

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
for
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Angelica Dueñas	President	Present
Julie Monroy	1 st Vice President	Present
Mike O’Gara	2 nd Vice President	Present
Robert Lim	Treasurer	Absence excused
Karina Garcia Valles	Secretary	Absence excused
Gary Aggas	Board Member	Present
Linda Housden	Board Member	Present
Imelda Padilla	Board Member	Present
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Present
Vic Hernandez	Board Member	Present
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Present
Guy Dionne	Board Member	Present
Josephine Navares	Board Member	Present
Nicholas Dalton Pawle	Board Member	Absence excused
Fern Romans	Board Member	Absence excused
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absence excused
Luis Medina	Board Member	Absence excused
Carlos Coronel	Board Member	Absent
Stella Arrington	Board Member	Present

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

- Angelica called the meeting to order at approximately 06:35 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Code of Civility was read
- Angelica took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

- Mrs. Dueñas announced that the Mayor was scheduled to be in Sun Valley Park on Wednesday, July 13th, 2011, from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm for the start of the Summer Night Lights Program. The program will run throughout the Summer from Wednesday – Saturday, 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.

ITEM 2A: Ethics and Open Government Training – Reminder for the members of the SVANC to complete Ethics and Open Government Training for City Officials. Please visit: <http://ethics.lacity.org/education/education.cfm>

- Mrs. Dueñas reminded the board members who have not completed the Ethics training to please do so as soon as possible.

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule. (Officer Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer.)

- Officer Vasquez introduced Captain Malinowski, Foothill Area - Patrol Division, LAPD.

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held on September 13, 2011

- Captain Malinowski introduced himself and added that he's been at Foothill for one month, came from Topanga, 17 years with the LAPD, worked crime center, internal affairs, and various other divisions.
- Captain Malinowski asked for support to rebuild/upgrade Foothill Division's "War Room" in order to have it fully functional. The needs include a smart board (through which Google earth will be accessed to view different areas of Sun Valley), three flat screen (one for each of the communities covered by Foothill Area Station, which will provide up-to-the minute stats of resources in these communities), among other things. The estimate for the smart board and flat screens is about \$14,000, which will be about \$4,000 for each one of the NCs in the Foothill Area Division.
- Officer Vasquez reported that crime is down. The crimes that occurred in July in Sun Valley include, a crime regarding the use of an ATM Card Skimmer---but the suspects were caught thanks to a citizen who saw something suspicious and reported it; three stolen cars crimes-- the Officer encouraged residents to take extra steps to secure/lock their cars; two aggravated assaults; petty theft crimes are slightly up and a sexual assault crime in Hansen Dam.
- Officer Vasquez announced the Foothill Area Booster Association (FABA) 5th Annual Golf Tournament, September 21, 2011, Angeles National Golf Club in Sunland. The proceeds will benefit the police department for equipment and personnel needs at Foothill Division.

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

- Mary Benson, CD2, invited everyone to a potluck/BBQ at Stonehurst Recreation Center, 9901 Dronfield St., August 2nd for National Night-Out Day
- Mary said that Councilmember Krekorian is creating a funds-match program for NCs to apply for CD2's grants for projects in the community
- Mary stated that the Councilmember has allocated funds to help Bureau of Sanitation and the local graffiti contractors with projects that help improve the local community's quality of life
- Olga Ayala, CD6, said that there are a lot of projects going on in Sun Valley, one is a community garden for the community at the intersection of Ilex and Peoria and asked SVANC's board for their assistance to help promote it; Crown Disposal is helping with this project. The other lot that is being considered for a community garden is located at Glenoaks and Sheldon; these are LADWP lots.
- Marcos Sanchez, Assembly member Fuentes' office, distributed a Metro link sheet for alternate routes during the 405 closure. Also, the MTA will provide free rail and bus line services for the riders that need to go to the West side.
- Mr. Sanchez invited everyone to a 5th Annual Family Resource Fair, August 27th, 2011, San Fernando High, 9:00am-2:00pm. This event is being held in conjunction with Councilmember Cárdenas', Senator Padilla's and Board member Nury Martinez' offices.
- Mr. Sanchez introduced a new staff member, Quincy Reeves, who will be working with the Sun Valley community.

ITEM 5A: Presentation from the "Watch the Road" promotion. Promotion to educate the community to slow down while driving on school and park roads.

