

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, August 14, 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	Absent
Linda Housden	Board Member	Present
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Present
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absence Excused
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Present
Luis Medina	Board Member	Present
Mark Mardirossian	Board Member	Present
Barbara O’Gara	Board Member	Present
Gene Culley	Board Member	Present
Sergio Carvajal	Board Member	Absent
Ron Kramer	Board Member	Absent
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Present

- ITEM 1:** Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Code of Civility, Roll Call
- Gary called the meeting to order at about 06:30 pm
 - Gary lead the Board and all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC’s Code of Civility
 - Gary took roll
- ITEM 2:** Opening Remarks & Seating of the New Governing Board of the Sun Valley Area
- Gary, as the outgoing SVANC’s President, stated on the record, the following projects the current Board had been working on:
 - A Park Improvement at Fernangeles installing a Shane’s Inspiration Jungle Gym, which is a recreation type outdoor’s gym to allow access to young visitors, especially those with special needs. Design ideas are currently being solicited from stakeholders.
 - Gary stated that about 3 more Parks will be completed within the next few years. These are the Skate Park, the Cesar Chavez Park, and the County Park located on Strathern and Tujunga officially known as the Strathern Pit, that is designed with a Water feature to reclaim water to allow it to replenish water to the aquifer.
 - SVANC’s members have been working diligently, as volunteers, on the homeless issue around Sun Valley Park. The 3rd census will be conducted in January 2013 and volunteers to participate in the census count are welcomed.

- Gary added that about a year ago, a very successful Citizenship workshop took place, and stated that CHIRLA organization will hold a Citizenship workshop in August 22, 2012---registration for this workshop will be held at Holy Rosary Church.
- Gary stated that volunteers from North Hollywood and North East NC areas assisted SVANC with its elections, and they are asking for volunteers from SVANC to assist them in their election in two-hour shift periods, which will be held on September 20th, 2012.
- Mike stated that for the At-Large category board position, two additional members received 8 votes each, therefore a decision has to be made as to which candidate will qualify to fill this At-Large candidate position, which qualifies you if you are a member of an organization in Sun Valley ---such as a religious institution, Chamber of Commerce, PTA, or any other existing organization in Sun Valley.
 - Gary introduced Grayce Liu, the Interim General Manager from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), who swore-in the new SVANC's board members.
 - Ms. Liu administered the swearing-in of SVANC's complete new Board of Directors.

ITEM 2A: Elections of 2012-2013 Executive Board

- Gary Aggas was nominated for SVANC's board President and was seconded by Angelica. The nomination was accepted without any other nominees named.
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried
- Mrs. Angelica Dueñas was nominated for SVANC's board First Vice-President and was seconded by Gary. The nomination was accepted without any other nominees named.
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried
- Mike O. was nominated for SVANC's board Second Vice-President and was seconded by Art. The nomination was accepted without any other nominees named.
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried
- SVANC's board position for Secretary was left open and will be included as an Item in September's general board meeting agenda. In the meantime, Mike O'Gara is the acting secretary of the board.
- Julie Monroy was nominated for the Treasurer's position, Ms. Monroy accepted it as an Acting Treasurer.
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

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

- None

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

- Mr. Bill Hackett, CD2 representative, introduced himself as the new CD2's field deputy
- Ms. Cristina Coria introduced herself as the new field deputy for the Sun Valley area for Assembly member Felipe Fuentes.
- Tania Oronoz, CD6 representative, announced the following:
 - On 07/24/2012 the City Council approved the ban of medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of L.A, and the ordinance was signed by Mayor Villaraigosa on 08/01/12. The marijuana dispensaries must close effective September 6th, 2012.

- CD6 staff met with representatives from LADWP to request extra lighting off Lankershim Blvd & San Fernando Road; as a result of this meeting and to date, LADWP has recently installed, upgraded and/or fixed Utilitarian lights in the area.
- CD6 staff met with Foothill Division officers to discuss the increase of prostitution activity off Lankershim between Stagg and San Fernando Road. CD6 staff in collaboration with Foothill Division's officers will conduct community walks to discourage criminal activity in Sun Valley along Lankershim/Strathern/Webb intersections. Anyone interested in volunteering or in joining the community walks is asked to contact Ms. Sulma Hernandez, CD6, at (818) 771-0236.
- On Wednesday, August 15th, 2012, at 01:30 PM, a Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) meeting (1 of 3 meetings) will be held at Fernangeles Rec Center to discuss the design of the Southeast Valley Skate park
- There will be a series of community meetings regarding the design of a full accessibility playground by Shane's Inspiration; the first meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23rd, 2012 at 10-11:30 AM, AND, at 06:00-08:30 pm, at Fernangeles Park at 8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Sun Valley
- On September 1, 2012, 10 AM – 2 PM, the Annual Pet Resource Fair will be held at East Valley Animal Shelter located at 14409 Vanowen St., VN. For more information please call CD6's District office at (818) 771-0236.

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

- None

ITEM 6: Board member comments

- Mr. O'Gara asked the members of the audience present who had ran for a SVANC board seat to stand up and be acknowledged. Mr. O'Gara stated that Mr. Ly Sander Cuevas and Mr. Carlos Torres received the same number of votes in the Residents category, however, if anyone of them qualifies, he can take the position under the At-Large category.
- Ms. Padilla, lead community organizer for Pacoima beautiful—an environmental justice organization, gave an update regarding the organization LANE about a waste hauling campaign, who has united efforts with 'Don't Waste L.A.'—the group that is working on franchising the way the City of L.A. picks up its trash in order to avoid extra pollution and traffic. Ms. Padilla announced that this item will be heard in City Council on August 29th, 2012, at 2:00 pm.
- Ms. Padilla also mentioned that she attended an MTA meeting and was informed that in the next couple of weeks they will send emails with updates on the Sepulveda/Van Nuys rail being proposed for the East Valley.

