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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

MAY 8, 2007

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center

10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352

The General Meeting of the Sun Valley AREA Neighborhood Council was called to order on May 8, 2007 at 6:40 PM. A roll-call of the Board Members was taken and there were 15 members present which was a quorum and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Members Present: Manuel De La Torre, Jose Morales, Nicholas J. Perdaris, Doug Cocoran, Julie Manroy, Patricia Flenner, Raul Gonzalez, Jon Eshbach, Ronald G. Sipus, Nancy Vasquez, Carmen Perez, Michael O’Gara, Virginia Beck, Lee Mc Taggart & Frank Felix.

MOTION - Mike O’Gara – Second - Doug Corcoran

Minutes approved with two items that will need further clarification from Mary who was not present at this meeting.

MOTION/PASSED

PUBLIC/SPEAKERS:

Angela Motta in place of Juaquin/Wendy Gruel’s Office

Community picnic – announced all members invited
Abbey leaving Wendy Gruel’s office

Alvin Kelly/Tony Cardena’s office

San Fernando Rd. & Tuxford a Grand Opening set for May 31st @ 10:00am.

Open House @ the Sanitation Dept/Saturday 9 – 3:00pm
@ East Valley Yard – 11050 Pendleton St. – Sun Valley, CA

Nathan Mays/Department of Public Works/City Hall

6,000 employees/Contract Administration/Street Services & City Lighting.

Interaction of city needs/Preparing infrastructures & 1,950 streets have been fixed/and are still getting fixed.

Gemma Jimenez

6/16/07 Diabetes EXPO in Long Beach

Focusing on prevention and learning about diabetes. Focusing on weight control and healthy eating habits. How to combat obesity therefore preventing diabetes and working with those already diabetic. Educating and making the public aware of all the alternatives and the huge problems Americans face with this disease.

Layla Campos/Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Rep.

Thanked Board members that have attended past meetings. Announced following meeting in June for Board Orientation. Looking for more board members to participate.

Karl Kunack

Arminta Elementary needs additional security system.

Issues with parking enforcement-abandoned Mercedes-double parked with lights on-reported a number of times and action not taken. Karl actually had to call the Police Dept. and they finally towed the car away. Need better response/action to community involvement when reporting for assistance. Car parked at 11627 Cantara St.

Howard Greenberg/Site Coordinator/Interface Council a Non-Profit Organization

Offers Senior Lunch Programs with 11 centers in the Van Nuys to Pacoima & Sun Valley areas/Service given until 11:30 am. Nearest location to council is the Sunland Senior Center on Fenwick in Sunland. Goal is that nobody goes hungry – a \$2.00 donation is asked for depending on possibility and ID is given to person for life long membership. Connected to Generation Bound in Burbank. Homebound meals are also delivered for a \$2.50 donation. They have buses available, exercise classes, popcorn, birthday & holiday celebrations music; give aways of bread and food items, flowers given on special occasions. Serve over 11,000 seniors per day trying to increase numbers. Funded by Department of Aging. Council member Jon proposed they look at the Sunland & Crocket site currently vacant Mike to Fax information.

Peter Elias/Land Planning & Zoning Co. /Care Ministries

9000 Sunland Blvd. Management Co. /Non-Profit

Planning a development in the area between Sunland, Penrose & La Tuna Canyon. Process in phases. Educational area should be completed in 2 years. With money and permits being the driving force to finishing the projected time is a total of 15 years/approximation.

Presentation to all members and community of the plans for the project and the development still in process at this time.

COMMENTS:

Mike O’Gara – Noted that there are 25 Board members on the council and many of them are not involved in committees/or assisting in the actual work needed by the council. Noted that for example Community Affairs needs to start holding meetings and that each committee needs to write their own minutes and submit the same to the council for records.

Lee McTaggart

Artwork still in the agenda for Sun Valley

Update on (VST) – They are still going strong and thanked the board for monies received for equipment necessary to continue. An arrest was made in Sun Valley and suspect in prison for a drug bust that was successfully handled. A total of 52 arrests since last meeting.

Jon Eshbach/President

Read Thank You letter from (VST) for their generous donation

Itemized invoice of purchases received.
Soon to have web site (www.vst.org).
Still working on vehicles with different car companies.

Reports - 4/30/07 Executive Meeting held present were Jon Eshbach/Mary Benson/Cynthia Rodriguez & Mike O’Gara

Item D on minutes is the communication between board members via emails so that a discussion can take place regarding agenda items. (Only to provide general agenda items specifics only discussed at Board meetings.)

Recording device still not located to continue.
Contact Sheet passed around for revision and updated information.

Item E – Committees need to be formed, members need to get involved with a committee and hold regular meetings. These meetings need to take minutes to bring back to council for record keeping.

Mayors Big Sunday turned into all week-end. Poly cleaned up, on Tuxford trees cleaned and watered and streets were swept.

Treasurer Report/Treasurer not Present

Agenda to be obtainable through email for updates.
Budget 7/07 – 7/08 sheets available.
1/07 – 3/07 \$50,000 carried over added to \$87,000 total budget \$137,000.

Sheldon/Arleta Park opened. Service proposal from CARE Ministries proposal discussed.

Outreach – Mike O’Gara

Flyers were made for waste management along with mailers

OLD BUSINESS/NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION – Mike O’Gara – SECOND – Nick Perdaris

Item 1 – Statement was made in favor of committee/Council to be able to appeal business developments like all other entities.

MOTION/PASSED

Item #2 – SVANC send a written request to City Controller Laura Chick asking for a performance audit on the non-profit known as Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Assoc. (CORBA) re: the use of the \$50K in Prop. K funds. Tabled until June Meeting

TABLED

MOTION – Mike O’Gara – SECOND – Lee McTaggart

Item #3 – Mike O’Gara/Fernangeles is in need of taping equipment to update their materials into DVD’s. They need machines that can be used for transferring old tapes to DVD’s. Example school was used/Armintha spent about \$2,000 on such a set of machines, about 5 machines which were then purchased @ Fry’s.

MOTION/PASSED

Maria Suey/Outreach Consultant from Fernangeles – Present/thanked the council for generous donation.

MOTION – Nick Perdares – SECOND – Doug Cocoran

Jon Esbach-Adendum/Renting of Office Space @ 9000 Sunland Blvd. at a cost of \$1,000/monthly. City to pay 12 months up front for lease.

MOTION/PASSED

Adjournment at 8:29

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.
- D.** The recommendation shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board of Directors meeting for discussion and action. The person or persons filing the grievance shall be notified in writing of the date and time of this Board of Directors meeting.

- E.** In the event that the grievance cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the person or persons filing the grievance, the complainant(s) may appeal the Board of Directors decision to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in the manner established by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.