – 1 – NOT ELECTED	Absent – 7
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Housden; Koenig; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	Boyd	Bartlett; Carvajal; Cuevas; Culley; Khalaf; Mardirossian; Salazar

ITEM 3: Nomination and vote for 1st Vice President.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara asked for nominations for 1st Vice President.
- Mr. O'Gara nominated Mr. Mark Allen, seconded by Mr. Gary Aggas.
- Mr. Allen accepted the nomination.
- Ms. Debbie Boyd nominated herself, seconded by Ms. Linda Housden.
- Mr. Mylo Koenig took a roll call vote of all members present (06:19pm).
- Mr. Mark B. Allen was elected 1st Vice President with 8 votes.
- The board welcomed new 1st Vice President Mr. Mark B. Allen

Allen, Mark B. – 8 – ELECTED 1st VP	Boyd, Debbie – 3 – NOT ELECTED	Absent – 7
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Koenig; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum	Boyd; Housden; Vacas	Bartlett; Carvajal; Cuevas; Culley; Khalaf; Mardirossian; Salazar

ITEM 4: Nomination and vote for 2nd Vice President.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara asked for nominations for 2nd Vice President.
- Ms. Debbie Boyd nominated Mr. Lysander Cuevas, who had expressed a desire to run for the position at the April 2nd Special Meeting, seconded by Ms. Monica Vacas.
- Mr. O'Gara nominated Ms. Elizabeth Bille, seconded by Ms. Bille.
- Mr. Mylo Koenig took a roll call vote of all members present (06:21pm).
- Ms. Elizabeth Bille was elected 2nd Vice President with 8 votes.
- The board welcomed new 2nd Vice President Ms. Elizabeth Bille.

Bille, Elizabeth – 8 – ELECTED 2nd VP	Cuevas, Lysander – 3 – NOT ELECTED	Absent – 7
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Koenig; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum	Boyd; Housden; Vacas	Bartlett; Carvajal; Cuevas; Culley; Khalaf; Mardirossian; Salazar

ITEM 5: Nomination and vote for Secretary

- Mr. Mike O'Gara asked for nominations for Secretary.
- Mr. O'Gara nominated Mr. Mylo Koenig, seconded by Ms. Wendy Thum.
- Mr. Koenig accepted the nomination.
- Mr. Mylo Koenig took a roll call vote of all members present (06:23pm).
- Mr. Mylo Koenig was elected Secretary unanimously (15 votes).
- The board welcomed new Secretary Mr. Mylo Koenig.

Koenig, Mylo – 15 – ELECTED SECRETARY	(No other candidates)	Absent – 3
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas		Cuevas; Culley; Salazar

ITEM 6: Nomination and vote for Treasurer

- Mr. Mike O'Gara asked for nominations for Treasurer.
- Ms. Linda Housden nominated Mr. Mark Mardirossian, seconded by Mr. Mark B. Allen.
- Mr. Mardirossian accepted the nomination.
- Ms. Wendy Thum nominated Mr. Lysander Cuevas. This was not seconded.
- Mr. Mylo Koenig took a roll call vote of all members present (06:25pm).
- Mr. Mark Mardirossian was elected Treasurer unanimously (15 votes)
- The board welcomed new Treasurer Mr. Mark Mardirossian

Mardirossian, Mark – 15 – ELECTED TREASURER	(No other candidates)	Absent – 3
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas		Cuevas; Culley; Salazar

ITEM 7: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

Officer Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer

- Officer Vasquez addressed the board.

ITEM 8: Presentation/announcements from elected officials or their representatives.

- Mr. Caesar Huerta, Field Representative for CD6-Councilmember Nury Martinez, addressed the board.
- Mr. Marco Santana, from Congressman Cárdenas' office, addressed the board.

ITEM 9: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.
Members of the public are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

- Ms. Cindy Sower, Sun Valley Equipment Rentals and CPAB member, addressed the board.
- Mr. Jesse Torrero, CPAB member, addressed the board.
- Mr. Michael Boyd, Sun Valley resident, addressed the board.
- Mr. Greg Bartz, Community Liaison for LADWP, addressed the board and distributed information packets.

(Public Comment was interrupted 06:50pm due to the arrival of CD-6 Councilmember Nury Martinez.)

