

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, March 12, 2013
6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

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

Board Member	Title	Status
Gary Aggas	President	Present
Angelica Dueñas	1 st Vice President	Absence excused
Mike O’Gara	2 nd VP/Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Present
Linda Housden	Board Member	Absence excused
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Imelda Padilla	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Absent
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absent
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absence excused
Luis Medina	Board Member	Present
Mark Mardirossian	Board Member	Present
Barbara O’Gara	Board Member	Present
Gene Culley	Board Member	Absent
Sergio Carvajal	Board Member	Present
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Absence excused
Robert Lim	Board Member	Absent
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 06:33 pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC’s Code of Civility were recited
- Gary took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks, (President) Self- introduction of Board Members

- Gary thanked fellow board members and stakeholders for their participation in the efforts to make Sun Valley a better community
- Gary announced that next month SVANC will have elections for the Board’s Executive Board and Committee Chairs
- Gary welcomed Board members and stakeholders. Mr. Aggas asked fellow board members to introduce themselves, the street they live on, and/or what neighborhood/company they represent.
- Luis Medina, resident, lives on Case Ave by San Fernando Rd.
- Sergio Carvajal, Urban Planning, lives on Vineland Avenue
- Mark Mardirossian, lives on Rincon
- Monica Vacas, Sun Valley resident, lives on Lanark and Glenoaks
- Imelda Padilla, Community organizer, lives on Norris and Penrose
- Gary Aggas, lives on Saticoy and Vineland
- Barbara O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Mike O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Ms. Susan Bartlett lives on Edmore Place and Landark Street

- July Monroy lives on Beck Ave.

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 Michelle Rodriguez provided copies of a packet of information which includes important phone numbers, how to generate radio calls, when to call, what constitutes an emergency, abandoned vehicles, etc.
- Officer Contreras, covering for Officer Vasquez, announced that crime has increased a little bit compared to last year. The Officer informed the community about a new LAPD service through the website crimemapping.com. This website allows you to find out all crime stats in any neighborhood and state.
- Officer Contreras introduced Captain Jorge Rodriguez who was recently transferred to the Foothill station. Captain Rodriguez' email address Jorge.rodriguez@lapd.lacity.org.

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

- Mary Benson, CD7 representative, announced that Councilmember Alarcon's last day in office as a City elected official will be June 30th, 2013.
- Mary distributed a flyer regarding the shopping carts, potholes, graffiti, bulky items and illegal dumping, which has a phone number, email and contact name per category.
- Ms. Maral Habeshian, CD2 representative, introduced herself and gave her contact information ph: (818) 755-7676 email Maral.Habeshian@lacity.org

ITEM 4a: Candidates for Council Member of Los Angeles Council District 6: Walter Alexander Escobar and J. Roy Garcia will discuss their views and goals.

- Mr. Walter A. Escobar introduced himself as a candidate for CD6, was born in Panorama City, and encouraged anyone with questions to contact him at (818) 414-5917.
- Jose Roy Garcia is running as a candidate for Councilmember for CD6.

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

Members of the public are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker.

- Mr. Derek Waleko introduced himself as a candidate for CD6's Councilmember election, and stated that he is a member of the Van Nuys NC.
- Richard Valdez, introduced himself as a candidate for CD6.

- **ITEM 6: Board member comments** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction. Board members are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker; and additional discussion time if request is made to place an item on an agenda of a future meeting.

- None

- **OLD Business:**

- **ITEM 7:** Review, correct and approve minutes from our February 12th 2013 Board meeting.

- Mr. Mardirossian made corrections to the February 12, 2013 minutes and were noted.
- Mr. O'Gara made corrections to the February 12, 2013 minute and were noted.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded
 - The motion was put out for a vote
 - The motion carried

- **NEW Business:**

- **ITEM 8:** Committee Chair Volunteers: Outreach; Planning; Community Affairs; Sun Valley Homeless; By-Laws; Treasurer; Beautification.

