

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting**

**on
Tuesday, June 09, 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	Absence excused
Mike O’Gara	2 nd Vice President	Present
Robert Lim	Treasurer	Present
Julie Monroy	Secretary	Present
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Elidia Vasquez	Board Member	Present
Karina Garcia Valles	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Present
Vic Hernandez	Board Member	Present
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absent
George Dahlquest	Board Member	Absent
Guy Dionne	Board Member	Present
Stephen Franklin	Board Member	Present
Nicholas Dalton Pawle	Board Member	Present
Fern Romans	Board Member	Present
Danny Bejarano	Board Member	Present
Dalia Galvan	Board Member	Absence excused

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

- Angelica Dueñas called the meeting to order at approximately 6:36 p.m. and asked fellow Board members to introduce themselves to the public
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Angelica Dueñas took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

- Angelica thanked all those present for their attendance
- Angelica reminded the public who wished to speak to fill out a public speaker card
- Angelica reminded board members if any of them plan on being absent at any of SVANC’s general boards meeting they need to inform a member of SVANC’s executive Board in order to get an excused absence

ITEM 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 talked about the crime stats which included a rise in residential burglaries and car thefts/break-ins/license plate thefts. The home burglaries are committed through open sliding door and open unlocked window.
- Robbery and assault with deadly weapon crimes have decreased.
- Officer Jeff Smith, who is handling Officer Rodriguez' area, stated that property crimes are out of control, specially in the summer, and stressed the importance of locking vehicles and asked not to leave costly items in plain sight. He added that there is a problem on Glencrest Drive's residential area which is experiencing a slight increase on home burglaries and car thefts. Violent crimes are down.
- Officer Smith stated that Councilman Alarcon gave funds from the Lopez Canyon Trust Fund to pay for overtime in the Foothill Division to start running LAPD's party car on the weekends to shut down the weekend parties before they get out of hand. The Officer added that any house/person with loud radios or music that can be heard at a distance of 150 feet (or about the length of three houses) from anyone's property line will be cited, irregardless of the time of day.

ITEM 4: Presentation/announcements from **elected officials** or their representatives

- Mary Benson, CD2, stated that the Councilmember is fighting to keep roll-over funds with the Neighborhood Councils.
- The Education and Neighborhoods Committee members, which the Councilman Chairs, recommended identifying a different plan for the placement of DONE instead of having it under CDD.
- Mary Benson encouraged all new Board members to take the required trainings, such as the Ethics training, which can be completed online, because if this training is not completed then a Board member may possible lose his/her right to vote.
- Mary B. announced that a Community Distribution Center has opened at the corner of Tujunga and Saticoy. It's a low-cost food bank, which includes fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Mary B. stated that an application program for CD2's 'See Graffiti, Find a Pothole' can be downloaded to your iPhone or Droid to report any graffiti problem or a pothole. If your report leads to the capture of anyone doing graffiti, then the person who reported qualifies for a \$1,000 reward.
- Olga Ayala, CD6, announced the completion of the Elmer Street project (between Vineland and Lankershim), which includes state of the art water infiltration & water retention systems that prevent water run-off onto the street, solar panels for street lighting, the curbs were reduced for water drainage, the plants are drought resistant, the driveways have permeable concrete, solar devices to set-off the irrigation system and brand new landscaping. It was created with Federal, State, County, City & DWP funds.
- Ms. Ayala announced the 3rd Annual Pet Care Fair, on Saturday, June 12, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave., Lake Balboa.
- Ms. Ayala said that the yearly Costal Clean-Up day with Heal the Bay will be held on September 25th, 2010.

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

- None

ITEM 5A: Sun Valley High School - group intends to speak about possible laws and what they believe will make Sun Valley a more environmentally friendly community.

