



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Meeting At
 Sun Valley Branch Library
 7935 Vineland Ave.
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

* No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote **No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

BOARD MEMBER	BOARD POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE
Allen, Charlene	appointed approximately at	X		**
Blandford, Ben	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carrasco, Yudicela	Secretary (appointed today)	X		
Chávez, Norma O	1 st Vice-President	X		
García, Rosalio	2 nd Vice-President	X		
Khalaf, Sam	Senior Representative Director	X		**
Leiva, William	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Martinez, Patricia	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Patch, Alison	Treasurer		X	
Rivera, Anthony	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Valle, Cindy I	President	X		
Venegas, Eddie	Business Property Director	X		
TOTAL: 15	Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	11 Present, 4 Absent	11	4
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ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Code of Civility

Cindy I. Valle, president, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Eddie Venegas, and quorum was established with 8 members present at 6:32 pm.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

Ms. Valle welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their attendance despite the weather (Raining).

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

A. Senior Lead Officer Gabriel Ahedo, 33107@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0949

- Covers North Hollywood and part of Sun Valley
- 23 RVs were removed from Sherman Way. CD applied parking restrictions
- There was a homicide on Saturday on Chandler and Tatoma. It was gang related. The victim was 20 years old, two suspects involved
- RV cleanup – 82 year old arrested for selling narcotics

C. Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, 36373@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0854

- Overall crime is going down
- Robberies are going up. There are scams going around from gypsies targeting seniors and taking away valuables while pretending to be friendly with them.
- There was a shooting on Friday night on Vineland and Arminta. Three people were involved. One suspect is in custody.
- Graffiti has increased. Please continue making reports to MyLA311 and sending the pictures to the SLOs so they can forward them to the gang unit.

E. Sergeant Josue Merida, 37596@lapd.online

- Introduced himself. He is the new sergeant overseeing the senior lead officers since two months ago. He is coming from the gang unit and has been in the department for twenty years.

ITEM 4: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

B. Dayana Ramos (field deputy), Diana Gonzalez (Homelessness) (Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, CD2, dayana.ramos@lacity.org, diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org)

- Glencrest Hills has a field deputy and will be attending meetings soon
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, brought fliers with lots of resources listed

C. Betsaira Aguilera (L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org, (213) 257-0224)

- Mayor's office is offering a program with \$1 million to support small businesses
- Working on a faster way to process new applications to the LAPD. We are down to 8700 officers and we want the number to increase
- Shine LA cleanups continue. We just had a cleanup in North Hollywood in partnership with Council member Nazarian. Feel free to propose a site for a coming Shine LA event on the 4th Sat. of the month

D. Nayeli Garcia Leonardo (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, nayeli.garcialeonardo@asm.ca.gov, Office (818) 504-3911)

- Bills AB799, SB 969, AB 607, AB 777 and AB 542 – continuation schools and classes, youth workforce, all passed

H. Star Resendez (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, star.resendez@sen.ca.gov)

- Seven bills from Senator Menjivar have passed: SB20 - Silicosis Training, Outreach and Prevention, SB 68 which requires that restaurants with a certain number of stores list allergens in their menu, SB 62, SB 450, SB 471, SB 596, SB 660, and SB 709
- We will be holding a Community Town Hall of Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Industrial Metal Supplies to discuss Sun Valley's aggregate facilities
- We will be having a coffee and bagels event on November in Burbank to discuss legislature
- Caltrans – 170 south is currently receiving landscaping, cleanups and graffiti removal

PUBLIC: It was requested that a major cleanup be done on the 5 Fwy northbound on and off ramps on Sheldon St. There is a lot of trash and the graffiti is overwhelming. The black iron fence from the CalTrans parking on Sheldon and Laurel Canyon has been tagged all the way around.

