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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING **MINUTES**

OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2007 at 6:34 PM. A roll-call of the Board Members was taken and there were 11 members present which was a quorum and the business of the Council could be conducted.

Members Present: Jose Morales, Susan A. Bartlett, Doug Corcoran, Tina Cameron, Stephen Franklin, Jon Eshbach, Dr. Ron Sipus, Carmen Perez, Silvia Gracia, Mike O’Gara, Mary Benson & Lee Mc Taggart.

Motion made to hold September minutes until November meeting.

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Tina Cameron

MOTION/PASSED

Elections/Budget Day

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lindsay Ramirez/Employee Waste Management Crown & Consolidate Sun Valley -

Labor dispute with management i.e.: contract disagreements. The proposal is to lower their benefits/insurance and the increase of wages of 3.75 within 5 years. Employees do not want to resort to strike but they see no alternative if management does not change their position which can create a big impact for all the customers.

Bea Nicholas/H&R Block –

Laurel Canyon Plaza Mall/Seasonal location from 1/2 – 4/17. There is a main district office that is open and available year round. She offered her services to the Board and hopes that all will join their Open House, which she will bring flyers to the next meeting.

Victoria Burch/Community Member

Came to invite all to the 2nd annual Casino Night to be held 10/19 @ Hanson Dam \$30,00 fee and Halloween Contest on 10/20/07 from 11:00 – 3:00 pm.

Efren Valdovinos 39 District Assembly Member Representative for the office of Mr. Fuentes

There is a Franchise Tax Board Rebate Program for Homeowners that qualify they would be getting a rebate all dependent on income for 2006.

10/27 there is a Fair at Branford Park.

10/15 Seniors/disabled/seeing impaired that are eligible can get monetary assistance for living expenses.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A discussion was started regarding crown strike but was halted as it was found that it would be better addressed as part of the formal agenda for the meeting in November.

Grievance situation on hold.

PRESIDENT REPORT

City Council has approved leased office space effective 10/1/07.

Grievance question/Steven has chosen not to be on Grievance Committee. In order to assist the process only Jon Eshbach has offered his leadership/guidance only so that this committee can get started and offer resources for investigation as needed. Council agreed that it would help.

Mike O’Gara will try to get meeting going with Ad hawk Committee to get that started.

Mary Benson/Land Use Report

At this time no meetings have been held, no report.

The Bradley Report is only one still not worked on – need to form a committee still in the process. Sun Valley Fair/Travel Pro developed land fill in Irwindale, beautiful work and they have adequate experience for improvement of Sun Valley & method of getting rid of graffiti buildings.

Mike O’Gara – Hopes to have meeting soon function at Fernangeles – Wednesday night 10/31.

Mary Benson

None/No meetings expressed a need for an extended cab truck last truck was totaled in a car accident.

Dr. Sipus/Presentation for Village Christian School

60th anniversary – plans are in the works for an expansion in the hopes of possibly breaking ground for the anniversary.

Expansion plans are to assist with Traffic issues for the area around the school (Penrose – Wildwood – La Tuna Canyon – Village Ave.) Stage in the very early phase no formal plans (architecture plans) yet in place. The plan is to improve on already old buildings, help with traffic congestion, help with noise factors, modernize buildings in need for repair and expand on possibilities for extra curricular facilities including a “Black Box”, Food Service/Cafeteria, Tech Center etc. request was made that council be a supportive factor to the project. Jon pointed out that this would be better discussed with the Land Use

Committee. Opposition was voiced by a member of another council and it was agreed that the Sun Valley Council would honor first their decision as it would be their jurisdiction.

OLD BUSINESS

The approval of a \$500.00 dollar per park donation for prizes for the children for 2 parks. Short discussion as question was raised by Dr. Sipus if it has increased as a benefit to publicize council to the community as it is intended as a way to reach the community. It has per Mike O’Gara.

Motion - Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Silvia Gracia

MOTION/PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1A – To add on Agenda in November meeting – Suggestions/discussion - People should know one another more (Mary Benson). Ideas are that there is a mini bio of each board member which should include committees involved in etc. Tina Cameron volunteered to type them on a formal format. Another item mentioned was to have name plates for each board member in wood maybe on sliding metal placers so that they are all durable and so that again everyone will be aware of who is who on the board.

In question was if the submitted Code of Civility was accepted as the requested Code of Conduct by D.O.N.E.

Item #2

Standing Rule

That comments from audience be counted by the President as a straw count of audience at Board Meetings (Optional determined by President).

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded - Silvia Gracia

MOTION/PASSED

To add as a rule that agenda be submitted via email no later then Tuesday noon from the meeting and Friday no later then 5:00 pm translated in Spanish.

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Silvia Gracia

MOTION/FAILED

(3 in favor 6 against)

Motion - Minutes also be turned in as in the by laws state English/Spanish versions no later then two weeks after the meeting.

(Also discussed option that D.O.N.E. may provide that translation through Alarcon’s’ Office. Silvia Gracia volunteered to translate minutes.)

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Mary Benson

MOTION/PASSED

Item #3

Graffiti Busters/letter – letter to be sent with corrections (cc: Alarcon)

Motion – Mary Benson – Seconded – Tina Cameron
MOTION/PASSED

Item #4
Rate hike for the DWP/Not to support hike increase

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Dr. Sipus
MOTION/PASSED

Item #5
Need representation from council to the LADWB/M.O.U. Committee highly recommended that someone participate. Silvia Gracia Volunteered. Motion was to have Ms. Gracia be the official representative from the council to this committee.

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Dr. Sipus
MOTION/PASSED

Time 8:40 pm.
Motion to proceed was made to extend meeting for 10 more minutes.

Motion – Jon Eshbach – Seconded – Mary Benson
MOTION/PASSED

Item #6
Las Lomas project

Motion – Mary Benson – Seconded – Mike O’Gara
MOTION/PASSED (6 FOR 3 OPPOSED)

Item #7
Support of Foothill Trails on Angeles National Golf - (letter to be sent)

Motion – Doug Corcoran – Seconded – Dr. Sipus
MOTION/PASSED

Item #8
Financial support of council to Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Mary Benson
MOTION/FAILS

Item #9
To participate and provide balloons and helium tanks.

Motion – Doug Corcoran – Seconded – Dr. Sipus
MOTION/PASSED

Item #10
Set up of Election Committee – to explore future election date options.

Motion – Mike O’Gara – Seconded – Doug Corcoran
MOTION/PASSED

Adjournment at 9:00 PM

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.