

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council  
General Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, January 08, 2013  
6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

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

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Gary Aggas	President	Present
Angelica Dueñas	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Absence excused
Mike O’Gara	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Present
Linda Housden	Board Member	Absence excused
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Imelda Padilla	Board Member	Absence excused
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Absence excused
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Absent
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absent
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	Present
Ron Kramer	Board Member	Absent
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Present
Robert Lim	Board Member	Absence excused
Sam Khalaf	Board Member	Present

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

- Gary called the meeting to order at about 06:40 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, (President) Self- introduction of Board Members**

- Gary welcomed Board members and stakeholders. Mr. Aggas asked those who were going to speak to introduce themselves and the street they live on, in order for everyone to get to know each other better.
- Mr. Aggas stated that the Board’s primary purpose is to listen to the stakeholders’ concerns and convey them to the City’s Departments.
- Mr. Aggas stated that the stakeholders need to know who SVANC’S Board is in order to communicate with the Board, and added that the members of the Board need to be more involved. Mr. Aggas added that Empower L.A.’s study stated that a Neighborhood Council Board member needed to be involved an average of four hours per week in addition to the hours per board meetings in order to be effective. Mr. Aggas asked all Board members to participate and become active for the benefit of the community’s stakeholders.
- Mr. Aggas asked all present to get involved by joining and/or chairing a committee in order to continue dealing with the neighborhood’s issues.

*Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held February 12, 2013*

- Gary introduced himself stating that he is SVANC's board president and lives on Cohasset St.
- Mr. Gene Culley introduced himself and stated that he lives on Cantara St.
- Mr. Luis Medina stated that he lives on Case Ave.
- Ms. Carmen Perez stated that she lives on Vineland Avenue.
- My name is (inaudible), lives on New Haven Street.
- Sergio Carvajal lives on Vineland Avenue
- Mr. Mark Mardirossian lives on Rincon.
- Mr. Mike O'Gara lives near Sun Valley High School
- Ms. Barbara O'Gara lives near Sun Valley High School
- Ms. Susan Bartlett lives on Edmore Place.
- Ms. Julie Monroy, stated that she is SVANC's Treasurer, and has been on SVANC's board for six years, and stated that amongst all the Board's positions, she has been a part of the outreach committee and as such encourages everyone to participate in order for everyone to take part in the decision-making process.

**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 Kim Walliat presentation was inaudible on the recording.

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

- Sulma Hernandez, CD6 representative, stated that CD6 Councilmember is no longer in this post because he is now in Congress; therefore, it was stated that CD6 is a vacant seat, but stated that the office representatives are available to do case work, with same office, phone number, and email information.
- It was stated that the CD6 seat will be a special election in March, and a Councilmember will be assigned in July.

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

- None

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

- Mike O'Gara asked all fellow board members to become more active and participate in SVANC's activities and events.
- Susan Bartlett said that she too wishes that SVANC's board members become more involved and added that SVANC should support and work more with other organizations.
- Sam Khalaf suggested inviting local businesses to participate in SVANC's meetings.
- Gary Aggas said that CalTrans representatives asked to come back in February to give an update on the I-5 construction project. This item will be included in February's agenda.

#### **OLD Business:**

**ITEM 7:** Review, correct and approve minutes from our December 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, Board meeting.

- The minutes for December 11, 2012 were approved as amended
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

#### **NEW Business:**

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

- Outreach Committee report – Mike O'Gara said that they participated in a Dream Act outreach event at Poly HS. Gary and Sam Khalaf attended. Mike said that another event will be held in February by Panorama NC, and SVANC will hold one in March.
- Planning Committee report – see Item 18
- Community Affairs Committee Report: Mike stated that SVANC is waiting to hear the decision regarding the \$5000 Keep L.A. Beautiful grant.
- By-Laws Committee Report – none

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- Treasurer Committee Report: Julie Monroe stated that DONE gave each NC \$37,000/year. Ms. Julie read the amounts allocated for each of the following months:
  - July: \$2,739.30; August: \$3,714.33; September: \$1,437.97;
  - October: \$4,050; November: \$509.94; December 2012 is \$12,785.00, which included \$10,800 for the building's rent. This amount does not allocate for all the bills paid from the allocation.
    - The motion was put out for a vote
    - The motion carried
- Beautification Committee Report – Mike said that if SVANC receives the Keep L.A. Beautiful grant, part of the funds will be used to re-landscape the 77 Fire Station on Sunland Blvd.