Board Swearing In Ceremony

- Councilmember Nury Martinez conducted a swearing-in ceremony for the new SVANC board.
- Councilmember Martinez lead the board in a reading of SVANC's Code of Civility.
- Councilmember Martinez concluded the swearing-in ceremony and congratulated the board.
- Councilmember Martinez discussed Sun Valley issues with the board and the public.
- Councilmember Martinez handed out certificates to outgoing board members thanking them for their service. In attendance to accept the certificates were: Mr. Don Harward; Ms. Savannah Harward; Mr. Samuel Palomino; and Ms. Julie Monroy-Cantor.

ITEM 9: Public Comment (CONTINUED, 07:03pm)

- Ms. Mary Benson, L.A. Equine Committee, addressed the board.
- Ms. Vicki Burch, representing the LAPD Jeopardy program, addressed the board.
- Officer Jason Duplantis, representing the LAPD Jeopardy program, addressed the board.
- Mr. David Hernandez, wishing to be on the ballot to represent CD-2, addressed the board.

ITEM 10: Board member comments on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- The following board members addressed the board and public: Ms. Debbie Boyd, Mr. Sam Khalaf, Ms. Susan Bartlett, Ms. Wendy Thum, Mr. Mike O'Gara, Ms. Monica Vacas, Mr. Mark Mardirossian, Ms. Linda Housden.
- Mr. Melvin Cañas of EmpowerLA addressed the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 11: Review, correct and approve minutes from the March 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and the April 2, 2014 Special Board Meeting.

- Mr. O'Gara made a motion to accept the aforementioned minutes
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote
- Ms. Wendy Thum suggested changes to the April 2nd Special Meeting Minutes.
- Mr. O'Gara made a motion to accept the March 11 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and the April 2nd Special Board Meeting Minutes **as amended**, seconded by Mr. Mark B. Allen

Yes – 16 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – N/A	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Cuevas; Salazar

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 12: The President, per our Bylaws, will appoint, with Board approval, the 2nd Signatory.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara called for nominations for the board's 2nd Signatory.
- Mr. O'Gara nominated Mr. Gary Aggas, seconded by Ms. Barbara O'Gara.
- Mr. Aggas accepted the nomination.
- There were no other nominations.
- Mr. Mike O'Gara appointed Mr. Gary Aggas to be the board's 2nd Signatory.

ITEM 12: The President, per our Bylaws, will appoint, with Board approval, the P-Card (Purchase Card) Holder.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara called for nominations for the board's P-Card Holder.
- Mr. O'Gara nominated Mr. Gary Aggas, seconded by Mr. Sam Khalaf.
- Mr. Aggas accepted the nomination.
- There were no other nominations.
- Mr. Mike O'Gara appointed Mr. Gary Aggas to continue as the board's P-Card holder.

ITEM 14: The President, per our Bylaws, will appoint all committees. Volunteers to be appointed will be solicited at this meeting. Our Standing Committees are Outreach; Sun Valley Homeless Committee; Beautification; Planning; Finance (Treasurer is Chairman of the Finance Committee).

- Mr. Mike O'Gara passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to choose on which committees they wish to belong.
- Committees will be authorized for one year.
- Committee members will choose their chairperson (except Finance, which is automatically chaired by the Treasurer).
- Committees will be finalized at a future meeting.

ITEM 15: Treasurers Report; Motion /Discussion/Vote to approve the Treasurer's Report.

- Mr. Mardirossian presented March 2014 expenditures for a total of \$1,016.51; accumulated expenses from July 2013 – February 2014 is \$12,942.18. Outstanding commitments projected for the remaining fiscal year include \$4,500 for the office lease; and \$1,780 for Languages4you. \$26,566.69 has been spent/committed for the remainder of the fiscal year; and there is a balance of \$10,433.31 left in this fiscal year's budget.
- Mr. Cañas clarified that the use of the Purchase cards, (the P-card) deadline has been moved to June 13, 2014. The P-card's limit is \$4,250 per quarter. The paper check payments deadline is May 15, 2014, which includes Neighborhood Purposes Grants.
- Mr. Aggas made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, was seconded by Ms. Bille.
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 1	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Bartlett	Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$1,400 for a new desktop computer for the SVANC office. (Mardirossian)

- Mr. Mardirossian/Mr. Koenig stated that this is to add a third computer station to the office. The amount will include the purchase of a tower, software, and monitor.
- A motion was made by Mr. Mardirossian, seconded by Mrs. Barbara O'Gara
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 1	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Bartlett	Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$300, for parts to fix the old desktop computer in the office. (Koenig)

