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**Board Meeting Minutes - Special
Wednesday, April 2, 2014
6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

Meeting Location:
SVANC Office
9040 Sunland Boulevard
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Board Member	Title	Status
Gary Aggas	President	PRESENT
Mike O'Gara	1st Vice President	PRESENT
Mylo Koenig	2nd Vice President	PRESENT
Lysander Cuevas	Secretary	PRESENT
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Absent
Mark B. Allen	Board Member	PRESENT
Susan Bartlett	Board Member	Absent
Elizabeth Bille	Board Member	PRESENT
Debbie Boyd	Board Member	PRESENT
Sergio Carvajal	Board Member	PRESENT
Gene Culley	Board Member	Absent
Linda Housden	Board Member	PRESENT
Sam Khalaf	Board Member	PRESENT
Mark Mardirossian	Board Member	PRESENT
Barbara O'Gara	Board Member	PRESENT
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absent
Daniel Salazar	Board Member	Absent
Wendy Thum	Board Member	PRESENT
Monica Vacas	Board Member	PRESENT
Maurice Vanegas	Board Member	PRESENT
TOTAL (20)		15 Present, 5 Absent

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

- Mr. Gary Aggas officially called the special meeting of Sun Valley Neighborhood Council to order at 06:30pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC's Code of Civility were recited
- Mr. Gary Aggas introduced EmpowerLA representative Melvin Cañas and thanked him for attending the meeting.

ITEM 2: Roll Call

- Mr. Cuevas took roll.

(NOTE: To expedite the meeting, agenda items 5 through 8 were moved up.)

ITEM 5: Elect an INTERIM President to preside over the Board at this Special Meeting and until April 8th when ALL executive Board members will be elected.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to nominate Mr. Gary Aggas as interim Board President until the April 8th officer elections, seconded by Ms. Monica Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- **The motion carried unanimously (15/0)**
- Newly elected interim Board President Gary Aggas continued to preside over the meeting.

ITEM 6: Elect an INTERIM Treasurer to the Board at this Special Meeting and until April 8th when ALL executive Board members will be elected.

- Mr. Gary Aggas made a motion to nominate Mr. Mark Mardirossian as interim Board Treasurer until the April 8th officer elections, seconded by Mr. Mike O'Gara
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- **The motion carried unanimously (15/0)**

ITEM 7: Elect an INTERIM 2nd Signatory to the Board at this Special Meeting and until April 8th when ALL executive Board members will be elected.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to nominate Mr. Gary Aggas as interim Board 2nd Signatory until the April 8th officer elections, seconded by Mr. Sergio Carvajal
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- **The motion carried unanimously (15/0)**

ITEM 8: Elect an INTERIM P-Card holder until April 8th.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to nominate Mr. Gary Aggas as interim Board P-Card (Purchase Card) Holder until the April 8th officer elections, seconded by Wendy Thum
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- **The motion carried unanimously (15/0)**

(The remaining agenda items will be taken in sequence.)

ITEM 3: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

Members of the public are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

- Mr. Mike Boyd asked the board to spend public funds at the will of the taxpayers, not for pet projects. Budget matters should be tabled until the April 8th meeting. More outreach needs to be done. None of his neighbors even know about neighborhood councils. There were only 83 voters at the Sun Valley NC election. Regarding the Citizenship Workshop (see item #13) he has spoken with people in his neighborhood including green card holders and they don't think taxpayer funds should be used for this and the funds would be better spend on outreach that involves the majority of Sun Valley stakeholders.

ITEM 4: Board member comments on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara, Ms. Monica Vacas, Mr. Sam Khalaf, Mr. Lysander Cuevas, and Mr. Melvin Cañas contributed to the discussion of issues brought up by Mr. Boyd and in general why a special meeting was necessary in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting. One reason is due to EmpowerLA's deadline on contract related matters, April 15th, which is too close to the April 8th meeting.

(Item #5-8 follow item #2)

ITEM 9: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend \$4500.00 (\$900.00/month x5) for office rent for the rest of the year: February, March, April, May and June, which is the present rental rate.

- Mr. Gary Aggas made a motion to spend \$4500 for office rent for the rest of the fiscal year, seconded by Mr. Sergio Carvajal
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- Mr. Lysander Cuevas took a roll call vote of eligible voters, requesting each voter affirm their eligibility to vote. All board members present affirmed that they had taken Ethics and Funding training and were eligible to vote on funding matters.