- Sun Valley High School Water & Energy Technology students made a presentation about the possible laws that will make Sun Valley more environmentally friendly. The students' topics included:
 - Plastic Bags: Bill AB1998, Feb. 17, 2010, proposed to ban plastic bags from convenience stores, pharmacies and placing a toll on the paper bags. The students are proposing a ban on plastic bags at all supermarkets and impose a minimum toll be charged for tote bags, parts of the proceeds will be donated to Heal-the-Bay.
 - Oil: L.A. Storm water Drain Ordinance, enacted in 1998, it makes it a crime to dump any hazardous chemicals into the storm water drain. The students are proposing the following: 1) an outdoor event at a Park or a parking lot to inform the public on the dangers of un-recycled oils and oil recycling kits; 2) provide a waiver/form for households that can be exchanged for a free recycling kit; 3) charge a CRV tax on the oil purchased in order to be able to provide a higher refund when oil is taken back to be recycled.
 - Styrofoam: Santa Monica Ban on Styrofoam Ordinance banned the use of Styrofoam and is promoting the use of biodegradable products. The students proposed asking Sun Valley H.S. to stop using plastic utensils and Styrofoam trays and instead start using biodegradable products, to impose a tax on Styrofoam product manufacturers, and ask shipping companies to replace the wrapping material with newspaper.

ITEM 6: Public Comment:

- Susana Lopez, Girl Scouts of Greater L.A., - not present
- Lily Lee, Sun Valley Beautiful-WM, thanked SVANC for helping sponsor Earth Day 2010. Additionally, Ms. Lee informed the Board that per one of SVANC's Board member's request there will be monthly clean-up events in Sun Valley. The first one will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, 7:00 – 10 am along San Fernando Road between Sunland & Tuxford. Susan Bartlett, Graffiti Busters' number 818-767-3133 was given for stakeholders to call if they spot an area that needs to be cleaned.

ITEM 7: Board member comments

- Karina Valles thanked Susan Bartlett for their help and clean up work of the graffiti in the area.
- Mike O' stated that Ruben, CD6, will make a presentation next month re: the status of the Cesar Chavez Skate park.
- Miko O' stated that per Frank Gallagher, LADOT, the speed limit on Lanark Street will be kept at 25 mph, as SVANC requested.
- Mike O' stressed the importance of attending the Thursday, June

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17th meeting to be held in San Fernando regarding the High-Speed train between Sylmar and Glendale. They are proposing to build overpasses, underpasses, install two additional sets of tracks but since it is not wide enough for two more sets of tracks then they are going to condemn buildings along San Fernando Road in order to acquire width.

- Mike O' asked for help with writing articles to be included in the newspapers in order to inform the stakeholders about SVANC's activities, sponsorships, events, etc.
- Susan B. suggested creating a phone tree to disseminate information and volunteered to distribute flyers in the neighborhoods where Graffiti Busters work.
Elidia announced that Poly Tech H.S. will offer have a 4-week summer school session.
- Elidia also announced the performance of the Jungle Book at the Horticulture area starting on Wed, June 9 through Sat., June 12th, with two performance times at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Wed-Fri; and Sat at 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

OLD Business:

ITEM 8: Review, correct and approve minutes from our May 2010 meeting. (Julie Monroy)

- Mike O' made the motion to approve as amended the May 11th SVANC's meeting minutes, and was seconded by Susan.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

ITEM 9: Committee Reports Treasurer- Outreach- Planning

- Rob discussed in detail the committed projects from FY'09-'10, and the FY '10-'11 Budget. These include:
 - Elections: \$10,000 SVANC is in the process of getting the roll-over funds
 - License Plate reader: ~~\$6,400~~ was Cancelled
 - LAPD Van-Foothill Division: \$7,000, this item is waiting for paperwork from Lee McTaggart, previous SVANC's Board member
 - Tote Bags: \$1,737.98, item pending
 - EIR Consultant: \$1,350.22, there is a balance remaining
 - Jaws for Life, Fire station 77: out of \$4,000, \$3,661.50 was paid
 - SV Rec Ctr: out of \$4,000 there is a balance of \$2,686
 - NC Logo-Crosswalks (rejuvenation projects): \$16,000 remains in SVANC's budget because the City paid for these projects
 - Giveaway Pens for SVHS: out of \$1,500 there is a balance of \$978.97 to be used in any manner for SVHS
 - Office Lease: \$9,600 was approved but \$10,800 was paid
 - Median Planting (Laurel Canyon): \$1,000 this item is pending but it's projected that this item will cost about \$700
 - Graffiti Busters: \$5,000 this item has been paid and the funds were withdrawn from SVANC's unspent budget, lowering to a balance of

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\$10,724. Therefore, the roll-over unspent budget would be \$15,724.

