

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 09, 2009
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	Absence excused
Karina Garcia Valles	Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Present
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Jon Eshbach	Board Member	Present
Stephen Franklin	Board Member	Absence excused
Jerry Piro	Board Member	Present
Luis O. Medina	Board Member	Absence excused
Manuel “Manny” de la Torre	Board Member	Absent
Angel Silva	Board Member	Absent
Lee McTaggart	Board Member	Present
Rafael Cárdenas	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Dionisio Alcala, Jr.	Board Member	Absence excused
Arthur “Art” Sweet	Board Member	Absence excused
Nicholas Dalton Powell	Board Member	Present
Nick Perdaris	Board Member	Absent
Samuel Palomino	Board Member	Present
Frank Felix	Board Member	Absent

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

- President Mike O’Gara took roll and with quorum met called the meeting to order at about 6:33 pm.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Opening Remarks – Mike O’Gara

- The Valley Congress was held on Saturday, June 6. Two of the seminars with the highest attendance were “Get Connected” and “Planning Seminar,” which was organized by Mary Benson, who was recognized at the Congress for her work on planning issues.
- SVANC paid \$391 to help fund the Valley Congress but not all the money was used. DONE wants to take the balance left and use it for their Congress in October. The SVANC does not agree, instead the SVANC Board wants this balance to be carried over for next year’s regional Valley Congress.
- The name for the new high school is Sun Valley High School. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place about one week ago. The school will open on September 9th and will include the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. The senior class will be added in 2010.
A City Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 25, 2009 regarding the Bradley Waste Management Facility in Van Nuys City Hall at 08:00 a.m.

- Mike showed the year book where the SVANC has an ad and the back of the year book includes a note of gratitude to the SVANC for their support.

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

- Officer Rodriguez had copies available of the crime stats for the past three weeks, which show an increase in the number of crimes in Sun Valley—the total number was 11, primarily theft crimes. The Officer emphasized locking all windows and doors of your house and car and not leave any valuables in full view.
- The Officer informed that the two truancy task forces which were in force until the end of the school year were very effective. On the second to the last day of school they only caught 16 truants. These efforts helped reduce the property crime.

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

- Israel, Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, informed the community about Assembly Bill 805 which requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to investigate all the information submitted on an application for an auto dismantler's original or renewal license. This will help protect the environment and it will help monitor this industry. This Bill is currently in front of the Assembly.
- Comments were made by community members Regarding Bills AB 241-the Responsible Breeder Act and 250- which requires certain persons who sell dogs or operate animal shelters or animal control facilities to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), beginning 18 months after the bill is enacted into law. It also requires the following to obtain a license, with limited exceptions: 1) A person who sells 25 or more dogs in a year (including a nonresident who brings dogs into this state for sale); 2) A person who operates a dog breeding facility (a place at which dogs are bred and raised) from which 25 or more dogs are sold in a year; 3) A person who operates an auction at which 50 or more dogs are sold or offered for sale in a year; 4) A person who operates an animal shelter that is used to shelter at least 25 dogs in a year; 5) A person who operates an animal control facility under a contract with a city, village, town, or county.
- Gemma, Senator Alex Padilla, asked the SVANC to take a position on state senate bills SB600 to SB603, SB25 and SB449. SB 600 imposes a \$1.50 tax on cigarettes; and provides that 85 percent of the funds resulting from the tax will be deposited into the General Fund and 15 percent into the tobacco Tax and Health Protection Fund, for tobacco control, tobacco disease research, and lung cancer research. SB601 would prohibit a license from being issued for any retailer that is located within 1,000 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school. SB602 would prohibit a new state tobacco retailer license from being issued to any retailer located in an area of over concentration. In addition, this legislation would allow the Board of Equalization to take enforcement action regardless of the state youth purchase survey numbers. SB603 would require retailers to pay an annual \$100 renewal fee. It would also limit the number of tobacco retailer licenses to one license per 2,500 county persons over 18 years of age; and SB25 proposes to increase the waste diversion mandate imposed on local governments from 50 percent to 60 and 75 percent by 2015 and 2020, respectively; require local jurisdictions with a population of 200,000 or more to adopt a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance; and increase the State waste disposal surcharge from \$1.40 per ton to \$2.13 per ton, and also authorize the CIWMB to adjust the fee not more than once every two years to reflect increases or decreases in the cost of living during the prior two fiscal years as measured by the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI), beginning January 1, 2012. This bill will also authorize the CIWMB to establish an illegal dumping prevention program to provide grants or loans to public agencies to fund the development of new, or the expansion of existing, comprehensive local illegal dumping programs for the purposes of reducing the occurrence of illegal dumping in the state; and Bill SB 449 is to (1) remove the requirement that secondhand dealers report acquisition of firearms to local law enforcement on a daily basis and instead require that

reporting go directly to the Department of Justice (DOJ); and (2) authorize DOJ to retain those records for the purpose of determining whether the firearm had been reported lost or stolen and then applying existing law regarding retention of those records.