- Outreach: Mike said that two outreach events are coming up for Easter weekend and is asking for volunteers at the two parks.
- Planning: Mike said that the Community Recycling hearing re: their EIR was held last Friday with a large turnout in favor and against the project. Mike added that there is a court order against Community Recycling to enclose where the green waste is managed; however, they have not been ordered to enclose the area where the municipal solid waste is managed. Mike added that Planning Deputies from CD6, CD7 and CD2 attended the hearing and stated that the respective Councilmembers requested that all entities on this property had to be enclosed. Mike said that a lawyer, hired and paid for by the school, wrote a letter with 142 comments requesting a reply regarding this EIR. In addition, the attendees opposing the project stated that the company has to enclose all areas, pay mitigation to the community, and they have to re-do some of the truck routes, and a better parking place has to be identified for their trucks, on-street parking will not be acceptable anymore. Mike added that Community Recycling is proposing in the EIR to enclose this area with a 25' metal fence around the outside. This item will be heard before the City Planning Commission on May 23, 2013, which includes the 45-day extension that was granted.

- Community Affairs: None by Imelda. However, Mike said regarding the Firehouse that is planned for landscaping, SVANC did not get the 'Keep L.A. Beautiful' grant for \$5,000 for which it applied. Mike is doing some outreach in order to get support to landscape the station.

-Sun Valley Homeless-none

- By-Laws: None

-Treasurer: Julie Monroy Cantor gave the following report:

- January: the Board approved a total of \$325.00
- March: the Board has encumbered \$25,561.54
- The money left over for the remaining of the fiscal year 2012 is \$11,438.46. This does not include funds to be paid for operational costs of the Board. Therefore, the new budget's balance as of March 12, 2013 is \$7,878.69, but only \$2,328.69 is available for the remaining of the FY2011/2012.
- Mike added that SVANC has a balance in their budget of \$7,878.69, however \$29,121.00 has been allocated/encumbered for which an itemized list was included on the balance sheet.

- The motion was put out for a vote to accept the Treasurer's report
- The motion carried

-Beautification: None

- **ITEM 9:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds, \$150.00 each to the Easter celebrations at Sun Valley and Fernangeles Parks.

- Ashley, Fernangeles Park representative, said that their Spring Fest Festival will be held on March 22, 2013, from 04:00 pm – 06:00 pm. Free activities for all community members.
- David Velasco, Director in charge at Sun Valley Recreation Center, stated that about 10,000 fliers were distributed to the schools and about 2,500 fliers were mailed to stakeholders on the mailing list. The flyer announced the Spring egg hunt to be held on Saturday, March 30th, from 12noon – 04:00 pm. Volunteers are welcomed
 - Mike made a motion to sponsor both events at both parks for \$150 each. The motion was seconded.
 - The motion was put out for a vote.
 - The motion carried.

- **ITEM 10:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds, \$150.00, Helium for Balloons at the Easter celebrations at the parks.

- Mike made the motion and it was seconded by Mark.
- The motion was put out for a vote.
- The motion carried.

- **ITEM 11:** Motion /Discussion/Vote regarding the upcoming NALEO Citizen Workshop. (Aggas).
 - This item was only for discussion purposes. Mr. Aggas said that the citizen workshop sponsored in part by SVANC took place about 1 ½ years ago at Poly HS and added that another similar workshop will be held on June 1st or June 8th. The exact date will be decided at a meeting on March 20th, 2013.
 - Gary asked for volunteers to work on the steering committee for this NALEO event; Sam, Joy and Monica volunteered to participate at this event.

- **ITEM 12:** Motion /Discussion/Vote regarding the DONE affidavit for past reconciliations. (O’Gara).
 - Mike stated that DONE has recorded SVANC as missing three quarters in reconciliations. Therefore, SVANC reps have to write an affidavit saying that that documentation was lost or that it was submitted earlier. The affidavit has to be submitted to DONE by April 1, 2013 or else DONE will eliminate SVANC’s funds; Mike read the letter from DONE regarding this reconciliation request.
 - The motion was put out for a vote.
 - The motion carried.