Yes – 15 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 4
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Cuevas; Housden; Khalaf; Koenig; Mardirossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Thum; Vacas; Vanegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Perez; Salazar

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend \$12,000.00 (\$1,000.00 month x12) for office rent fiscal year 2014-2015. They are raising our rate \$100.00. This sum will come out of next year's funds.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to spend \$12,000 for office rent for fiscal year 2014-2015, seconded by Mr. Mark Mardrossian
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- Mr. Mike O'Gara called for the vote
- Mr. Lysander Cuevas took a roll call of eligible voters:

Yes – 14 - CARRIED	No – 1	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 4
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Cuevas; Housden; Koenig; Mardrossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Thum; Vacas; Vanegas	Khalaf	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Perez; Salazar

ITEM 11: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$700.00 for office supplies: copy paper, binder clips garbage cans, labels, pencils, pens, this is not an exhaustive list.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to spend up to \$700 for office supplies, seconded by Ms. Monica Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- Mr. Lysander Cuevas took a roll call of eligible voters:

Yes – 14 - CARRIED	No – 1	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 4
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Cuevas; Housden; Koenig; Mardrossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Thum; Vacas; Vanegas	Khalaf	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Perez; Salazar

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$200.00 for a business card and ID cards for Board Members

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to spend up to \$200 for business cards and ID cards for board members, seconded by Ms. Monica Vacas
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- Mr. Lysander Cuevas took a roll call of eligible voters:

Yes – 14 - CARRIED	No – 1	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 4
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Boyd; Carvajal; Cuevas; Housden; Koenig; Mardrossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Thum; Vacas; Vanegas	Khalaf	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Perez; Salazar

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend \$1200 for the NALEO Citizenship Project, \$850 for Copier rental, and \$350 for use of LAUSD facilities

- Mr. Mike O'Gara made a motion to spend \$1200 for the NALEO Citizenship Project, \$850 for Copier rental, and \$350 for the use of LAUSD facilities, seconded by Mr. Sergio Carvajal
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- Mr. Gary Aggas received 18 preprinted postcards in the mail that day from Sun Valley stakeholders and read the content. All were against the expenditure. Ms. Debbie Boyd said these were from her constituents, and 50 should be coming in total.
- Mr. Mike O'Gara called for the vote
- Mr. Lysander Cuevas took a roll call of eligible voters:

Yes – 12 - CARRIED	No – 3	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 0	Absent – 4
Aggas; Allen; Bille; Carvajal; Cuevas; Housden; Koenig; Mardrossian; O'Gara, B.; O'Gara, M.; Thum; Vanegas	Boyd; Khalaf; Vacas	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Culley; Perez; Salazar

ITEM 14: Discussion to spend up to but not to exceed \$4000.00 for the beautification of Fire House 77 in Sun Valley

- Mr. Mike O'Gara discussed the history of the commitment and how the money would be spent. This is only a fraction of the total amount needed. The rest will be raised from private donors.
- Contributors to the discussion included Ms. Wendy Thum, Mr. Sam Khalaf, Mr. Gary Aggas, Ms. Monica Vacas, Mr. Maurice Vanegas, Mr. Lysander Cuevas, Ms. Linda Housden.
- Mr. Mark Mardirossian noted that motions made in previous meetings had already been carried and some of the chemicals required have already been purchased and are ready for use.

ITEM 15: Discussion to spend up to but not to exceed \$4000.00 for a bronze plaque, at the skate park in honor of Officer Tina Kerbrat, the first female LAPD officer killed in the line of duty.

- Mr. Mike O'Gara said he has been trying for two years to get the new skate park named after Officer Kerbrat, and right now the naming of the park is on hold by CD-6. Mr. Lysander Cuevas said there are already two memorials to the fallen officer. Mr. Mike O'Gara said that neither of the memorials is in Sun Valley, where she actually served and gave her life protecting the district.
- Mr. Mike O'Gara said the costs could potentially be shared with neighboring NC's.
- Melvin Cañas said this could be done through a transfer of funds.
- Ms. Monica Vacas recommended we find private sponsors.
- Mr. Lysander Cuevas stated he is against the proposal and also feels that the people who attend the skate park won't appreciate its significance and may trash it.
- Ms. Wendy Thum and Mr. Mike O'Gara discussed options to prevent this.

ITEM 16: Set the Agenda for the SVANC Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

- Items were contributed by board members for the upcoming meeting agenda

ITEM 17: PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Lysander Cuevas asked the board to consider him for 2nd Vice President at the April 8th meeting, since he will be on vacation at that time.

ITEM 18: Adjournment: a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:48pm by Mr. Mike O'Gara, seconded by Mr. Sergio Carvajal.

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