- Mike said that there are 100 signs which will be distributed to community members and can be placed on people's yards in order to remind drivers to slow down. Mike said that the program's representatives will make a presentation next month.

ITEM 6A: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Members of the public are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker.

- Robert Sanchez spoke in opposition to the application for an alcohol license filed by the 7-11 store on Saticoy and Vineland. He added that the loitering conditions at that location are getting worse.
- David Hernandez, member of the 4th of July committee at Hanson Dam, said that they just had their 17th fireworks celebration at Hansen Dam on July 4th, organized by a non-profit organization. Mr. Hernandez said that this non-profit is considering bringing back the San Fernando Valley fair to the San Fernando Valley in conjunction with various community organizations, including SVANC, Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce who have shown interest in the process.
- David M. Walsh, 10821 Saticoy Street, stated his opposition to the application filed by the 7-11 for an alcohol license. His concern is the increased number of people loitering at that corner and the amount of trash generated in the area. Mr. Walsh said that a petition has been circulated and has gathered up to 900 signatures from neighbors who are against the approval of this license.
- Nancy Woodruff, president of Foothill Trails District NC and on behalf of the La Tuna Canyon HOA, announced

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held on September 13, 2011

a Spaghetti-Western Fair, Saturday, July 16, 2011, 11:00am – 04:00pm, at 10207 La Tuna Canyon—across the street from Vineland Elementary School.

- Francis S., stated that she has a safety issue concern for the kids who are on their skateboards or riding their bikes on the Laurel Canyon Plaza because of the bad conditions of the sidewalks from the tree roots, she asked for guidance on how these sidewalks can be repaired. She also expressed concern about the prostitution problem on Lankershim Blvd. Ms. Francis also suggested creating bike paths in Sun Valley in order to make the community more family oriented.
- Nina Royal, Safety Chairwoman for Sunland/Tujunga NC, announced the beginning of CPR/CERT classes on August 23rd, 2011, which is a 7-week, two-hours per week program, classes are free. Also, Ms. Royal said that a First Aid/CPR class will begin on, Saturday, August 27th, taught by an LAFD professional, 08:00am-12:00 noon, COST: \$30.

ITEM 6B: Board member comments on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction.

- None

OLD Business:

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from our Special Board Meeting in November (Veteran’s Day Parade) Special Board Meeting in March 2011 (Bylaws Vote), April 2011, June 2011 Board meeting. (GARCIA-VALLES)

- Mrs. Dueñas made a verbal amendment as to the Veteran’s Day Parade date which should be October NOT November. Mrs. Dueñas also made a verbal amendment to change ‘Special Board Meeting in March to Regular Board Meeting in March’.
- Julie made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Board meeting minutes held on Thursday, October 27, 2010 and was seconded by Mike.
- The motion carried.
- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting minutes for March 2011 and was seconded by Julie.
- The motion carried
- Mike made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting minutes for April 2011 and was seconded by Susan
- The motion carried
- Julie made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting minutes for June 2011
- The motion carried

NEW Business:

ITEM 8: Committee Reports - Outreach- Planning- Community Affairs- By-Laws –Treasurer

- Outreach Committee- Mike stated that the Committee is seeking volunteers from August 29 – September 2, 2011 in order to create a registry of all the homeless people in Sun Valley and North Hollywood. Mike said that the homeless task force, which has 16 members including Abbott, apartment owners, stakeholders, business owners, and others, will hold a meeting on August 16th to discuss housing options for the homeless. The Sun Valley homeless will be given priority to transition into regular housing. Mike said that the homeless population at the park has grown from 8 to 21 people. Mike added that Councilmember Cárdenas is in full support of this task force.
- Mike also stated that Julie will meet with NALEO in August regarding the citizenship workshop being planned for September 10th, 2011.
- Planning Committee Report -Ms. Vacas stated that the Rationer Recycling Center project was approved even though SVANC opposed it. It was approved with 30 conditions, part of which was requested by SVANC. Ms. Vacas added that even though this project was approved by the City, the Office of Councilmember Cárdenas will help SVANC to work with the community and ‘regain control’ of Sun Valley Park. SVANC has joined forces with Homeless Coalition and several other organizations to work on this issue.
- Ms. Vacas requested permission to write letters to Athens and Volcan regarding two major projects that will be coming up. Ms. Vacas also stated that the issue of the recycling center behind the Kwik market, on the corner of Saticoy and Vineland, is being observed very closely by SVANC.
- Ms. Vacas also requested support and presence from SVANC’s members and stakeholders to be present at the August 2nd, 2011, hearing regarding the 7-11 store on Saticoy and Vineland.
- Community Affairs – None By-Laws- None
- Treasurer- Julie reviewed in detail the following treasurer’s report:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount	Purchaser
06/14/2011	Papa John's	Pizza for June Board Meeting	\$51.10	R. Lim
06/14/2011	Event Apparel	Canvas Tote Bags	\$1,734.05	J. Monroy
06/14/2011	ColorFX	Banners	\$124.32	R. Lim
	Time Warner	Internet (office)	\$65.76	R. Lim
	AT&T	Phone (office)	\$33.24	R. Lim
		Total Spent:	\$2008.47	

