

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
on
Tuesday, December 9, 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	Present
Karina Garcia Valles	Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Absence excused
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Jon Eshbach	Board Member	Present
Stephen Franklin	Board Member	Absence excused
Jerry Piro	Board Member	Present
Danielle Harmon	Board Member	Absent
Luis O. Medina	Board Member	Present
Manuel “Manny” de la Torres	Board Member	Present
Angel Silva	Board Member	Present
Lee McTaggart	Board Member	Present
Rafael Cardenas	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Dionisio Alcala, Jr.	Board Member	Absence excused
Tina Cameron	Board Member	Absent
Raul Gonzalez	Board Member	Absent
Arthur Sweet	Board Member	Absence excused
Nancy Vasquez	Board Member	Absent
Vinita McClennon	Board Member	Absence excused
Frank Felix	Board Member	Present

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

- President Mike O’Gara called the meeting to order at about 6:35pm
- Jon led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Mike O. took roll call

2. Opening Remarks – Mike O’Gara

- Mike O. talked to Capitan Minsal, Foothill Division, who had no updates about the insurance for the camera car. It was mentioned that none of the Board members present have seen the camera car.
- Mervyns store will soon close, and Mike has not heard anything from Ms. Macaria Flores, CD6’s Legislative Deputy, to discuss the status of getting another tenant at that location.

Minutes corrected and approved by the Board at the February 10, 2009 Board meeting.

- The office rent was \$12,000 last year, but this year the office rent will be reduced to \$10,800 for the upcoming year because of the problems with the bathroom.
- A ballot will be distributed during this meeting to name the high school.
- Mike announced that SVANC received its 5-year Certification Certificate from DONE and thanked all the previous Board members for their diligence during the Certification process. SVANC was first certified on May 7, 2002.
- Mike announced a meeting on Thursday, December 11 at 12:00 noon at People in Progress, 8140 Sunland Blvd., \$5 donation for lunch. The meeting is in regards to an ordinance to allow people to sleep in their cars during this hard economic time. The ordinance was put forth by Councilman Rosendahl.

3. **Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments** - Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD's North Hollywood Division and Michelle, LAPD

- Crime statistics for the Sun Valley area handled by Officer Vasquez, which is by the 5 Fwy, in general is relatively good, and advised the attendees to be alert during the holiday season, by locking windows and doors to prevent burglaries; by not leaving anything visible in the car when shopping; by never leaving your purse unattended and when placing it in the car, lock your door and then unload your purchases and place them in the trunk of your car.
- Officer Vasquez invited anyone who has questions to call or email her.
- Mike O. attended a neighborhood watch meeting for a group of primarily Taiwanese residents of a building on Jerome and Laurel Canyon who were greatly concerned of someone who is going around the neighborhood shooting at car windows with a BB gun. After that meeting, Mike noticed that the back window of his truck had also been shot up by a BB gun.
- A Shadow Hills resident contacted Mike O. and asked him to inform Michelle that they've had a lot of windows shot up since November 15, 2008
- A 4-door Sedan blue Subaru 1993 with four males in the vehicle has been spotted around the areas where these incidents occur.

4. **Presentation/Announcements from Elected Officials or their Representatives**

- Joaquin mentioned that the Voit Art Project is one that has been going on for about five years. The funds' source for this type of project is from Developers who built in the City and put money into an Art Fund, which is then administered by the Cultural Affairs Dept.
- A group of members from the SVANC, the Chamber of Commerce and stakeholders voted on using some of the funds for an 80 x 30' Sculpture that is going to be placed on Glenoaks. The Plans have been approved by all City Departments, and after the final check off by Wastewater, the District Engineer will sign-off on it. After all this is done, the artist can begin to pull his permits in January.
- The artist estimates that the construction of the Art project will last approximately five weeks, with a completion date of February or March.
- Joaquin stated that during the Mayor's Day of Service native plants were planted on Roscoe and Glenoaks with the help of Sun Valley Graffiti Busters, Volunteers and Clean Green. The plants were donated by the Theodore Payne Society.