**ITEM 9:** Motion/Discussion/Vote To allow the credit card holder to spend up to \$75 for photos/prints for Planning and other committees to show at meetings.

- Mike O’Gara takes pictures to take to meetings and City Departments.
  - The motion was put out for a vote
  - The motion carried

**ITEM 10:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow the credit card holder to spend up to UP to \$250 to keep office and outreach running.

- Mike O’Gara is the credit card holder and gives reports as the money is spent
  - The motion was put out for a vote
  - The motion carried

**ITEM 11:** Discussion regarding the build up of trash on Tujunga/Peoria between Bradley and Glenoaks (Susan A. Bartlett)

- (Susan’s comments were inaudible on the recording)

**ITEM 12:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to form a Sun Valley Homeless Committee.

- Mike said that there is a Homeless Coalition—Mike, Gary, Monica, Linda and Gene are involved, but a Chairperson is needed for the Committee.
- Mike asked to table this Item for SVANC’s February regular board meeting.
- Mike said that the number of homeless is increasing at Sun Valley park.

**ITEM 13:** Discussion and update of the Fire House 77 Beautification Project

- See discussion in Item 8 above

**ITEM 14:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to appoint representatives to the **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition** (LANCC) and the **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** (VANC)

- Mike O’Gara said that LANCC meets the first Saturday of every month in Hollywood. Mike has been the representative at those meeting for about six years. Mike and Gary attend these meetings. This coalition has about representatives from 34 neighborhood councils.
- Mike stated that VANC meets in the Burn Center-Sherman Oaks Hospital; they meet the second Thursday of each month.
- Mike said that a vote is required to choose a representative from SVANC to attend these meetings.
- Mike made a motion to be appointed to VANC and nominated Gary Aggas to be appointed to LANCC as SVANC’s representatives to attend both meetings.
  - The motion was put out for a vote
  - The motion carried

**ITEM 15:** Discussion of Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative. (Aggas)

- Gary emailed info on this Initiative to the Board. Gary said that 12 people will be appointed from each neighborhood council area. Meetings will be held once a month for the next 6 months; at these meetings, the rules governing the NCs will be reviewed.

- ITEM 16:** Update of rental of our Office. (O’Gara)
- Mike will meet with the office landlord to find out what their plans are when the construction begins, but in the meantime, other properties are being considered in case relocation of SVANC’s office is required.
- ITEM 17:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to Approve letter **opposing** the **Eldercare Housing Facility** on Laurel Canyon Blvd. (O’Gara)
- Mike said that the owner wants to build an elder care facility with 96 units and four-stories high. This lot is right next to the I-5, at the Sheldon off-ramp. Mike is planning to complete 13-page letter and attend the hearing regarding this project on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The main concern is the proximity of this project to the freeway and the impact it will have on the elderly that will be living there.
  - Mike added that SVANC’s Planning Committee recommends this letter be presented at the upcoming hearing.
    - The motion was put out for a vote
    - The motion carried
- ITEM 18:** Discussion of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:
- Crown Disposal FEIR: Mike said that Crown Disposal’s hearing will be held in February 2013.
  - The LADWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) Environmental Impact Report (EIR): Mike said that the spreading grounds are where they fill the water basins on Sheldon and Roscoe. The basins are presently 8’-10’ deep. The LADWP published the EIR, with a 25-day period to read it. SVANC did write and mailed a letter regarding this project. LADWP is planning to evacuate an enormous amount of cubic yards of dirt requiring about 86,000 diesel truck trips. This will highly impact the near-by schools.
  - 7-11 Project on Rincon & Sheldon: a hearing was held about three weeks ago and the City Planning department has not mailed their determination on whether this store will be open 24-hours or not. The 7-11 representatives did withdraw their Alcohol application.
  - The Ratner Recycling Center at 10970 Ratner St., Sun Valley CA 91352: it is next to the post office, this has been a problem, SVANC opposed this recycling center from opening at this location. The owner is not meeting the conditions on the permit for this facility. Mike expects to provide more information next month.
- These planning Items on agenda are subject to Discussion and Possible Action.**
- ITEM 19:** PUBLIC COMMENT
- A community member, who did not want to identify himself, briefly commented that the review of the NC rules is going to supersede the bylaws, recently ratified/reviewed by each individual NC.
  - Mike said that on January 31 a homeless count/census will take place from 09:00 pm – midnight. Volunteers are needed.
- ITEM 20:** Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at about 08:15. The motion passed.