5. Comments from DONE Representative – Barry Stone

- Mr. Stone announced that a meeting will be held on June 10, 2009 at 6:30 downtown City Hall Room 1060 to select NC board members to organize the Citywide Congress which will be held in October 2009. Anyone interested in attending should call Daniel Ruiz (213) 485-1360 to make arrangements. Mike O. mentioned that this date is in conflict with the Valley Congress Post meeting because the same people are interested in being involved and in attending both meetings.
- The amount that the NCs have available as posted in the website has been removed in order to have a more accurate amount of each NC's funds. Barry added that June 12 is the deadline for all NC's Boards to submit Demand Warrants to DONE, because if the demand warrants are not submitted on a timely manner, then the NCs are at risk of losing some of their funding if the balance in their account is over \$100K. Mike O' mentioned that the problem with looking at the balance amount DONE is reporting is that it does not take into consideration the money that the Boards have voted to allocate for spending; for example the SVANC's Board has allocated \$16,000 for a City rejuvenation program, which was supposed to be completed in December 2008, but has just begun this month of June and it's estimated that it will be completed in the next nine months, and since the demand warrants are not submitted until the NC receives a bill, then the amount that will be reported by DONE will be inaccurate.
- The LADOT joined the Commission on the Status of Women to offer free truck driving training classes for women starting on June 16 to July 16, if interested contact Rochelle Chambers at (213) 978-0300 or Rochelle.chambers@lacity.org.
- The organization Hire LA Youth (www.hirelayouth.org) is offering training in resume writing, interview skills, and providing assistance with job hiring. The organization is placing youth in jobs between May and July.
- Kevin McNeely, previous DONE's Director of the Funding program, has transferred to the City Controller's office. This leaves only two staff members to process all the Demand Warrants for fiscal year 2008-2009.
- DONE will lose 10 positions next fiscal year.

6. Public Comment

- A member from the public mentioned that on June 14 (over 200 years ago) the American flag was dedicated to the armed forces and as such, he asked if all attendees would read all four verses of the Star Spangled Banner every Sunday.
- Roy, Fernangeles Park, mentioned that there is a Skateboarding Mobile Van program that goes to Fernangeles Park every last Friday of the month until the end of August. He asked for \$150 per month donation to help sponsor this program for the months of July and August; this amount will not be used to purchase equipment. Other donations have included safety lessons and equipment for the kids.
- Gary wanted to know the results of the cameras that were installed to monitor allies and that were funded in part by the SVANC, but members of the Board clarified his statement stating that the SVANC did not provide any funds for the installation of any cameras.

7. Board Member Comments

- Jon presented information regarding the special elections for Wendy Greuel's seat that will be held on September the 22nd 2009.
- Mary Benson announced that she is planning to run for City Council for CD2.
- Jerry mentioned that he had requested an item to be included in June's agenda but hadn't, and Mr. O'Gara replied that forms, including the Community Benefits form, were sent to Mr. Jerry Piro requesting additional information on the item in order to be included but Mr. Piro did not

answer this request; therefore the item could not be included in June's agenda. The item was requesting the land use committee to look into landscaping a section of Ratner Street across from the US Post Office.

- Mike O. stated that the Community Benefits form had to be filled out every time monies were being requested for community projects and once completed had to be sent to DONE's finance unit informing them of the community benefit. The form states that Board member's request for motions, comments, agenda item requests for Sun Valley Area NC is needed to be filled out in order for it to be included in the NC's monthly agenda.
- Mary B. is going to propose an item to be included in next month's agenda regarding the adoption for support of a state water project plan called the Peripheral Canal Plan, which is a plan to route water from Northern California thru the Sacramento Delta in order for it to be pumped to Southern California.

8. Committee Reports

- President: none
- Treasurer: Julie reviewed the budget and talked about the expenditures that the SVANC has made commitments to adds up to \$44,150.00, which includes the \$16,000 to the San Fernando rejuvenation program, and for which a demand warrant has not been presented to DONE since an invoice has not been submitted to the SVANC due to the project's commencement delay date.
- Julie added that the amount available for the fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$90,767.00.
- Mike O. made a correction on the amount reported on this budget report due to a computer problem, which was line item 300-Community Improvement, sub-item Graffiti Removal, which should show the expenditure amount total of \$7,000 not \$5,000; and the sub-item Community improvement should be \$2,000 for the third and fourth quarters instead of \$3,000 for each quarter, adding up to \$10,000 not \$12,000.
- Mike O. made a correction to line item 200-Outreach; sub-section Advertising, Promotional—website. The amount should be \$1,400 spent and the total budget under the Total Expenditure column should be decreased to \$89,367; and the amount under the Pending column should be increased to \$45,550.
- Mike O. stated that the SVANC Board reduced its budget amount from \$138,000 last year to the amount this year of \$89,367, therefore the SVANC will get the full amount of \$45,000 allotted by the City. The current SVANC's budget according to DONE is \$134,916, but the SVANC has already committed \$45,550 out of that amount.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 9: Update on Outreach items Polo Shirts and Shopping Bags- no comments to report.

