

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Gary Aggas	President	Present
Imelda Padilla	1 st Vice President	Present
Angelica Dueñas	2 nd Vice President	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Present
Mike O’Gara	Secretary	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	Absence Excused
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absent
Josephine Navares	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Luis Medina	Board Member	Absent
Stella Arrington	Board Member	Present

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

- Gary called the meeting to order at about 06:35 pm
- Gary led the Board and all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC’s Code of Civility
- Gary took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

- Gary reminded all board members who have not taken the Ethics and Open Government training to do so ASAP.

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments - Officer Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer for parts of west Sun Valley, parts of Pacoima, Sunland/Tujunga, Lakeview Terrace and parts of North Hollywood, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer

- Officer Vasquez gave the following crime update: 0 robberies in May, and 3 robberies in June—including a carjacking; a number of aggravated assaults; a slight increase in the number of home burglaries and car burglaries; a slight increase in the number of thefts
- Officer Vasquez stated that another volunteer surveillance team—undercover operation at Khol’s took place looking for vandalism activities and for skateboarders who are not permitted to loiter and skate in the area; one guy was caught and arrested for painting on the wall.
- Officer Vasquez announced that Summer-Nights Lights started on Saturday, July 7, at Sun Valley Park
- Officer Vasquez informed attendees that the public record was still open for public to submit a formal Citizen declaration regarding Dora’s bar.

ITEM 4: Presentation/announcements from elected officials or their

representatives.

- Ms. Mary Benson, now represents CD7, said that Councilmember Alarcón has a very small area of SVANC---it runs from Vinedale up Sunland Blvd, which includes the Fire station, Mission Valley Bank, and the corner of la Tuna, Penrose up to Vinedale.
- Ms. Benson stated that Councilmember Alarcón authored a motion for \$500,000, which was approved by Council, for sidewalk repairs in the new segment of CD7 mentioned above. Anyone who knows of a sidewalk in this area that needs to be repaired, please call Mary with this information at her new contact number (818) 352-3287 (CD7's Sunland/Tujunga field office).
- Ms. Benson said that Councilmember Alarcón has earmarked \$100,000 for horse trail repair, including any dedicated trails on the street.
- Ms. Sulma Hernandez, Tania Oronoz, and Emily Williams, CD6 representatives; Ms. Williams stated that their office submitted a list of streets that need to be resurfaced in CD6 and added that priority is given to streets that have been reported by multiple stakeholders on that street and to community members who submit petitions. The staff of the Department of Street Services then rates the streets using a scale A – F, based on the kind of needs the street has, where a rate of A is given to a street with very little problems. The streets in the Sun Valley that CD6 submitted to the Bureau of Street Services to be considered for resurfacing in FY '12-13 are listed below, pending confirmation by next week on whether these streets qualify (barring utility holds or construction holds) for resurfacing:
 - The collector streets are: Stagg Street: East from Tujunga Ave to Fair Ave (0.25 miles); Allegheny Street: East from Telfair Ave to San Fernando Road (0.25 miles)
 - The arterial streets are: Laurel Canyon Blvd: North from Wicks Street to Allegheny Street (0.15 miles); Laurel Canyon Blvd: North from Sheldon Street to Tonopah Street (0.33 miles)

ITEM 4a: Presentation from Sulma Hernandez of CD-6 updating us about what is happening with Cesar Chavez Park and the Skate Park.

Sheldon-Arleta Park Update:

- Construction continues at the park.
- Rough grading work has been completed at Sheldon-Arleta, and the fine grading is beginning. Sewage work has commenced to install the restrooms.
- Rec and parks will soon start developing Area IIIB, otherwise known as the passive area. This area will consist of native plants, shrubs, and pathways that will act as a green screen between the active recreational areas of the park and the residences across the street. This area has to be constructed first so the City doesn't lose out on critical grant funding from the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy for this passive area. The passive area is projected to be completed by the end of the year 2012. Construction at the active recreational areas will be next.
- CD6 is still waiting on the outcome of the City's application for Prop K funding for the remainder of the active recreational areas (including soccer fields and baseball fields).

Southeast Valley skate park Update:

- The contract for the project has been awarded to California Skate parks, and they have begun designing the park for Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) review. The design is anticipated to be completed in 6-8 weeks.
- An LVNOC, consisting of seven members will soon be appointed by the City to oversee the design aspect.
- There isn't a timeline yet for how long construction will take, but there should be a tentative date available by the August meeting.

ITEM 5: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- The following people made brief presentations announcing their candidacy for SVANC's Board in the upcoming August 4th Elections:
 - Mr. Gary Aggas, Mr. Gene Culley, Ms. Monica Vaca, Ms. Susan Bartlett, Ms. Linda Housden,
- Mr. Glenn Bailey, Independent Elections Administrator (IEA) for the Northeast San Fernando Valley NCs' elections (Region 1), stated that the NCs' elections for this region will be held on August 4, 2012, but more specifically for SVANC on same date, at Poly High, from 1PM – 7PM.

