

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
on
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

Board Member	Title	Status
Mike O’Gara	President	Present
Mary Benson	1st Vice President	Present
Elidia Vasquez	2nd Vice President	Absent
Karina Garcia Valles	Secretary	Absent
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Absent
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Jon Esbach	Board Member	Present
Stephen Franklin	Board Member	Present
Jerry Piro	Board Member	Present
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Lee McTaggart	Board Member	Present
Dionisio Alcala, Jr.	Board Member	Absence excused
Tina Cameron	Board Member	Absent
Rafael Cardenas	Board Member	Absent
Manuel “Manny” de la Torres	Board Member	Absent
Raul Gonzalez	Board Member	Absent
Danielle Harmon	Board Member	Absent
Luis O. Medina	Board Member	Absent
Arthur Sweet	Board Member	Absence excused
Nancy Vasquez	Board Member	Absent
Vinita McClennon	Board Member	Absent
Frank Felix	Board Member	Absent

Others in Attendance	Organization
Captain Ivan Minsal	LAPD’s Foothill Division
Eric Menjivar	Councilwoman Gruel’s Office
Gary Gray	High School Principal
Sandra Rodrigo	Community Outreach Organizer, LAUSD
Harry Timuryan	Sun Valley Resident
Martin Gisler	Sun Valley Resident
Grayce Liu	DONE

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, SVANC Pledge

- President Mike O’Gara called the meeting to order at about 6:37pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call and recited the SVANC pledge.

2. Opening Remarks

- Mike asked for volunteers from the Board to set up and pick up the room before and after the SVANC general meetings.
- Mike asked for ideas to thank/show gratitude to the landlord for allowing the NC meetings to be held in their premises for the last three years.
- Mike mentioned that after a brief, general conversation with Doug from WM, he asked Doug if he could include in the contract that the interested residents living in the 91352 will have priority over all the unskilled labor jobs during the construction phase of the Transfer Station (MRF: Materials Recycling Facility). It is projected that a large number of jobs will be available for a period of approximately 15 months.

3. Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Depts.: Captain Ivan Minsal, LAPD's Foothill Division-Update on the License Plate Reader Cameras for the Patrol Cars.

- Capitan Minsal reported that the officers like the cameras and added that they are serving a very beneficial purpose. However on some cameras the hard drive crashed and therefore need to be repaired, but they are out of warranty. Approximately \$20,000 was spent per camera per car, note that the lifespan of the patrol car currently with the camera is two years.
- The Capitan asked the neighborhood council if it was willing to help purchase a service warranty for the cameras. The service warranty has three versions:
 - Basic Version: 1 year at \$2,000; 2 years at \$3,500; 3 years at \$5,000
 - Under this service warranty, the camera is shipped to Canada
 - Standard Version: 2 years for \$6,400
 - Premium Version: 2 years for \$8,900; 3 years for \$12,000;
 - Under the service warranty, a technician is flown from Canada and repairs the camera at the Foothill Division.
- The Capitan recommended purchasing the two-year service warranty.
- Mary asked the Capitan for a Purchase Order to purchase the service warranty, if approved by the Board, the amount approved will be given to the Capitan so that it can be included on the PO. The PO should be made out to the Sun Valley Area NC (where the LAPD is the deliverable address), in order for the City Controller to make out the check.
- It was also asked that Foothill Division write a Community Benefits Statement addressed to the SVANC requesting this purchase.
- Jon E. made a motion and was seconded by Susan B. to approve the approximate \$6,400 for the Standard version, 2-year service warranty. The item was put up for a vote and was approved unanimously.
- The Capitan announced a fund raiser "Tip-A-Cop" event for the Foothill Division's Jeopardy "Balance the Odds" foundation, which will be held on November 18th between 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, at the Acapulco Restaurant.

4. Presentation/announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- Eric Menjivar, CD 2, reported that their 5th Annual Child Public Safety Fair was a success and thanked Sue for inviting the Sun Valley Graffiti busters and for her participation in the event. Approximately 2,000 children attended, and about 400 helmets for kids were distributed.
- CD 2 is hosting a Senior Action fair on Friday, November 7, 2009 at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park, inside the Gym, from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.
- Eric informed the NC that nine new 2-Star cameras will be installed in a couple of weeks.

5. **DONE's Comments**

- Grayce Liu, DONE, thanked the NC members who attended to the Neighborhood Congress event.
- A budget survey is available on line and encouraged all the members to fill one out, and also asked to again register the email addresses for email blasts because the system has been fixed and people will not be inundated with emails.
- Grayce is being transferred to the Central East Area. She is advocating that a new project coordinator take over the NC in this region. However she is still available to work with the NC on its bylaws.