- The total amount allocated for the FY '09-'10 is \$65,713.17
- Rob stated that DONE requested the NCs to tally and submit a budget monthly
- The proposed FY '10-'11 Budget includes the following cuts:
 - o Line Item for San Fernando Road-Vineland Rejuvenation was taken care of in last year's budget, so it's been eliminated from the FY '10-'11's budget.
 - o Line item for Parks was eliminated from the FY '10-'11's budget.
 - o Line item for the Quarterly Newspaper was eliminated from the FY '10-'11's budget.
 - o Line item for the Website maintenance is \$375/Qtr for FY '10-'11's budget, but it's projected that only a fraction of that amount will be used
 - o Line item for the part time office person was eliminated from the FY '10-'11's budget. This person was never hired.
- The motion to approve the proposed FY'10-'11 Budget carried unanimously

ITEM 10: Discussion and appointments to Committees – (*discussion was not recorded because the tape ended*).

ITEM 11: Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve our fiscal budget with the **rollover** amounts separate (O'GARA)

- See Item 9

ITEM 12: 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. (O'GARA)

- Carmen Perez, candidate under the Business/Property Owner category; and Wesley M. Hernandez and Luis O. Medina, At-Large category were nominated
- Mike O. made the motion to accept the above-named candidates in their respective categories for the SVANC Board, and was seconded by Karina.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 13: Graffiti Busters - for cleaning Graffiti in Sun Valley. (not to exceed \$1000) (O'GARA)

- Mike O. explained that this amount was appropriated in FY'09-'10 4th Qtr's budget.
- Mike O. made a motion to approve \$1000 to Graffiti Busters.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 14: Sun Valley High School Basketball Team - equipment, basketballs, heavy balls, shooting machine. (not to exceed \$1000) (MONROY)

- Mike and Julie explained that the Board's intentions when agendaing this item was for the funds to be used for the purchase of the team's uniforms not the equipment. No action was taken on this item; it was tabled for next month's meeting.

ITEM 15: Discussion/Motion/Vote that we purchase office supplies primarily color paper, and to include cassette tapes (not to exceed \$500) (O'GARA)

- Mike O. made the motion and was seconded by Angelica.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16A: Document Reader for SVANC use (not to exceed \$700) (LIM-MONROY)

- Mike O. made a motion to table this item for a future meeting.
- The motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16B: Multimedia Reader for SVANC use (not to exceed \$600) (LIM-MONROY)

- Mike O. made a motion to table this item for a future meeting.
- The motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16C: Tripod Screen for SVANC use (not to exceed \$200) (LIM-MONROY)

- Mike O. made a motion to table this item for a future meeting.
- The motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16D: Business Cards for SVANC (not to exceed \$200) (LIM-MONROY)

- The motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16E: 30 Cotton T-Shirts for Volunteers in Outreach Events (not to exceed \$200) (LIM-MONROY)

- Mike O. made a motion to table this item for a future meeting.
- The motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16F: Install Lock on File Cabinet to store equipment (not to exceed \$100) (LIM-MONROY)

- Mike O. made the motion and was seconded by Nick.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 16G: Purchase a banner to put over the SVANC office door. (not to exceed \$100) (DUEÑAS)

- Mike O. amended the item's amount to state 'not to exceed \$300'.
- Mike O. made the motion as amended and was seconded by Angelica.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 17: Discussion and **Possible** Motion/Vote To approve letters to the Planning Dept with Comments The Development Project APCNV 2009-1410-ZC-BI located at 9355 San Fernando Road and Sheldon Street . Possible action and Letter re: Athens Services PERMIT REQUEST . Letter to be sent to Zoning Administrator and position to be taken on Recycling Company at 10970 Ratner Street (OGara)

- Mike O. wrote a letter to Frank Quan, Zoning Administrator, on behalf of Mike O. as an individual because he hadn't asked for the Board's permission to send the letter on behalf of the NC.
- Mike O. made a motion asking the Board's permission to send a letter to the Zoning Administrator regarding the Ratner Street project on behalf of SVANC's board and was seconded by Angelica.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

ITEM 18: Adjournment

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:55 pm.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.