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- Joaquin mentioned that they've been receiving complaints about that stretch of island, from Burbank to Sunland, because the irrigation system has not been working. The goal is to clean the entire stretch.
- Urban Forestry will be fixing the irrigation system in the next couple of months. In the meantime, Sun Valley Graffiti Busters has been watering it.
- Joaquin announced a Toy-Give-Away that is being co-sponsored with All Saints Church, on Glenoaks the 20th of December from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- Joaquin also mentioned that they just started working with CD6, LAPD and DOT about an overnight parking district on Glenoaks, between Penrose up to Nettleton to address the campers and trucks that park overnight. A Board member asked if Sunland Blvd. can be included up to Tuna Canyon. Joaquin asked members of the Board to send him an email with the areas they want covered in order for him to forward the info to CD6 and to Michelle.

5. Comments from DONE Representative – Grayce Liu and Barry Stone

- Grayce Liu thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to work with the NC and introduced the new Project Coordinator, Barry Stone.
- Barry asked the Board members and stakeholders to fill out a budget survey

6. Public Comments

- Chip Clements', spokesperson/consultant for Community Recycling AKA Crown Disposal, presentation on the proposed construction of a 107,000 Sq Ft Building and on their request for a zone change and a conditional use permit. A Draft EIR will be release as soon as the LADOT reviews it hopefully within the month.
- The Community Recycling Facility is one of the major contractors with the City of L.A. as far as waste transfer and recycling (construction and demolition, green waste, food waste, etc.) activities.
- Community is consolidating all the activities on site into one permit because some activities that formerly did not need permits now require them due to changes in the law. It will also build improvements like one large building and two partial buildings to enclose the operations and to provide more environmental controls, which will be detailed in the Draft EIR (Mike requested two hard copies and three electronic copies of it).
- Community will coordinate with the NC to have public workshops about the project.
- Jon asked if Community is planning on convening a Community Action Committee to discuss items of concern, to which Mr. Clements answered yes.

7. Public Comments

- Raymond announced that on Sunday, December 14 is the San Fernando Holiday Parade in San Fernando; the City of L.A. will be hosting the 21st Annual MLK Jr. Parade on Monday, January 19 from 11:00 – 2:00 PM on MLK Jr. Blvd. to Crenshaw Blvd.; Monday, January 26 is the official Chinese Lunar New Year.
- Doug Corcoran, WM, Chairman of Sun Valley Beautiful and previous NC Board member, commended the NC Board for keeping the issues of the projects from companies like Community and WM front and center, for continuing to communicate, cooperate, improve the projects, help the community and work together for a positive, beneficial outcome for the community.

- Phil suggested installing cameras as a mitigation measure to monitor and stop illegal dumping.

8. Board Member Comments and Committee Reports

- A Board member mentioned that along Glenoaks where it curves and becomes Tujunga, there is a lot of illegal dumping taking place. WM cleans that area up with their equipment. Also old San Fernando Road between Penrose and Tuxford, under the bridge.
 - President: none
 - Treasurer: none
 - Land Use: none
 - Outreach: none
 - Bradley Landfill Ad-Hoc: none
 - Ad-hoc office: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Item 9: Business Cards-Mike O. showed a prototype of a business card created on a computer. It has the City's seal and the NC's logo and the back has the NC's meeting schedule. *The name of the person in charged of making the business cards was not clear on the recording.*

Item 10: Shirts for Board members to wear to outreach events – *Boardmember Franklin had a previous engagement and was not able to attend this meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

Item 10: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve alternates Nicholas Daulton-Paule and Jovan Herron to the NC Board under the business/property owner category. Mr. Daulton-Paul and Mr. Silva read the NC Pledge. *It was approved unanimously*

Item 11: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve up to \$499 to purchase toys for Christmas from KB Toys in Sun Valley. *It was approved unanimously*

Item 12: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve a letter from the SVANC to send to the City Zoning Administrator, Wayne Tsuda, LEA at City of L.A., and Councilwoman Greuel in response the Athens Services Draft EIR and requesting an additional extension to the comment public period, and during this additional extension, Athens organize and advertise the meeting for a wider public participation.

-Fernando Chavez, Cerrell and Associates handles Athens' PR and PA, mentioned that a request has been made to have a community meeting on the project prior to the actual close date of the public comment period which has been extended through December 24 (originally it was for November 24). An invitation was extended to the NC to take a tour of Athens' facility located in the City of Industry which is very similar to what is being proposed in the Sun Valley lot.

-A Sun Valley resident asked to meet with Mr. Eric Herbert as soon as possible to discuss the project.

-It was asked if Athens has a list of the customers it serves

-It was asked what environmental impacts the plant is having in the City of Industry, besides the lawsuit against Athens, some of the additional issues addressed in the Draft EIR/EIS include water quality, air quality, traffic and noise, as part of the process.

