

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
on
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

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

| Board Member | Title | Status |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Angelica Dueñas | President | Present |
| Imelda Padilla | 1 st Vice President | Present |
| Mike O’Gara | 2 nd Vice President | Present |
| Robert Lim | Treasurer | Present |
| Julie Monroy | Secretary | Present |
| Monica Vacas | Board Member | Present |
| Elidia Vasquez | Board Member | Present |
| Karina Garcia Valles | Board Member | Absence excused |
| Art Kalantarian | Board Member | Present |
| Vic Hernandez | Board Member | Absence excused |
| Gerry Prieto | Board Member | Absent |
| George Dahlquest | Board Member | absent |
| Guy Dionne | Board Member | Present |
| Stephen Franklin | Board Member | Present |
| Nicholas Dalton Powell | Board Member | Present |
| Fern Romans | Board Member | absent |
| Danny Bejarano | Board Member | present |
| Dahlia Galvan | Board Member | present |

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

- Mike O. called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- Art led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mike O. called roll of the newly elected board
- Mike O. asked for nominations for the Executive Board

2. Election of the NEW PRESIDENT and Executive Board Seating and Installation of new Board of Directors, Board appointments for Youths

- Mike O. asked for nominations for President and added that the President’s responsibilities include posting the agenda monthly, overseeing committee functions, approving letters, etc.
- Mike O. nominated Angelica for the Executive Board Presidency and was seconded, the nomination was moved and the motion carried.
- Angelica nominated Imelda Padilla for 1st VP and was seconded by Mike O., the nomination was moved and the motion carried.
- Angelica nominated Mike O. for 2nd VP and was seconded, the nomination was moved and the motion carried.
- Angelica asked for nominations for Treasurer, Robert Lim was nominated, the nomination was moved and the motion carried.

- Angelica asked for nominations for Secretary, Julie Monroy was nominated, the nomination was moved and the motion carried.
- Dahlia Galvan and Danny Bejarano were nominated as the youth advocates for the Board, the nominations were moved and the motion carried.

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 Vasquez announced that Officer Rodriguez is still out on leave but Officer Smith was assigned to cover her area while she's gone.
- Officer Vasquez said that the prostitution issue is being addressed and thanked the public who calls in to report it.
- Officer Vasquez informed the public of a shooting on Sunland and Glenoaks the weekend of May 8th and 9th, the victim is stable and it is not being considered gang related.
- Officer Vasquez stated that a 'bait car' is being placed by Sun Valley Park resulting in a number of theft arrests.
- The Officers have been monitoring the 2-Star cameras including WM's on Tujunga and Peoria which is helping reduce the bulky item littering.
- Officer Vasquez added that car theft is on the rise and advised to keep your vehicle locked at all times and don't leave personal property in full view. Also, the removable third seats on Tahoe trucks are being stolen. It was also mentioned to shred all personal documents before discarding them in order to prevent identity theft.

4. Presentation/announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- Angelica Ayala, office of the Mayor, introduced herself as the new East Valley Area Director. She replaces Antonio Sanchez.
- Marco, the office of Assemblymember Fuentes, announced two events one is being held by the CHP a driving education class stressing the importance of driving safely for high school students. The second event is a Veteran's Appreciation Job Resource Fair for veterans and the public in general to be held on May 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Sepulveda Recreation Center, 8825 Kester Avenue, Panorama City.
- Gemma Jimenez, Senator Padilla's office, announced the Lawn Mower Exchange program being held in conjunction with the Air Quality Management District on July 24th in Pacoima.
- Ms. Jimenez announced that census walkers will be canvassing all of the San Fernando Valley. The Census Bureau created a flyer with the census bureau walker's ID and information that will not be asked by the canvassers.
- Mary Benson, Councilmember Krekorian, announced the new program called the Clean Team. The Bureau of Street Services will hold a training session for anyone interested in joining the Clean Team on Saturday, May 15th at the North Hollywood Library from 10:00 – 11:30. For more information please call (818) 352-3287 and speak with Anita to RSVP or visit [www. CD2@lacity.org](http://www.CD2@lacity.org).
- Mary Benson also announced the launching of CD2's application sys for IPHones to report graffiti and potholes by taking a picture and submitting it. If this information leads to the apprehension of anyone painting graffiti or vandalizing then the person reporting it would get \$1,000.
- Mary Benson stated that CD2 had certificates for all the outgoing SVANC's board members and presented Maria Carmen Perez her certificate.
- Mary B. announced that all day on Saturday, May 15th, Sunland Park at the corner of Foothill and Sunland Blvd. will be accepting hazardous waste such as oil, paint,

batteries, etc.

5. Comments from D.O.N.E. representative

- Amelia Herrera-Robles announced the Regional Board training at the Sunland-Tujunga municipal building on Saturday May 15th. All members are welcomed to attend.

6. Public Comment: The public may speak on any agenda item by filling out a speaker's card.

- Carlos Coronel, Sun Valley homeowners, stated that L.A. City Council and San Francisco City Council agreed to boycott Arizona and its products for their SB1070 law. Mr. Coronel asked if SVANC would consider taking a position on this issue. He asked for this issue to be included in next month's agenda.
- Al Santillanes and Duran Villegas, Project Managers with the CRA, gave an update on the Redevelopment and Plan Amendment and Expansion for the Pacoima/Panorama City area. The Redevelopment Plan includes the communities in the Northeast Valley which includes Pacoima, Panorama City, Sylmar, parts of Sun Valley and North Hollywood.

7. Board member comments

- Susan Bartlett stated that Graffiti Busters' budget has been cut by \$19,800 effective July 1st. As of that date Graffiti Busters will no longer be able to do clean ups in the community, bulk item pick up activities, etc. and last month 34 tons of trash was removed from Sun Valley and North Hollywood Area. Susan asked for funding support from SVANC and requested this item be included in next month's agenda.
- Susan asked for volunteers to work with her on Election Day, June 8th, at the Church on the corner of Glenoaks and Lanark.

OLD Business:

Item 8: Review, correct and approve minutes from our March and April 2010 meeting. (Karina Vallas)

- Mike O. made the motion to approve the minutes from March and April 2010 meetings and Susan seconded it. After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried.

NEW Business:

Item 9: Election Of Executive Board-President, First Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2nd Vice-President - See Item 2 above.

Item 10: Committee Reports Treasurer- Outreach- Planning

- Treasurer – Julie announced that as of May 10th 2010, SVANC has \$17,099 with two weeks left to allocate these funds for fiscal year '09-'10. Also, the \$65,753.17 roll-over funds are monies that have been allocated and SVANC has 30 days to fund these allocations. These include, \$10,000 for election outreach; \$4,000 to Sun Valley Rec Center; \$16,000 for the Sunland and Vineland crosswalk renovation; the \$9,600 for SVANC's office lease; \$1,000 planting on Laurel Canyon; \$4,000 for the jaws of life; \$6,400 for the license plate reader; \$1,737.98 for (not clear on recording); \$1,315.22 EIR consultant.

Item 11: Discussion and appointments to Committees

- Mike O. made a motion to table this item to next month's agenda it was seconded by Nick After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

Item 12: Discussion and Possible Motion/Vote to flip a coin to see who is the first alternate to the Residents Category. Participants are Luis Medina and Wesly Hernandez. Each received 32 votes in the Election. (O'Gara)

- Mike O. announced that this was a three-way tie so the first alternate position could be decided by the flip of a coin, thus choosing each one as first alternate and as second alternate. Nick made the motion and Mike O. seconded, after no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.
- After flipping the coin, Wesly Hernandez is the first alternate.

Item 13: Discussion/Motion/Vote to allow the alternates in the Residents Category to apply for appointment to the Board openings in the Business /Property Owner Category and the At-Large Category if they are qualified in either of those categories. There are presently two openings in each Category. Applications will be voted on (at the June Meeting) in the order of the number of votes they received in the Election.(OGara)

- Mike O. said that there are no alternates for these two categories, so he suggested giving Wesley first opportunity if he qualifies as the At-Large or the Business position, then he can be allowed to pick one of those seats. The second opportunity will be extended to Luis Medina. Mike O. made this motion and Robert seconded it, after no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

Item14: Appoint the two present Youth advocates to another term.

- See Item 2.

Item 15: Item PER City Clerk office SVANC shall designate a board member to pick up the voter registration forms from the Clerk's office to be used for outreach contact information.(OGara)

- Mike O. said that SVANC has to send a letter to the City Clerk's office stating the name of the person designated to pick up the voter's registration forms for SVANC's outreach purposes.
- Susan made the motion to assign Mike O. as the representative to pick up these forms from the City Clerk's office and was seconded, after no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

Item 16: Discussion and **Possible** Motion/Vote To approve letters to the Planning Dept with Comments from the SVANC on proposed planning issues in Sun Valley This may include The Seven-Eleven Proposal for The Corner of San Fernando Road and Sunland Blvd & Cell tower at 9005 Bradley Ave and another one at 11401 Tuxford St. The 100 unit Apartment building on Cross Streets Stagg and Fair, The Development Project APCNV 2009-1410-ZC-BI located at 9355 San Fernando Road and Sheldon Street . Possible action and Letter re: Athens Services meeting May 10th and Waste Management application at the PLUM Committee and/or The City Council to appeal the City Planning Commission decision. Additionally the Apartment Complex at ____ Sunland Blvd.

- Mike O. stated that these are Planning issues pending SVANC's consideration. The latest of which was WM's waste facility that was just approved by the City Council on Tuesday, May 11th. This facility will add 1,800 additional truck trips per day. Also the green waste processing area will not be fully enclosed, but this issue will be revisited in the future even with today's City Council actions.
- Mike O. stated that currently there is approximately \$500,000 in a Trust Fund from WM for the sole purpose of quality-of-life projects in Sun Valley but the only person with authority

to spend these funds is Councilmember Cárdenas. In the meantime, a community advisory committee or CAC, consisting of members of the community, should be created in order to advise the Councilmember on the community's wishes for the use of these funds. It was suggested that these funds be rolled over to the newly created Trust Fund which will receive \$1.50/ton of municipal solid waste, \$0.50/ton for green waste and \$0.25/ton for wooden debris from WM's new facility. However, the community wants these new funds to be deposited in a separate Trust Fund.

- Mike O. also stated that on Monday, May 10th some members of SVANC's board attended a meeting regarding Athens Services' request to expand their waste facility.
- Mike O. added that Crowne Disposal is planning a similar project in the near future.

Item 17: Discussion of Rules, Laws and Ordinances governing Neighborhood Councils.
Training from DONE

- Amelia Herrera-Robles, DONE, presented this training for the newly elected Board.

Item 18: Adjournment at approximately 9:30 pm.