- Mr. Bailey had Candidate forms available for the public interested in running for an NC seat; he added that this form can also be found online at DONE's website.

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

- None

OLD Business:

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from our June, 2012 Board meetings.

- The motion was on the floor for a vote to approve the June 12, 2012's minutes as amended
- The motion carried

NEW Business:

ITEM 8: Elections of 2012-2013 Executive Board – Secretary, Treasurer.

- Ms. Julie Monroy was nominated for Treasurer and Mr. Mike O'Gara for Secretary
- These nominations were put up for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 9: Committee Reports - Outreach- Planning- Community Affairs- By-Laws –Treasurer

- Outreach – none
- Planning and Land Use – See Items 16 and 17 below
- Community Affairs – none
- Bylaws – none
- Treasurer - none

ITEM 10: Motion/Discuss/Vote to approve the request by the LAPD, Foothill Division of **\$1739.30** for lockers.

(Total bid for the lockers \$7740.30; Granted from North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council = \$3000.00; Granted from Pacoima Neighborhood Council = \$3001.00)

- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 11: Motion/Discuss/Vote to begin to spend encumbered fund for election expenses.

- The motion was on the floor for a vote of all the funds encumbered for election expenses.
- The motion carried

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monies to be spent to update our Website. it has not been updated since early March. We need to update the minutes and agendas in the archives and put on a new front page for the Elections and I think I have a person who can do that, Not sure about the cost but I will know at the meeting Also We need to hire a permanent person to regularly update on an ongoing basis. I have a lead on a person to do this and again will have prices at the meeting. This needs to be done ASAP to use the Web Site effectively.

- The motion was on the floor for a vote to spend up to \$500 to update SVANC's website
- The motion carried

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monies to hire a person from Apple One to reconcile our past years budget. Not to exceed \$500.

- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 14: Motion/Discuss/Vote to approve the \$37,000 2012-13 budget.

- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 15: Discuss the correspondence about the \$3.2 Million Dollar Bridge on Arleta Ave.

- Mike attended the planning meeting for the LAUSD bridge which was approved by their Facility's Division in 2010 but the community just found out about it a couple of months ago; thus they were unable to do outreach to the community on this project. SVANC's board held special meeting on June 22nd with 9

members present and the majority of the members in attendance voted in opposition of this bridge project. The bridge is designed to service about 150 9th grade students, but the 6th, 7th or 8th graders will still have to use the side walk to cross.

- Mike stated that Gary and he went to an LAUSD meeting regarding this project, and at the meeting Superintendent Dr. Deasy mentioned to Karl K., a stakeholder present, that he had no knowledge about this bridge project.
- Mr. O’Gara mentioned an article written by the Daily News and stated that in the section of the newspaper article where the public can submit comments electronically, there appeared a comment made by a Ms. Imelda Padilla Ramos, from Berkeley; Mr. O’gara proceeded to quote her comments, which in his opinion, were inaccurate and maligned him. In reference to some of the content in Ms. Padilla’s comments, Mr. O’Gara rebutted them by mentioning the following projects, which he and a couple of fellow Board members, who were also made reference to by Ms. Padilla in the article, have been working on, these include but are not limited to: the homeless project, the citizenship workshop, amongst other many other long-term projects for the community.
- Ms. Angelica stated that she has always recognized Mr. O’Gara as a very hard working Board member who has worked tirelessly on numerous projects for the community, and also Mr. Gary Aggas; Ms. Dueñas added that “if it weren’t for Mr. O’Gara, there wouldn’t be a Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council.”
- Ms. Dueñas stated her opposition for the Bridge project.
- Ms. Arrington stated that she is in favor of the Bridge project.
- Ms. Imelda Padilla Ramos apologized to Mike for her comments.
- Ms. Padilla stated that she is in favor of the Bridge project.

**ITEM 16: Discussion of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:
The Ratner Recycling Center at 10970 Ratner St., Sun Valley CA 91352
DORA'S Night Club Nuisance Abatement Proceedings and the upcoming hearing
date of July 6, 2012.**

- Mike stated that the Ratner Recycling Center’s CUP a certain shed has to be built but it has not been done yet, and added that Mr. Sampson, Ratner Recycling Center, is proposing a shed that has a different lay out than the one the community is proposing.
- Ms. Vacas stated that another meeting regarding Dora’s Night club will be held in two weeks to present Citizen Declarations stating the reason why this place should close permanently.

ITEM 17: Discuss Letter regarding the SVANC Planning and Land Use Committee position on CASE# CPC-2003-1038-CA & ENV-2003-1039-CE with regards to the Development of 91 units for Senior Independent and Assisted Living Care Housing Facility and its possible health hazard condition this could represent to the elderly residing at this facility.

- Mike said that this project will be harmful for the elderly, thus the community is against this project.

These planning Items on agenda are subject to Discussion and Possible Action

ITEM 18: PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ITEM 19: Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at approximately 08:35 pm