6. **Public Comments:**

- Gary Gray, Principal of the New High School mentioned that the school construction project is in progress and it's still planned to open in September 2009.
- Mr. Gray asked for suggestions on names for the new high school. Some of the members suggested the name of Sun Valley HS. The forms for the name suggestions are available for the public's input.
- Mike asked the Board members to give any name suggestions to him so that they can be included in the NC's November meeting.
- Sandra Rodrigo, LAUSD, will have an outreach meeting in November to get suggestions on the names, and ultimately it will voted by the Board of Education.
- Sandra extended an invitation to the NC Board to attend the Ribbon-Cutting ceremony of the Richard E. Byrd Middle School on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Parking will be available.
- Harry Timuryan, resident, asked for the NC to contact the mayor's office and request trees to be planted on all three medians on Hollywood Way to Roscoe, also between Glen Crest and Glenoaks. He was asked to write down these locations and turn it in to the NC Board.
- Harry also asked the NC to request that the construction project on the hills should have the adequate traffic study done before construction begins. A NC Board member asked Mr. Timuryan to attend the NC's Planning committee when the project comes up in order to discuss it further. Also, Harry mentioned concern about the high speed traffic up Lanark and Hollywood Way.

- The NC sent a letter to Antonio Sanchez, Mayor's office, requesting them to stop planting trees in the area unless they are willing to water them or find a way to maintain them.
 - The NC Board will invite Hollywood Beautification Team (its representative is Sharyn Romano), the group that operates the Mayor's million trees program, Olga from CD6 and a representative from the Mayor to attend a NC meeting to discuss the tree situation.
7. **Presentation from Bill Robertson (LADOT)** - Did not attend
8. **Board Member Comment**
- A Board member requested asking LADOT representatives or the appropriate City Department to consider installing left-turn signals at Glenoaks and Osborne Street
 - Mr. Franklin commented that his leadership students are very happy at the idea of having a high school called Sun Valley.
 - Susan brought flyers from the Coalition on Gangs which is having an event on November 22 for youth between the ages of 4 – 14; the event's guests will include Lakers professional players, David Beckham and others.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
- Ms. Bartlett attended a meeting sponsored by CD6 to discuss the Q-Star Cameras. CD6 is willing to buy a camera if the NC also buys one.
 - The Eye-On-Site group has an auto/people tracking device, the price for this is \$5,495, but the NC can get a discount; the Q-Star camera is approximately \$5,500. Representatives from these groups are willing to come to the NC to make a presentation.
 - It was informed that two NC banners are permanently hung in the Fernangeles Gymnasium and one banner is permanently hung in Sun Valley park.
 - It was suggested to organize a party for the residents of the Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center for X-mas.
10. **New Business:** Mr. Angel Silva gave a brief presentation to the Board on the reasons why he wants to be considered for the Youth category seat in the SVANC. A motion was made, seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
11. After the motion was made, a discussion took place about the \$450 for the Sun Valley and the Fernangeles Parks Halloween celebrations. It was put up for a vote and was approved unanimously.
12. Discussion/motion/vote to approve a letter to send to the City Zoning Administration from the SVANC with a response to the Bradley Landfill Recycling Center's final EIR. Mary, Mike O. and Mike Kodama have been working on the project since 2006 and have met on numerous occasions with WM, the proposed letter was sent by email and to the Board member's home address. It is a letter recommended by the

Environmental Justice Committee. It was moved and seconded and after a vote it was approved unanimously.

- Doug C., WM, spoke briefly before the vote, about the enclosure of the Green Waste processing area since the location is on top of the landfill, it is doubtful that a permit will be granted to build on top of that particular area, based on the current codes.
 - Under the 2005 agreement with the City, instead of enclosing that facility, WM was required to add a lot of other physical features, including surrounding the facility with a 23' high fence, with multiple layers of odor-neutralizing misters around the facility, on the fences, and on the perimeter of the site, to install certain operational features and moving the green waste out every day, also misters are set up over the equipment conveyors. These features have resulted in the number of complaints being reduced to 1.
 - WM is getting a zone variance for that operation because it will not be enclosed.
13. \$8000 for MK Planning Consultant (Mike Kodama) fees to work with the Environmental Justice Zone Committee was put up for a vote after a motion and a discussion about the item. It was approved unanimously by the Board.
- Mike Kodama gave a brief presentation to the Board before the vote, on the work he's been doing for the NC. This includes, a lot of issues and research related to the Bradley landfill, research regarding the truck traffic pattern, coordination with Caltrans regarding the Penrose ramps for 2009, and working with the Council office on some of the issues coming up related to the Bradley landfill, talking with the Port of L.A. regarding their clean truck program, etc.
14. After a discussion and motion, the item to fund the License Plate Reader Camera for the Foothill Division for the patrol cars was approved unanimously.
15. After a discussion and motion, the item to approve up to \$300 to send Mike O'Gara to a three day seminar at South Coast Air Quality in Diamond Bar regarding the Ultra fine Diesel particles and retrofitting of the Diesel engines. It was voted in favor unanimously.
16. There was a discussion and motion to approve the letters to the Planning Department with comments from the Planning Committee on proposed planning issues in Sun Valley. One paragraph was changed in the blue letter to read, the new paragraph was read to the Board members. It was also clarified that the letter about the 7-11 is not a position letter from the NC, it's just an update. It was voted in favor unanimously.
17. Review, correct and approve minutes from the September 2nd and the September 9th meetings. A few corrections were made to the September 9th minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected, the vote was unanimous.
- Mike O'Gara mentioned that four people are missing from the Board, therefore Mike will send a letter to the four alternates to take their position on the Board. The four alternates are Nick Pedaris, Dalton Powell, Danny Palamino and Jovan Herron.

Updated and approved by the Board on Nov 11, 2008

18. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:12 pm.