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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Regular Board Meeting

AGENDA

In person at

Sun Valley Branch Library
7935 Vineland Avenue
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:00pm – 7:50pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

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 Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755
- B. Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, 38338@lapd.online mobile (818) 634-0854
- C. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, 33272@lapd.online
- D. LAFD Chief, lafdbatallion12@lacity.org , office (818) 756-8612

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

- A. Rafael Gonzalez (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, rafael.a.gonzalez@lacity.org)
- B. Diana Gonzalez (Councilmember Paul Krekorian, CD2, diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org)
- C. Michelle Vergara (L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, <mailto:michelle.vergara@lacity.org>)
- D. Salvador Manriquez (Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 43rd District, salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov)
- E. Savannah Portillo Heap (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, SPortillo@lacounty.bos.gov (213) 595-9198)
- F. María Flores (LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez, 6th District, m.d.flores@lausd.net, (818) 401-8585)
- G. Laura Juarez (Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 29th District, laura.juarez@mail.house.gov)
- H. Diana Oganessian, Natalie Vartanian (Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, doganessian@bos.lacounty.gov , navartanian@bos.lacounty.gov)
- I. Katherine Castrejon (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, <mailto:Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov>)

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

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

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)

For ITEM 8: The applicant will make his/her candidate statement. A brief question and answer session will be held after which, a vote will be taken. If appointed, the applicant will be seated on the Board and will have full privileges including the ability to vote, except on funding matters. The new Board members will then read the SVANC Code of Civility which will serve as the Oath of Office.

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

ITEM 9: Discussion / Possible Action to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or board resolution to [CF 23-1114](#) and [CF 23-1113](#) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to

Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary in order to accommodate the needs of its board members and to request financial support for expenses required for this (Chávez) <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC-CIS-CF-23-1113-AND-23-1114-virtual-meetings.pdf>

ITEM 10: Discussion / Possible Action to approve a letter/resolution/CIS regarding SVANC's position on the most recent Code of Conduct proposed by the Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioners (Chávez) https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/BONC-Proposed-Code-of-Conduct-9-17-23_1.pdf
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC-CIS-BONC-code-of-conduct-2023.pdf>

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter to Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Imelda Padilla requesting they bring a motion to the City Council to approve increasing the funding for the Neighborhood Council System as SVANC has been greatly impacted by the City's budget cuts and the increase cost of all its operational expenses (Chávez) <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC-ltr-increase-nc-funding-cd2-cd6.pdf>

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding **CF 21-1230** regarding SVANC's opposition to the proposed Housing Element (Moore, PLUM) <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC-CIS-CF-21-1230-housing-element-rezoing-R1-nov-2023.pdf>

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a Letter/Resolution/CIS to the Department of Public Works regarding the Pacoima Reservoir Restoration Project and its impact in Sun Valley (Chávez, PLUM) <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC-ltr-pacoima-reservoir-2023.pdf>

Supporting Materials:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2023080371>

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/Pacoima/index.cfm>

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/Pacoima/files/PRRPFactsheet082323.pdf>

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/Pacoima/files/PRRP-Scoping-Meeting-Presentation-20231012.pdf>

ITEM 14: 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 New Years (Chávez)

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve up to \$250 to partner with LAUSD BD6 in December for a Winter Holiday Event to provide activities with supplies for 200 school Children (Chávez)

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC's board members participation with the Sun Valley Park in their Turkey giveaway in preparation for Thanksgiving (Outreach)

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a series of Hands-On Only CPR Workshops in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health starting in December (Venegas, Emergency Preparedness)

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve to hold a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training and Disaster Awareness during the beginning months of 2024 presented by the Los Angeles Fire Department with a budget of up to \$300 for light refreshments and/or an emergency preparedness tool for the graduates (Venegas, Emergency Preparedness)

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Community Clean-up along the bike path starting at Branford Blvd and ending at Lankershim Blvd on December 16, 2023 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm with a budget of up to \$200 to feed the volunteers (R García, executive board)

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve an amount not to exceed \$190 to purchase a projector screen, mounting tools, pointer and cables with adapters for connection of the projector system for board and committee presentations (Chávez)
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/screen-projector-equip-nov-2023.pdf>

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve amending the amount for the document reader previously approved with a budget of \$100 to \$102.93 as the device was no longer on sale when the purchase was made (Chávez)

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve \$119.00 (annual cost) to reimburse Barkley Communications for the purchase of the Wordfence plug-in for the SVANC website to set firewall rules, malware signatures, and update IP blocklists. Twice SVANC has had “Denial of Service – (DoS)” attacks bringing down the website and stopping all email. This plug-in is to deter future malicious attacks. (Chávez)
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC-Wordfence-Checkout-gryd.pdf>

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve adding an item for the report from the Budget Advocate for Region 1 in the monthly SVANC’s agenda and to have that item as one of the beginning items (Mares)

ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint a SVANC board member to the **LADWP-NC MOU Committee** for the remainder of 2023-2024. The representative will be attending a monthly meeting on the first Saturday of the month and will bring back information to SVANC.

Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. There will be no discussion on these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda. Any member of the Board may request that an item be removed.

ITEM 25: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 8, 2023 (Venegas)

https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2023/08/2023_08_08_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf

- B. A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 12, 2023 (Venegas)
https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2023/09/2023_09_12_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf
- C. A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 10, 2023 (Venegas)
https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2023/10/2023_10_10_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf
- D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2023 (S. García)
https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC_September_2023_MER.pdf
- E. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2023 (S. García)
https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/SVANC_October_2023_MER.pdf

ITEM 26: Report by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

- A. Standing Committees
 1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Monica Vacas
 2. Finance and Budget – Steven Garcia
 3. Beautification – Emilie A. Hill
 4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez
 5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas
- B. Ad Hoc Committees:
 1. Environmental – Mariam Moore
 2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas
 3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez
 4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez
- C. City-wide community liaisons:
 1. LANCC – Lionel Mares
 2. VANC – Monica Vacas, Douglas Sierra (alternate)
 3. NCEPA – Eddie Venegas, Rosalio Garcia
 4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez, Mariam Moore (alternate)
 5. NCBA – Lionel Mares, co-representative vacant
 6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Eddie Venegas (alternate)
 7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas, Emilie A. Hill (alternate)
 8. NCSA – Lionel Mares

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email
info@svanc.com

ITEM 27: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 28: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 29: Adjournment

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