



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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**JOINT Executive / Board Meeting
 MINUTES (FINAL)
 Tuesday, December 02, 2014
 6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Aggas, Gary	Board Member	PRESENT
Allen, Mark B.	1 st Vice President	PRESENT
Bartlett, Susan	Board Member	Absent
Bille, Elizabeth	2 nd Vice President	Absent (excused)
Boyd, Debbie	Board Member	PRESENT
Boyd, Mike	Board Member	Absent
Carvajal, Sergio	Board Member	Absent
Cuevas, Lysander	Board Member	Absent
Culley, Gene	Board Member	Absent
Housden, Linda	Board Member	Absent
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean	Treasurer	Absent
Khalaf, Sam	Board Member	PRESENT
Koenig, Mylo	Secretary	PRESENT
Mardirossian, Mark	Board Member	Absent
Monroy-Cantor, Julie	Board Member	PRESENT (in 6:36pm)
O'Gara, Barbara	Board Member	PRESENT
O'Gara, Mike	President	PRESENT
Perez, Carmen	Board Member	PRESENT
Salazar, Daniel	Board Member	Absent
Sower, Cindy	Board Member	PRESENT
Thum, Wendy	Board Member	Absent (excused)
Vacas, Monica	Board Member	Absent
TOTAL (22)		10 Present, 12 Absent

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

- Mr. Mike O'Gara officially called the meeting of Sun Valley Neighborhood Council to order at 06:30pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

ITEM 2: Roll Call

- Mr. Mylo Koenig, Secretary, took roll
- At 06:36pm, 10 board members were present. Quorum was met.
- All members present had Ethics & Funding training and are eligible to vote on funding items
- One member of the public was present

ITEM 3: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that do not appear on the agenda. Members of the public are limited to three (3) minutes. NOTE: Public comments shall not be subject to discussion

- No public comment

ITEM 4: Motion/Discussion/ Vote to hire a Spanish speaking translator for General Board Meeting December 9, 2014

- Mr. O'Gara stated the cost is \$215
- Ms. Sower said Mr. Cañas gave the average figure for translation at \$250-300 per meeting
- There was some confusion that the charge for the SVANC was actually over \$400, but it was explained that Languages4you provides both translation service and typing of the meeting minutes and the charges are combined on the invoice. The cost of translation for a typical meeting is \$215.
- Mr. O'Gara stated the reasons for providing this service are to promote public participation as recommended in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, and that Sun Valley's population is comprised of about 70% Hispanics. The SVANC has been providing this service since before Mr. O'Gara started in 2006.
- Ms. Sower stated that we should do more outreach to the Hispanic community in Sun Valley
- Mr. O'Gara stated that Mr. Cañas said that NCs can use volunteers for translation. This had never before been an option as the city previously required certified translators.
- Mr. O'Gara made the following motion: *To provide translation services for the SVANC for the monthly board of directors meeting. A qualified Spanish translator shall be provided for all monthly board of directors meetings, either a volunteer or a paid translator. Volunteers from the Board or stakeholders shall be encouraged to provide services, but if a volunteer has not come forward by the Executive Board meeting, normally one week in advance of the regular board meeting, then a paid translator shall be hired and provided.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Aggas.
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and a vote
- Members of the board participated in the discussion
- A member of the public, Gloria Arrieta, said that she has brought Spanish speaking residents to SVANC meetings in the past and the translation service was essential for them to be able to understand what was happening in the meeting
- Ms. Boyd made a motion for a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor, amending the motion in the following way: *To provide a Spanish translation for next week's Board of Director's meeting, and to place this item on next week's Board meeting agenda to allow wider participation.* Ms. Sower seconded the motion.
- Mr. O'Gara accepted the friendly amendment and asked for a vote of the board to accept the amendment

ITEM 4 (amendment acceptance): YES – 10 (CARRIED)	NO – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – N/A	Absent – 12
Aggas; Allen; Boyd-D; Khalaf; Koenig; Monroy; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Bille; Boyd-M; Carvajal; Cuevas; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mardrossian; Salazar; Thum; Vacas

- The motion to accept the amendment carried 10/0 with 12 members absent.
- Mr. O'Gara called for the vote on the amended motion.

ITEM 4 (as amended): YES – 10 (CARRIED)	NO – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – N/A	Absent – 12
Aggas; Allen; Boyd-D; Khalaf; Koenig; Monroy; O'Gara-B; O'Gara-M; Perez; Sower	NONE	NONE	NONE	Bartlett; Bille; Boyd-M; Carvajal; Cuevas; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar-Cruz; Mardrossian; Salazar; Thum; Vacas

- The amended motion carried 10/0 with 12 members absent.

ITEM 5: Report and Discussion from the Finance Committee Chair

- Mr. Inkelaar-Cruz has finals and was not available

ITEM 6: Report and Discussion from the Outreach Committee Chair

- Ms. Bille is on vacation

ITEM 7: Report and Discussion from the Beautification Committee Chair

- Ms. Thum was unable to attend due to rain flooding on her street

ITEM 8: Report and Discussion from the Planning Committee Chair

- Mr. O'Gara passed around a copy of the Planning letter regarding the Lehigh cell tower

ITEM 9: Discuss Scheduled Upcoming and Future Presenters to Board Meeting

- Ms. Sower recommended the SVANC invite new Foothill area commander Eskridge
- The January presentation will be the LADWP on recycled water
- There was discussion on the limits placed on police when dealing with homeless people's possessions on public property

ITEM 10: Review/Discuss and take possible action on any applications that may have been submitted for the open board seats.

- Mr. O'Gara stated that three youth representative applications have been received

ITEM 11: Set the Agenda for the Board Meeting on December 9, 2014

- Possible inclusions to the agenda are: Translation, street vendor licensing, Chief Eskridge visit, and a list of concerns to compile for Councilmembers Krekorian and Martinez, money to repair translation equipment, a popup canopy, and various expense reimbursements for business cards/ID tags, internet, and meeting refreshments.

ITEM 12: PUBLIC/BOARD MEMBER COMMENT on matters within the Executive Board's subject matter jurisdiction that do not appear on the agenda

- No public comment

ITEM 13: Adjournment

- A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Monroy-Cantor, seconded by Mr. Allen; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.