-A Board member stated that comments have been made from community members

about the lack of outreach by Athens, which is the company's responsibility and not the NC's.

-Abby Diamond, co-founder and secretary of the Sunland Tujunga Alliance, mentioned that the Draft EIR analyses traffic as if it will all come out of the I-5, but since garbage will be collected from Cities to the East and South, then traffic will also come from the I-210 at Sunland Blvd, this will create a traffic pattern and asked for more research on the impacts of the diesel pollution, the noise and the traffic congestions. It was asked to have a Supplement to the study of the Draft EIR.

-Billy Hayes, VP of (unclear) NC, stated that he is very surprised by the lack of outreach from Athens, and asked for all the NCs to unite and support each other.

-Bill Eick, Land Use Chairman for the Shadow Hills property owners association, mentioned that they will extensively respond to the Draft EIR, which only discusses the 4.9 acres where the facility will be built, but does not discuss the area immediately adjacent to it where all their trucks are stored, thus making this project twice the size than what is being described.

-A stakeholder stated that today's NightlyNews program (Ch. 7 at 5:30-5:45 pm) documented that the State is thinking on disbanding the Board that oversees the waste companies because of the cost of the each Board member's salaries which is about \$135,000/year. If this occurs what oversight options will the State provide regarding these companies who are pursuing these EIRs.

-Mike O. stated that if this motion passes, then he will write a letter to Wayne Tsuda, Councilwoman Greuel and Athens Services and ask for another 30-day extension. At the November 12 meeting, NC members asked for a 30 extension and it was granted. The goal was that during those 30-days Athens would have held a public forum. He asked Mr. Chavez to talk to Mr. Herbert informing him that the NC is requesting another 30 study period, and during this time all people within three miles of that area must be contacted.

-Nancy Woodruff, Land Use Chair of the Foothills Trails District NC, said that an invitation was extended to Mr. Herbert to attend their meeting, but he did not show up nor did he send a representative.

-A vote was taken on the motion to ask Athens, Mr. Tsuda and Councilwoman about the request for an additional 30 day extension. *It was approved unanimously*

-A vote was taken on the motion to ask the NC Board to allow the Environmental Justice Zone to write the comment letter before the deadline of December 24 if the additional extension is not granted. *It was approved unanimously*

Item 13: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve a care package from members of the Board of the NC to Danny Alcala who is serving in Iraq. The price for the care packages range from \$35 - \$60 plus \$20 for S&H, however since gifts can not be purchased with public funds, Mike will give the \$80 and asked of anyone else who was willing to add to the \$80 to contact him.

Item 14: Discussion/Motion/Vote to spend up to \$150 for outreach at the December meeting of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council mixer. *It was approved unanimously*

Item 15: Discussion/Motion/Vote to write a Community Impact Statement to the City Council in opposition to the Solar Panels on Good Jobs which will be Proposition "B" on the March Ballot. *It was approved unanimously*

Item 16: Discussion/Motion/Vote for a name for the new high school which is scheduled to open in September 2009 and is located at Telfair & Sheldon. Ballots were distributed at the meeting, no secret ballots were allowed. The name choices are: Howard Finn H.S., Julie Kornstein H.S., Sun Valley H.S., and Jerry Horowitz H.S.

- The SVANC is on record as voting for the Sun Valley H.S. for the new H.S.'s name.
- Mr. Gray announced that an outreach meeting will be held on January 14 at Poly H.S.

Item 17: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve a sponsorship of \$2000 per year each for Fernangeles Rec Center and Sun Valley Rec Center's events which include: Easter, Halloween, Holiday (Christmas) show and Baseball Opening Day.

- Motion was made by Jon Eshbach seconded by Susan Bartlett to approve \$2000 for each Park for a total of \$4000. The Treasurer shall reflect this in the next revised budget

Item 18: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve the letters to the Planning Dept with comments from the Planning Committee on the proposed planning issues in Sun Valley.

- No letters were presented for approval

Item 19: Review, correct and approve the minutes of the NC's November 11th meeting.

- Motion to approve was made by Jon Eshbach and Seconded by Mary Benson minutes were approved with corrections

Item 20: Public Comment

- Lily Lee of Sun Valley beautiful spoke about their work with twelve families in need to make sure they had a Merry Christmas and told us how to contribute.

Item 21: Meeting adjournment