- **ITEM 14:** Motion /Discussion/Vote regarding rental of our new office. (O’Gara).
 - Gary said that four possible office spaces have been considered but none were within SVANC’s budget. Susan B. suggested another possible location.
 - Mike said that if SVANC’s office has to move in April, then DONE has to approve a new lease contract for \$10,800 per year.
 - Gary clarified that the motion was for this property’s lease. Mike made the motion to sign the letter of reconciliation and it was seconded.
 - The motion was put out for a vote.
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 15:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds, approximately \$850.00, to cover cost of moving to new office. (Aggas)
 - Mr. Aggas said that he got four quotes for moving companies, and Beacon’s is not only the best but the most specific. So, the \$850 allocated for moving will cover this move.
 - Sam Khalaf suggested getting volunteers to participate in the move of the office; adding that \$850 was too much. Mr. Khalaf suggested asking stakeholders to help with the move.
 - Mike made a motion to spent \$850 as stated on this Item
 - The motion was put out for a vote
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 16:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds, \$3,000.00, for irrigation, landscape cloth and new soil for the **Fire House 77 Beautification Project**
 - Mike said that he has gotten no answer from the three fire station chiefs regarding the letter sent to them. Mike reiterated that SVANC did not get the Beautification grant for which it applied.
 - The motion was put out for a vote not to spend more than \$3,000.
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 17:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds to replenish office supplies after move: \$800.00
 - Mike said that up to this amount was used last year for office supplies.
 - The motion was put out for a vote not to spend more than \$800.00.
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 18:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds to the **NC Congress September 28th, 2013.** (O’Gara)
 - Mike said that last year SVANC sponsored this event with \$200 and this year DONE is requesting sponsorship amounts of up to \$250 for this event.
 - The motion was put out for a vote
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 19:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate \$200.00 to sponsor the "**Adelante Hombre Youth Summit**" on Saturday, April 27th. (Padilla)
 - Imelda said that this is a 20 year event from a group of women who have organized the "**Adelante Mujer Latina**" and asked SVANC to sponsor funds to spend on educational supplies for this event.
 - The motion was put out for a vote to spend \$200
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 20** Discussion regarding the build-up of trash on Tujunga/Peoria between Bradley and Glenoaks (Bartlett, Culley)
 - Susan said that about six weeks ago reps from the Department of Street Services cleaned up the area. Since then, Graffiti Busters has to make a decision about the monitoring activities of illegal dumpers at specified areas using the cameras already installed in these specific areas.
 - Mike O. said that Gene Culley presented information regarding this issue last week and the question was regarding the functionality of the cameras already installed in the areas of concern. Mike stated that Gene’s suggestion that installing k-rails on that area will most likely detour vandalism.

- **ITEM 21:** Update on **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition** (LANCC) (Aggas)
 - Mike made a motion to table this item
 - After a vote, this item was tabled
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 22:** Update on the **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** (VANCC) (O’Gara)
 - Mike made a motion to table this item
 - After a vote, this item was tabled

- **ITEM 23:** Update of **Neighborhood Council Plan Review** and Reform Initiative. (Aggas)
 - A motion was made to table this item
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 24:** Update of PlanCheckNC meeting the 2nd Saturday of the month (Sergio Carvajal)
 - Mike made a motion to table this item
 - After a vote, this item was tabled
 - The motion carried

- **ITEM 25:** Discussion of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:
 - MOTION/ DISCUSSION/ VOTE to allow the planning Committee to write a letter re:
 - The proposed Adult Day Care Center at 8847-8857 Lankershim Blvd. Sun Valley,91352 for the hearing April 2, 2013
 - Crown Disposal FEIR
 - The LADWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 7-11 Project on Rincon & Sheldon.
 - The Ratner Recycling Center at 10970 Ratner St., Sun Valley CA 91352
 - Mike made a motion to table this item
 - After a vote, this item was tabled

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting April 9, 2013

- The motion carried
- **These planning Items on agenda are subject to Discussion and Possible Action.**
- **ITEM 26:** PUBLIC COMMENT - none
- **ITEM 27:** Adjournment –the meeting adjourned at approximately 08:50 pm