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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Tuesday September 14, 2010
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
from 6:30pm TO 8:30pm
VILLA SCALABRINI RETIREMENT CENTER
10631 VINEDALE STREET
SUN VALLEY, CA 91352

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda **prior** to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard when the respective item is being considered. **"In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed in the window of OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 9000 Sunland blvd Suite "A" Sun Valley and at our website by clicking on the following link: www.SVANC.org or at the scheduled meeting. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION**

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

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

ITEM 2A: Reminder for the members of the SVANC to complete Ethics and Open Government Training for City Officials. Please visit: <http://ethics.lacity.org/education/education.cfm>

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.)

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

ITEM 4A: Presentation from Serge Haddad of the **RECYCLED WATER ADVISORY GROUP** about the discussions taking place on this subject and the goals.

ITEM 5: Public Comment: The public may speak on any agenda item by filling out a speaker's card. The public will be allowed to address the board no later than 7:30 p.m. on matters within The Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Public comments will be 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.

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.

OLD Business:

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from our August 2010 meeting. (Julie Monroy)

NEW Business:

ITEM 8: Write a letter to local representatives in the name of Elmer Street residents. Elmer Avenue Retrofit, pending issues have yet to be responded to by city officials: (1) "**Green**" **Street signage** - The avenue's "green" features are often overlooked or misinterpreted as superficial. Signage highlighting the environmental benefits along the avenue would increase public awareness and accurately inform visitors. (2) **Sub-standard sidewalk** width along southwest corner (Elmer and Keswick). - The city removed over 7'6" wide of existing improvements to install a 3'6" wide sidewalk that's inconsistent with the 4' - 4'6" wide sidewalks installed through out the rest of the avenue. Replacement needed. (3) **Elmer Avenue alley**, Phase 2 of Elmer Avenue retrofit - City collaboration and status unknown. Need update. (DUENAS)

ITEM 9: Participate in the VALLEY ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS in planning seminars and Christmas mixer (not to exceed \$200) (O'GARA)

ITEM 10: Participate in the Fernangeles Park Halloween Celebration (not to exceed \$350.00) (O'GARA)

ITEM 11: Participate in the Sun Valley Rec. Park Halloween Celebration (not to exceed \$350.00) (O'GARA)

ITEM 12: Purchase a Paper Shredder for the SVANC Office. (not to exceed \$150.00) (LIM)

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase T-shirts with the SVANC logo (front) and "Community Volunteer" (back) (1 gross not to exceed \$850 **OR** 2 gross not to exceed \$1,500) (DUENAS)

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase four 6 foot tables to be used at our meetings at Villa Scalabrini. We now need a new configuration that can't be accomplished with all 8 foot tables (not to exceed \$280) (O'GARA)

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase Business Cards for SVANC (not to exceed \$300) (LIM)

ITEM 16: Motion/discussion/ vote to send letters from the Planning Comite to the planning dept regarding the applications for the apartment complex ((Env-2009-1963-mnd)on Arminta and the Zoning change on Tuxford Scrap metal facilities and letter to planning and Bldg and Safety regarding the application (ENV-2009-1411-EAF)at San Fernando Road and Sheldon St also a letter regarding the deplorable condition in the spreading Basin at Sheldon Street and Sharp Ave and a letters regarding the scoping meeting for SWIRP and the proposed changes regarding urban Design Guidelines.

ITEM 17: Adjournment

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board of Directors may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular SVANC meeting. The Board of Directors, on either of these two occasions, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a "Proposed" Action should the motion

to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Representative who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Representative on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting. This procedure shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS Any individual stakeholder or group of Community Stakeholders of the SVANC shall be able to express any concerns to the Board of Directors of the SVANC, about its decisions and/or actions, by submitting a written signed grievance to the Secretary or other officers of the SVANC for recording with the Secretary. The grievance should specify the resolution sought. Grievance filings will be accepted after the 60-day period and reviewed by the Board and DONE to determine whether or not the issue can still be addressed.

The Grievance:

- A.** Shall be submitted, in writing, within sixty (60) days from the time the complainant became aware of the alleged violation, and shall contain an allegation of the facts on which the grievance is based, including the applicable dates, and shall specify the nature of the resolution sought.
- B.** The person or persons making the grievance shall be notified in writing of the date and time of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the grievance shall be brought forward for discussion.
- C.** The Board of Directors shall appoint an ad-hoc Committee of no less than Three (3) Directors to investigate the grievance and prepare a recommendation for the Board of Directors.