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA)

José Galdamez (jose.galdamez@lacity.org)

- City Clerk workshops: contracts and leases on October 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

- Brown Bag Sessions: writing agenda motions on October 22 at 12:00 pm via zoom
- Parliamentarian Procedures and how to run a meeting on October 29 at 12:00 pm
- Bylaws recoding may be sent to DONE
- SB 707 is an extension for neighborhood councils to have teleconferencing if approved by the board. The 2/3 of all the seats in the NC has changed.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion) *There was no public commentary*

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Wendy Thum recommended SVANC submit a comment of support for the motion from council member Imelda Padilla to make better use of all LADWP empty lots and turn them into green spaces.

ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Charlene Allen to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2027 (Chávez, Elections)

Mover:	Rosalío García		Second:	Norma O. Chávez		
Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04	
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas	

Charlene Allen shared about her background, how she heard about SVANC, and how she is involved in the community and why she wants to join SVANC to expand her work in the community. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with 9 votes in favor.

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Sam Khalaf to a Senior Representative Stakeholder open seat, term ends on June 30, 2026 (Chávez, Elections)

Mover:	Rosalío García		Second:	Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas	

Sam Khalaf shared about his background and how he was part of SVANC when the council was first founded. He left due to work, but feels like he left some work pending and wants to join again to accomplish that work. Roll call was taken and the motion carried with 10 votes in favor.

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Silvia Castellon to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee beginning the term immediately if appointed and ending in June 30, 2026 (Chávez, Elections)

Mover:	Rosalío García		Second:	Norma O. Chávez		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas	

Silvia Castellon shared about her background and her desire to become involved with the decision making regarding planning and land use. Norma Chávez shared about how she recruited Ms. Castellon and that she

hoped Ms. Castellon would decide soon to join the SVANC Board. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2025 (A. Patch)

Mover:	Yudicela Carrasco		Second:	Rosalío García		
Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 04	
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas	

The motion carried with nine votes in favor.

ITEM 12: Discussion and possible action to remove Patricia Martinez Business Director from the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) due to being absent for 3 consecutive months in Regular board meetings, per SVANC Bylaws Article V Governing Board, Section 7: Absences. Here are the listed absent dates: 07/08/2025, 08/12/2025 and 09/09/2025

Mover:	Norma O. Chávez		Second:	Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 01	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Sierra	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas	

Discussion took place. Cindy Valle, the president, shared that emails and texts had been sent and there has been no response. She shared of the importance of attendance and being involved with the community as part of the work board members agree to do when they join the neighborhood council board. She also shared that by not being present, the board member misses on important information and is not really representing the community if not present to vote or participate at events.

Public comment: It was recommended that the president reach out to the member to inquire about the absences.

Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with 10 votes in favor.

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Yudicela Carrasco to the position of secretary for the remainder of fiscal year 2025-2026 (Chávez) Discussion took place. Eddie Venegas asked that all members step up so that not all responsibilities fall on the same board members. Norma Chávez asked NEA Jose Galdamez that support be given when particular constituents complain that minutes are not up to date. SVANC Will be behind with four minutes, including October's.

Mover:	Rosalío García		Second:	Norma O. Chávez		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas	

Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to create an Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform who will be attending all the Charter Reform meetings and will update the SVANC Board regularly with a maximum of three board members (Chávez)

Mover:	Eddie Venegas		Second:	Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04	

Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas
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Discussion took place. Sam Khalaf volunteered to chair this committee and Charlene and Norma joined as members. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor. The Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee is made up by Sam Khalaf as chair, and Charlene Allen and Norma O. Chávez as members.

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support letter/resolution/CIS (community impact statement) for the four-story apartment complex project to be located at 8465 Glenoaks Blvd, which proposes 93 units and subterranean parking with 127 spaces. Case Number: CPC-2020-1685-DB-SPR-VHCA (Chávez)

Mover:	Cindy Valle	Second:	Norma O. Chávez		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place. Norma Chávez shared that the letter of support will include the numbers as presented to PLUM. A member of the public asked that the board deny this application as there should be two parking spaces per unit and how accepting less parking affects the surrounding area. Norma Chávez shared that this is a beautiful project that will provide lots of housing and is offering the most number of parking spaces offered by any other developer in other projects proposed. She reminded attendees that there is a housing shortage and this project fits very well in the area proposed because there are more apartment complexes in that area. Glenoaks has a bus line. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Parks Needs Assessment Report prepared by Norma Chávez with more input from board members and the community (Chávez, PLUM)