OLD Business:

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

- Ms. Monroy amended July 2012 minutes, and subsequently there was a motion to approve the minutes as amended,
 - The motion was on the floor for a vote
 - The motion carried

- **NEW Business:**

ITEM 8: Committee Chair Volunteers- Outreach- Planning- Community Affairs- By-Laws-Treasurer – Beautification

- **Outreach** – Mike stated that the Outreach Committee participated in an outreach-type event marching at the community walks against criminal activity like prostitution.
- Mike asked for volunteers for Thursday, September, 20, 2012 for poll workers as volunteer at the North Hollywood/Northeast elections –during a four-hour opening time period.
- Mike will remain as the Outreach Committee Chair, and members of the Outreach committee are: Mark, Gene, Angelica, Linda, Imelda, Monica, Carmen and Julie
- **Planning and Land Use** – See Items 16 and 17 below

- Monica V. will remain as the Planning and Land Use Committee Chair, and member of the Planning committee are: Mike, Art, Imelda, Mark, and Gary
- **Community Affairs** – Imelda will be the Community Affairs Committee Chair
- **Bylaws** – Mike stated that the bylaws need to be revised in about 3 months.
- Art will remain as the Bylaws Committee Chair, and the members of the committee are: Mike, Mark and Gary
- **Beautification Committee** – Eric Castellanos is the Beautification Committee Chair and its members are Susan, Eric, Sammy, Monica and Ly Sander Cuevas
- **Treasurer** – Julie read the following financial information for a total of \$2,739.30 about items that were approved at SVANC’s regular board meeting on July 10th, 2012:
 - o Contribute for the lockers for the LAPD’s Foothill Division: \$1,739.30
 - o Update SVANC’s website: \$500
- Julie also stated that SVANC’s budget currently has a total of \$36, 260.70 minus the pizza and water expense for July’s SVANC’s board meeting
 - o Hire a bookkeeper/accountant to reconcile SVANC’s FY 2011/2012 budget: \$500

ITEM 9: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monies for Plaque for the new Outdoor Bulletin Board at Fernangeles Park, not to exceed \$60.00

- Mike made a motion and was seconded by Julie
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve up to \$3500 to advertise on four bus benches for SVANC

- Mike stated that this amount was approved last year and the funds were encumbered from last year’s budget
- Mike said that he will try to lease for advertising the bench located on Roscoe in front of Poly HS right where there is a traffic signal. This amount is to lease 4 benches for six months
- Mike made the motion and was seconded by Angelica
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 11: Motion/Discuss/Vote to begin to spend encumbered expenditures

- Mike asked that the following monies spent and which are encumbered funds from last year’s budget FY’11-’12 be approved:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount	Purchaser
	Beyond the Bell	Venue for Elections at Poly HS	\$425.48	
	LA Daily News	Ad for August 1st	\$108.00	
	Subway	Food for Poll workers	\$50.23	
	Subway	Food for Public Rally in the Valley	\$42.41	
		Total Spent:	\$526.12	

- Julie made the motion and was seconded by Angelica
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 12: Appointment and Approve Senior and Youth Advocates

- Mike said that there are four appointed positions under these categories, and these appointments are one-year terms. Mike asked for nominations for these categories for next month.
- This item was tabled and will be included in next month’s agenda

ITEM 13: Discuss Board Representatives to Schools: Fernageles Elementary, Roscoe Elementary; Poly, Sun Valley High School and Middle School.

- Mike stressed the importance of getting involved in Sun Valley's local schools and attend its Title I meetings.

ITEM 14: Complete "Community Needs Assessment" Survey

- The Board completed the Community Needs Assessment Survey

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

- No new information presented

**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.**

- Ms. Vacas said that the owner of the property where Ratner Recycling Center is located, attended the PLUM committee meeting and presented an option to place a container on this site, which will improve the area.
- Ms. Vacas stated that she was not able to attend the meeting regarding Dora's Night Club, but Officer Esther Vasquez attended the meeting and will give a report when she returns
- Mike stated that there are about 3 Pawn Shops in Sun Valley; the one that opened on Roscoe was presented to SVANC's Board about 1 year ago and the board wasn't in opposition.
- Mike also added that the 7-11 representatives that opened on Roscoe and Lankershim did get a permit for beer and wine and will be open 24 hours; SVANC's board was not in opposition to this store because it's located in a commercial zone and is not near any residences.
- Mike added that another that representatives of another 7-11 on Rincon and Sheldon has presented an application and are asking to sell beer and wine and to be open 24 hours; however, SVANC's board is in opposition because it will be located approximately 160 feet from the nearest residence.

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

- Mike said that this is a tiny lot on Jerome off Laurel Canyon and it is backed-up against the freeway right next to the off-ramp, the contractor currently has a permit to build a building with 26-condo units, but instead they want to change it to construct 91 units for senior living. Mike added that SVANC is opposed to this project due to the health risks of vehicle emissions due to the proximity of the proposed building to the freeway.

ITEM 18: PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sammy Khalaf, Sun Valley resident, stated that the Congress of Neighborhood Councils is scheduled for September 22, 2012.

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