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the above treasurer's report
- The motion carried with a total count of 10 yeis and 1 nai

- SVANC's 2011-12 budget was put up for a vote without further discussion

- A motion was made and seconded
- The motion carried with a total count of 10 yeis and 1 nai

ITEM 9: Mayor's Budget Representative updates (LIM)

- None

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote- City of LA will be handing out parking passes to SVANC by name, we must designate 2 Board Members – We propose Mike O’Gara and Monica Vacas. (O’GARA)

- A motion was made and seconded
- The motion carried

ITEM 11: Announcement new co-chairs for the Outreach Committee: Monica Vacas and Gary Aggas. (DUEÑAS)

- Julie announced that Mr. Aggas accepted the co-chair position, but one more co-chair is needed and for next month's meeting

ITEM 12: Announcement new co-chairs for the Town Hall Meeting: Julie Monroy, Stella Arrington, and Mike O’Gara. (DUEÑAS)

- Julie announced that everyone mentioned accepted the co-chair positions

ITEM 13: Discussion in regards to the recycling center which is likely to be opened behind Denny's on Vineland & Ratner near White St./Strathern. (BARLETT)

- Susan stated concern regarding the possibility of the opening of this recycling center because of the negative impact these types of establishments have had on the community. She added that people loiter around these centers and leave a lot of trash and shopping carts scattered in the nearby vicinity, thus affecting the quality of life of the immediate neighbors and community at large.

ITEM 14: Discussion in regards to the two medical marijuana dispensaries on San Fernando Rd at Vineland - They are one on either corner. (BARLETT)

- Susan is concerned with the two medical marijuana dispensaries within half-a-block from one another at each corner of Vineland and San Fernando Road. This, she added, is causing a lot more problems with the homeless hanging around these establishments and it's attracting more users to buy drugs. Also, Susan said that she has found a lot of medical marijuana paraphernalia around these facilities and within the neighborhood where they're located.
- Mike said that Daniel S., Monica and he took a drive around the community to identify the spots where the homeless people gather, and on the way passed by the two marijuana clinics. Daniel said that he would bring up this issue and its negative impacts, with the police. Mike added that the Ordinance written with prohibitions regarding location and distance of these establishments from schools, parks, etc., unfortunately had some loopholes which allowed these two facilities to remain in its current location and in close proximity from one another.
- Susan asked that an Item regarding the possibility of purchasing a flat screen TV for the Foothill Area Division' War Room be included for discussion in next month's agenda.

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held on September 13, 2011

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/ Vote Planning Committee to write letters to the planning department for ALL this month's applications, including but not limited to: Application for alcohol at 7-11 at Vineland & Saticoy, Vulcan Materials application, and Athens Services application Hearing for Aug 4. (O'GARA)

- Mike said that the application hearing for the alcohol license at the 7-11 will be held on August 2nd. Monica and Gary will attend. The Vulcan Materials' application and the Athens Services application are in CD2. The hearing for Vulcan Materials' application will be held in August or September; the hearing for Athens Services is August 4th. The hearing for the Recycling Center on Laurel Canyon near Sheldon is coming up along with the Payless market for a recycling place. SVANC's board will write letters and present them to the City's Planning Commission.
- Art made a motion and was seconded
- The motion carried

ITEM 16: PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Vacas asked if SVANC's board can attend, as a group, one evening during the Summer Night Lights program and set up a booth, give out hot dogs, etc. Julie said that she would contact the Coordinator to discuss dates when they can have community booths.

ITEM 17: Adjournment – a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm