

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, April 09, 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	Absence excused
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	Present
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	Absence excused
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Present
Robert Lim	Board Member	Absent
Sam Khalaf	Board Member	Present

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

- Gary Aggas called the meeting to order at about 06:35 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 Aggas stated that the City of L.A.’s Planning Department is working on the General Plan Structure, which has to do with how the City will react to the proposed changes in population and density. The plan will address the following three elements: mobility/transportation element; housing element; and, health and safety element.
- Mr. Aggas added that the City will hold a meeting regarding Planning issues for the next 20-30 years, on Thursday, April 11, 2013, 06:30 pm, Grossman Burn Center on Van Nuys Blvd., and the Sherman Oaks Community Hospital in Van Nuys.
- 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.
- Mark Mardirossian, lives on Rincon
- Monica Vacas, Sun Valley resident, lives on Lanark and Glenoaks

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- Imelda Padilla, Community organizer, lives on Norris, between San Fernando Road and Glenoaks
- Sam Khalaf, realtor, lives on Arleta
- Gary Aggas, lives on Saticoy and Vineland
- Barbara O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Mike O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Susan Bartlett lives on Edmore Place and Landmark Street
- Gerry Prieto, Crown Disposal
- Carmen Perez, lives on Highland, North Hollywood
- Gene Culley, lives on Cantara St., Sun Valley
- Samuel Palomino, lives in Sun Valley

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, Senior Lead Officer, stated the following crime stats in Foothill Division (*Officer Vasquez’ comments were inaudible on the recording, therefore the following crime stats from the Foothill Division, which covers Sun Valley, were copied from the LAPD’s Foothill Division, Crime Stats, website).*

CRIME STATISTICS for week ending 04/13/13												
VIOLENT CRIMES	03/17/13 TO 04/13/13	2/17/13 TO 03/16/13	% Change	2/17/13 TO 03/16/13	01/20/13 TO 02/16/13	% Change	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change	YTD 2013	YTD 2011	% Change
HOMICIDE	1	1	0%	1	2	-50%	4	5	-20%	4	2	100%
RAPE	2	5	-60%	5	1	400%	8	10	-20%	8	12	-33%
ROBBERY	16	18	-11%	18	19	-5%	62	71	-13%	62	83	-25%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	28	19	47%	19	15	27%	78	65	20%	78	100	-22%
TOTAL VIOLENT	47	43	9%	43	37	16%	152	151	1%	152	197	-23%
PROPERTY CRIMES	03/17/13 TO 04/13/13	2/17/13 TO 03/16/13	% Change	2/17/13 TO 03/16/13	01/20/13 TO 02/16/13	% Change	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change	YTD 2013	YTD 2011	% Change
BURGLARY	44	55	-20%	55	45	22%	183	162	13%	183	220	-17%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	54	56	-4%	56	69	-19%	211	187	13%	211	228	-7%
RTFV	69	96	-28%	96	97	-1%	323	296	9%	323	339	-5%
PERSONAL OTHER THEFT	45	73	-38%	73	58	26%	214	275	-22%	214	249	-14%
TOTAL PROPERTY	212	280	-24%	280	269	4%	931	920	1%	931	1036	-10%
TOTAL PART I	259	323	-20%	323	306	6%	1083	1071	1%	1083	1233	-12%
ARREST STATISTICS for week ending 04/13/13												
ARRESTS	03/17/13 TO 04/13/13	2/17/13 TO 03/16/13	% Change	2/17/13 TO 03/16/13	01/20/13 TO 02/16/13	% Change	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change	YTD 2013	YTD 2011	% Change
HOMICIDE	0	0	N/C*	0	0	N/C*	0	6	-100%	0	0	N/C*
RAPE	2	1	100%	1	0	N/C*	3	1	200%	3	3	0%
ROBBERY	3	6	-50%	6	7	-14%	20	26	-23%	20	38	-47%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**	34	32	6%	32	23	39%	102	86	19%	102	105	-3%
BURGLARY	10	17	-41%	17	10	70%	45	41	10%	45	38	18%
INARCENY	17	14	21%	14	19	-26%	64	77	-17%	64	95	-33%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	8	8	0%	8	9	-11%	31	27	15%	31	41	-24%
TOTAL VIOLENT	39	39	0%	39	30	30%	125	119	5%	125	146	-14%
TOTAL PART I	74	78	-5%	78	68	15%	265	264	0%	265	320	-17%
TOTAL ALL ARRESTS	471	481	-2%	481	455	6%	1777	1912	-7%	1777	1954	-9%

Prepared by: COMPSTAT Unit

Statistics are Preliminary and Subject to Further Analysis and Revision

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

- Mary Benson, CD7 representative, stated that the Bureau of Sanitation, will have an open house on April 27, 2013, and will be giving away trees. Refreshments will be provided. Ms. Benson said that the Bureau of Sanitation’s contact phone number is (818) 563-3070 to report bulky items.
- Gemma, representative for Senator Alex Padilla, stated that SB 135-California Earthquake Early Warning Bill has been approved at the Senate’s Governmental Organization Committee.
- Gemma announced a citizen workshop which will be held on June 8, 2013, location and time TBA.

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- Sulma Hernandez, CD6 representative, announced that an event will be held for Earth Day on April 13, 2013, Panorama City.
- Gemma also announced a 5K/10K run/walk event to be held on April 28, 2013. (*The rest of Ms. Gemma's remarks were inaudible on the recording*).

ITEM 4a: Candidates for Council Member of Los Angeles City Council District 6: Cindy Montanez, Richard Valdez and Derek Waleko will discuss their views and goals.

- **Cindy Montañez**, announced that she is running for District 6 of the City of Los Angeles:
 - Occupation: government affairs consultant for various clients, as well as the Assistant General Manager for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
 - Democratic Assemblywoman from California's 39th Assembly District from 2002 until 2006
 - Appointed to California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- **Richard Valdez**, announced that he is running for District 6 of the City of Los Angeles:
 - Occupation: Businessman
 - BA Psychology, SDSU
 - US Army Veteran
 - Real Estate Broker, Lic 01211013
 - Member of Veterans for Peace
 - Foreclosure Prevention Advocate
 - info@valdezforcitycouncil.com
 - **Priorities:**
 - Improve our communities and make them Safer
 - Promote green energy
 - Help families avoid foreclosure
- **Derek Waleko**, Occupation: Senior Government Advisor
 - KOTRA Los Angeles, Investments
 - Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, FMR President & current Board member
 - Mayors Budget Advocate Committee, FMR Board member
 - Korea Times (featured), Mr. KOTRA
 - Kappa Sigma, Member
 - Texas Tech University, B.S.
 - info@cd6specialelection.com
 - **Priorities:**
 - Fixing the budget
 - Improving District 6
 - Jobs and education

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

- Robert Adams, Software Engineer, Sun Valley Resident
- *Transcriber's note: the other public comment speakers were inaudible on the recorder.*

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.

- The board members' comments were inaudible/not clear on the recorder.

OLD Business:

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

- A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended, the motion was seconded
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

NEW Business:

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

- Outreach Committee: Mr. Gary Aggas stated that SVANC participated in two events as an outreach effort: one at Fernangeles Park on March 26th, 2013; and, on March 30th, 2013 at Sun Valley Park. Mr. Aggas stated that he was the only SVANC representative at the Fernangeles Park event.
- Planning: Please see Item 20 in this agenda
- Community Affairs: Please see Item 15
- Treasurer's report: n/a
- Beautification: n/a

ITEM 9: Motion /Discussion/Vote to approve a letter to the City of Los Angeles in support of Sun Valley Graffiti Busters. (Bartlett)

- Ms. S. Bartlett recuses herself for a vote on this item.
- Mr. O'Gara made a motion to write a letter of support to the City for Graffiti Busters.
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 10: Discussion and possible action on exploring funding alternatives for a budget surplus as a result of a potential change in the lease term agreements as stipulated by the City. (O'Gara)

- Gary Aggas stated that the remaining amount of \$2,700 of the over \$10,000 rent, means that SVANC has an \$8,100 surplus.
- Mr. O'Gara stated that on April 5th, 4:30 PM, Mr. O'Gara received a letter from DONE regarding the Lease, which stated that the City has a policy that its leases have to run with its City's fiscal year.

ITEM 11: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds, a Neighborhood Purposes Grant, not to exceed \$1,000.00, for copy machines from a Sun Valley Vendor for the upcoming NALEO Citizen Workshop. (Julie Monroy-Cantor)

- Mr. Gary Aggas stated that the workshop will be held on June 08, 2013. SVANC voted in favor to not exceed \$1,000.00 for copy machines from a Sun Valley Vendor for the upcoming NALEO Citizen Workshop
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously
- Mike O'Gara made a motion to reconsider Item 11
- Mr. Aggas seconded Mr. O'Gara's motion to reconsider Item 11
- The motion carried unanimously
- Mr. O'Gara made a motion to allocate funds to pay up to \$1,000 for copy machines for Sun Valley Vendor to supply copy machines for the upcoming NALEO citizenship workshop on June 08, 2013. These funds will pay through a Demand Warrant to DONE.
- The motion was seconded by Ms. Vacas
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 12: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds not to exceed \$2,000.00 to Sun Valley Graffiti Busters. (Aggas)

- Mr. Gary Aggas presented an amendment to this item changing the amount from \$2,000 to "not to exceed \$3,000 to Sun Valley Graffiti Busters."
- The motion was on the floor for a vote on the amendment
- The motion carried
- The motion, as amended, was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously

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ITEM 13: Motion /Discussion/Vote allocate funds, not to exceed, \$600 for polo shirts with the SVANC Logo for Board members to wear at Outreach events.

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

ITEM 14a: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds not to exceed \$500.00, for "Pothole Patrol" T-shirts with the SVANC logo for Outreach.

- Mike stated that the goal is to have stakeholders report potholes on their streets and a t-shirt will be given to each resident who reports 3-5 potholes. The t-shirt will have SVANC's logo on the front and on the back it will have 'Sun Valley'.
- Gary made the motion and Mike seconded it
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 14b: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds not to exceed \$950.00, for "community volunteer" T-shirts with the SVANC logo for Outreach.

- Gary made the motion and Mike seconded it.
- Gary added that these were the community volunteer gray t-shirts that have 'community volunteer' on the back. Gary added that these t-shirts are used for community outreach
- The motion was put out for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously

ITEM 15: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds not to exceed \$5,000.00, for the Firehouse 77 Project.

- Mike stated that the amount was not to exceed \$5,000 to be used for the 77th Project Fire House
- Mike stated that the amount not to exceed \$5,000 will be used to replace the underground irrigation pipes, for landscaping, for dirt removal and excavation, and to buy decomposed granite.
- Mike stated that Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, Graffiti Busters have committed to help with this project. Mike is going to invite Foothill Trails NC to participate in this project.
- The motion was made by Gary and was put out for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously

ITEM 16: Update on **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition** (LANCC) (Aggas)

- Gary said that the meeting is held every 1st Saturday of every month. At last meeting, Gary said that a presentation was given on the General Plan Structure. Gary welcomed anyone who is interested to attend the meeting.

ITEM 17: Update on the **Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** (VANC) (O'Gara)

- Mike said that the meeting of VANC will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013. They will be discussing the general plan that includes high schools, pedestrian walkways, various modes of transportation, etc.
- Mike added that VANC will also discuss the issue regarding Clear Channel, CVS and other companies that install digital billboards throughout the City, and the most recent court decision ordering these companies to bring down the billboards.

ITEM 18: Update of **Neighborhood Council Plan Review** and Reform Initiative. (Aggas)

- Gary said that there are 15 committee members from the valley. This committee will make recommendations to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners in a report format, which will be ready by the end of May and will provide a copy of it to SVANC's board.

ITEM 19: Update of PlanCheckNC meeting the 2nd Saturday of the month (Sergio Carvajal)

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- Gary said that the meeting will be held in North Hollywood.
- Mike sent out a copy of their agenda to the members of SVANC's Planning Committee.

- ITEM 20:** Discussion and Possible Action of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:
- Proposed Eldercare Facility on Laurel Canyon at Jerome.
 - Mike said that a determination has not been made by the City Planner in charge of this project.
 - Proposed Adult Day Care Center at 8847-8857 Lankershim Blvd. Sun Valley, 91352 hearing April 2, 2013
 - Mike said that a hearing regarding this project was held on April 2, 2013, and a determination has been made to allow up to 128 units, and per SVANC's request, a review of the project will be held in three years. One of the major concerns regarding this project, Mike added, is the parking issue.
 - Crown Disposal FEIR and the community Working Group: WIG
 - Gary and Mike will be meeting with other community groups and with Community Recycling on Thursday, April 11, 2013 to go over their project proposal and application.
 - No new information The LADWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
 - Mike said that there is no new information on the Tujunga Spreading Grounds project.
 - Waiting on decision 7-11 Project on Rincon & Sheldon.
 - Mike stated that their close to the opening date.
 - The Ratner Recycling Center at 10970 Ratner St., Sun Valley CA 91352
 - Mike stated that there were no new details to report on this project

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

ITEM 21: PUBLIC COMMENT - none

ITEM 22: Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 08:45 pm.