ITEM 10: Review, correct and approve minutes from our March 10, April 14, May 12 meetings and our Special meeting regarding the staff report for the Bradley WM EIR.- there was no review for this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 11: Discussion/Motion//Vote to bring the Dept of Parks and Rec. mobile Skate Park to Fernangeles Park in June July and August cost \$150 each month TOTAL \$450.

- Jon made the motion and Mary B. seconded it.
- Mary stated that the SVANC Board needs to ask for an invoice in the amount of \$450 from Fernangeles Park which includes a community benefit statement.
- The motion was put up for discussion and after a vote the motion carried.

ITEM 12: To APPROVE the expenditure of \$521.03 to Outreach at the SUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL by providing Giveaway Pens for students Embossed with SVANC & Sun Valley High School names I believe the cost of this was under estimated in the proposal in our May Meeting. We had our Banner

displayed at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 27th 2009. This will leave a balance of \$978.97 in committed funds for this school.

- After discussion and a vote, the motion carried.

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion /Vote to approve the resolution that states the SVANC accepts the statement of Mike O’Gara that he has misplaced a large number of the receipts for charges to the SVANC Credit Card and that the board agrees that all these credit card expenditures were made for the SVANC.

- Mike O. stated that last year Mr. O’Gara, himself, charged 56 items on the city’s credit card and didn’t realized that the monthly credit card bills had to be saved. So out of 56 purchases, Mr. O’Gara only had receipts for 19 items. Mr. O’Gara reviewed the credit card expenses and to the best of his ability wrote the purchase information next to each of the items that were missing receipts. He made a correction on line item 28 of the credit card expense report which should state Lowe’s cable zip ties, rope, tape AND three extension cords that are being used at each Board meeting.
- Jon asked a question about item 25-eating and drinking: eating places and restaurants for Miceli’s Restaurant at Universal City for \$303.10 is Pizza for the 09-09-08 Bradley Waste Management’s meeting at Fernangeles Park where over 200 people attended.
 - Jon made the motion as stated on this item and was seconded by Julie (Mike O. abstained from voting).
 - The motion carried.

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion /Vote To approve up to \$400 to hire a temp person to go thru the past five quarters of expenditures for SVANC and reconcile our Budget Monies from the past.

- Jon made the motion and Lee seconded it.
- The motion carried.

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion /Vote To spend up to \$250 to transcribe the tape from the Community Recycling and Resource Recovery (CRRR) meeting held at Sun Valley Middle school to forward those public Comments to the Zoning administrator

- Jon made the motion and Sue seconded it.
- The motion carried.

ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion /Vote to have our next elections for new board members on March 27 2010

- Mike proposed to have the SVANC’s elections on Saturday, March 27, 2010.
- Jon made the motion and Mary seconded it.
- The motion carried.

ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote to Foster OUTREACH at the Health Fair to be held at the Sun Valley Health Center located at 7223 Fair Ave next to Sun Valley Middle School on Sherman Way. This event is planned for August 11, 2009. NOT to exceed \$300.

- Jon made the motion and was seconded by Lee.
- The motion carried.

ITEM 18: Motion/Discussion/Vote to vote on the 2009-2010 SVANC Budget due June 1st 2009

- Jon made the motion and was seconded by Mary to approve the 2009-2010 budget as amended.
- Without further discussion the motion carried.

ITEM 19: **Possible** Discussion/Motion/Vote To approve letters to the Planning Dept with Comments from the SVANC Planning Committee on proposed planning issues in Sun Valley (MARY BENSON) Follow up on T-mobile antenna at 8903 Laurel Canyon Blvd.

- Mary stated that the only letter to present was the SVANC's pre-approved Volcan letter. She added that the committee reviewed three applications. One was a project located at 8654 Sunland Blvd., the applicant wants to build a 52' apartment building right next to the Sun Valley Art Center. The committee's recommendation is to oppose this proposed project.

ITEM 20: Public Comment – none

ITEM 21: **ADJOURN** – Jon made the motion and Karina seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 08:25