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Norma Chávez shared that her report will focus on the common issues all our parks encounter: lack of park staffing, vandalism, graffiti, public intoxication and homelessness. Constituents would like the pool to be open more hours. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 25-1136 regarding the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program / Crime Prevention / Local Engagement / Reestablishing (Chávez)

Mover:	Norma O. Chávez	Second:	Wendy Thum		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place and more commentary was made on how positive this program was for Sun Valley. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve vacationing the December Executive Committee meeting and the Board of Directors meeting to allow board members family time between Thanksgiving and the New Year's (Chávez)

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Charlene Allen		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor. The SVANC executive board meeting and the general board meeting will be vacationed in December.

ITME 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC's participation in a Human Trafficking Awareness campaign on October 29 at 6:00 pm at Osborne Neighborhood Church located 13501 Osborne St. in Arleta or the City of San Fernando City Hall in partnership with Victoria Garcia, council member from the City of San Fernando, and other neighborhood councils (García)

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Eddie Venegas		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place. Human Trafficking awareness has been a topic continuously supported by SVANC. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the SVANC's participation at the V.O.C.E.S. Magnet Dia De Los Muertos event on Monday, November 3, 2025 at their campus from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. (Chávez)

Mover:	Norma O. Chávez	Second:	Eddie Venegas		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the SVANC's participation at the American Legion Post 520 on November 16 at 5:00 pm (Chávez)

Mover:	Eddie Venegas	Second:	Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve hosting a Meet and Greet Movie Night at the office on November 14, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to continue recruiting board and committee members (Chávez, Venegas)

Mover:	Eddie Venegas	Second:	Rosalío García		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez,

					Patch, Vacas
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Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

OLD BUSINESS (23-26):

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint a SVANC board member to the 2025-2026 Outreach Committee (Chávez)

Mover:	Norma O. Chávez	Second:	Cindy I. Valle		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place. Wendy Thum volunteered for the position. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members to the 2025-2026 Ad Hoc Committees (2 members maximum)

Mover:	Norma O. Chávez	Second:	Cindy I. Valle		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place and the committees are all complete

- A. CHSRA High Speed Rail/Environment: Wendy Thum – chair, Monica Vacas and Sam Khalaf members
- B. Homelessness: Monica Vacas – chair, Wendy Thum and Sam Khalaf members
- C. Elections: Norma O. Chávez – chair, Charlene Allen and Douglas Sierra members

Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint a board member to represent the SVANC at the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance meetings (NCSA)

Mover:	Norma O. Chávez	Second:	Cindy I. Valle		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Rivera, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Martinez, Patch, Vacas

Discussion took place. Sam Khalaf volunteered to represent SVANC at the NCSA meetings. Roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with eleven votes in favor.

ITEM 26: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint Room Setup Teams of board members rotating quarterly for Monthly NC Meetings to setup tables, chairs, technology, microphone, timer and any equipment needed for NC monthly meetings.

- A. Team 2 - September, October, April May (Cindy, Yudicela, Ben, 4)
- B. Team 3 - November, January, June, July (2026) (Alison, Wendy, Charlene)

All members approved the Room Setup Teams with no objections.

ITEM 27: Report by the 2025-2026 Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

- A. Standing Committees

2. Finance and Budget – Alison Patch – Catching up with bill. LADWP had not been paid because no invoice had been received due to the cancellation of the P. O. Box
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle – cleanup on Sunday, October 19 at 8:00 am
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas – CERT registration opens on November 7. The workshop will run from January 7 to February 18.

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy G. Thum – They received a \$5 billion cut from their funding due to various controversies by administration. Newsome has committed \$1 billion a year.

ITEM 28: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) *No public commentary*

ITEM 29: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) Congrats to Ben Blandford for his wife's pregnancy

ITEM 30: Adjournment @ 7:50 pm; **1st:** Norma O. Chávez, **2nd** Rosalío García. All in favor

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