- Mr. Koenig explained that a new power supply is needed, 2 USB drives for back-up of the laptop and the desktop, for a total of about \$296
- A motion was made by Mr. O'Gara and was seconded by Ms. Perez
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 1	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Bartlett	Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 18: Motion/Discussion/Vote to allocate up to \$999.00 to purchase materials for graffiti cleanup or tools for Sun Valley Graffiti Busters to use for the beautification of Sun Valley. (M. O’Gara)

- Ms. Susan Bartlett recused herself for this Item
- A motion was made by Mr. Mike O’Gara and was seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 1	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	Bartlett		Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 19: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$465.00 for 25 polo shirts with SVANC logo to be given only to Board members who are actively engaged in committee or community activities. (M. O’Gara)

- A motion was made by Mr. O’Gara and was seconded by Mr. Carvajal
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 1	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Bartlett	Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 20: Discussion to set date for a Special Meeting for D.O.N.E.’s new board orientation (M. O’Gara)

- Mr. O’Gara said that funding matters will also be discussed
- Mr. Cañas added that the orientation will be held at a special meeting.
- After thorough discussion the Board selected the date of the special meeting to be Tuesday, April 29th, 06:30pm---place TBA.

ITEM 21: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Planning Committee to write a letter to Planning and Zoning regarding the application of the Mini Mall on Glenoaks Blvd for a variance. (M. O’Gara)

- Mr. O’Gara said that this project was built by right, and now the developer is asking for a variance to stay open until 02:00am and to use valet parking.
- Mr. O’Gara stated that SVANC is not in favor of this variance request.
- A motion was on the floor and was seconded
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 3
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett (stepped out), Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 22: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Planning Committee to write a letter to Planning and Zoning regarding the application of LA Paperstock to double its intake of waste materials. (M. O’Gara)

- Mr. O’Gara said SVANC is not in favor of LA Paperstock increasing its waste materials intake.
- A motion was made by Mr. Mike O’Gara and was seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 3
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett (stepped out), Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 23: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Planning Committee to write letters in opposition to opening a topless bar on Lankershim near Roscoe. (M. O’Gara)

- Mr. O’Gara stated that SVANC is not in favor of the opening of the topless bar
- A motion was made by Mr. Mike O’Gara and was seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 3
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett (stepped out), Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 24: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Planning Committee to write a letter to Planning & Zoning regarding the application of the 7/11 on Lankershim & Roscoe request for a 10 year CUP renewal, sale of single alcohol containers, and signage issue. (M. O’Gara)

- Mr. O’Gara said that SVANC is not in favor of this request
- A motion was made by Mr. Mike O’Gara and was seconded by Mr. Carvajal
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 3
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett (stepped out), Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 25: Motion /Discussion/Vote to approve to fund our funding account for next month’s anticipated expenses.

- Mr. Mardirossian stated that \$4,815.00 is being earmarked for next month’s expenditures. Mr. O’Gara said that this is a budgetary request to the City.
- A motion was made by Mr. Mark Mardirossian and was seconded by Mr. Mark B. Allen
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and vote

Yes – 16 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 2
Aggas; Allen; Bartlett; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Culley; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O’Gara, B.; O’Gara, M.; Perez; Thum; Vacas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Cuevas; Salazar

ITEM 26: Discussion and Possible Action of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda: The Petaluma project; the pending Community Recycling application; Athens Recycling; any and all other pending planning projects may be discussed and an action vote taken.

- Petaluma project: Mr. O’Gara said that a meeting was held regarding the Petaluma project—the developer is now asking to build 12 houses. The community is against this project.
- Community Recycling: Mr. O’Gara said that this project has been going on for six years. This facility takes in green waste, C&D material, and other regular waste. It has been requested of Community Recycling to enclose their green-waste facility in order to reduce the bad odor.
- Athens Recycling: Mr. O’Gara stated that a letter was sent to Athens Recycling asking the amount of waste that will be hauled and to what facility will it be taken.

ITEM 27: PUBLIC COMMENT- none

ITEM 28: Board Member Comments

- The following board members addressed the board and public: Mr. Khalaf, Ms. Housden, Mr. Aggas, and Mr. O’Gara

ITEM 20: Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. O’Gara at approximately 08:35 pm.