

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, May 14, 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	Absence excused
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Absent
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	Present
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Absence excused
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 06:30 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

- 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
- Mark Mardirossian, lives on Rincon
- Monica Vacas, lives on Lanark and Glenoaks
- Sergio Carvajal lives on Vineland and Kitridge
- Gary Aggas, lives near Saticoy and Tujunga
- Barbara O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Mike O’Gara lives near Cayuga and Sheldon
- Carmen Perez, crossing guard at Roscoe Elementary School, lives in North Hollywood
- Susan Bartlett lives on Edmore Place and Landmark Street
- Gene Culley, lives across the Park in Sun Valley

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held July 09, 2013

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 reported that there was a great increase of business burglaries, and increase in car burglaries.
- Officer Vasquez announced two new neighborhood watch groups, which are one on Cranford and Remick, and one on Sancola and San Fernando.
- Officer Vasquez stated that they did a bait-bike operation in a highly theft concentrated area, resulting in six arrests. The officer added that the LAPD is working on eliminating the graffiti problems in Sun Valley. Officer Vasquez added that she has been doing a lot of school checks, either before or after school.
- The Officer informed the community that there is an upcoming CUP hearing for Dora's bar, which will be held next week.
- Officer Vasquez announced that the LAPD has organized a Children's Day 'Salute to Kids' event, Hansen Dam Aquatics Center, Saturday, May 18, 2013, 10:00am – 04:00pm.

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

- Mary Benson, CD7, announced that tomorrow, May 15, the City Council will consider a motion to allocate over \$25,000 for equipment to fire stations in CD7, including Fire Station 77.
- Mary said that CD7 has received a lot of complaints regarding the high activity of homeless, transients and shopping carts in the District. Ms. Benson asked the community to report any further problems regarding these issues, or any others, to (818) 352-3287—the Sunland office.
- Mary responded to Mr. O'Gara regarding the Spreading Basins for the rainwater on Sheldon and Roscoe, stating that about 2 months ago an EIR was posted by LADWP which stated that they are planning on digging 10' of soil out of each one of the spreading basins or about 1.2 million cubic yards of dirt that they are planning to move via approximately 236 truck trips per day for two years, traveling up and down Sheldon. Mr. O'gara said that SVANC's board reps wrote in response to their EIR about the schools that would be affected due to the diesel fuels from these truck trips, and asked the LADWP staff in charge of this project to consider building an electric conveyor belt up through the wash, to which the LADWP replied that it had been considered but decided against it. Mike said that they just received the FEIR with a 10-day community response period, but of most importance in this FEIR is that the LADWP agreed to build an electronic conveyor system and they have agreed to reduce the number of truck trips that would pass through the community, however, the only truck trips they will use are closer to Byrd Middle School's side of the spreading basins; the dirt will be trucked from that point across the street and place it on the electric conveyor belt.
- Mike added that this LADWP's decision is of great benefit and a winning situation for the community. He added that Mr. Alarcón wrote a 2-page letter encouraging the LADWP to explore the options suggested by SVANC and which, in part, were accepted for implementation in the FEIR. Mike asked Mary to thank Mr. Alarcón on behalf of SVANC.
- Mr. Gibson W., Senator Padilla's office, introduced himself as a new staff for the Senator's office. Mr. Gibson announced the Citizenship Workshop and Fee Waiver Assistance Fair, Saturday, June 8, 2013, 09:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, at the Church on the Way, 14800 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405.
- Mike O. added that SVANC is providing 3 high-duty copying machines at this event.

ITEM 4a: Candidate for Council Member of Los Angeles City Council District 6, Derek Waleko will discuss his views and goals.(8 Minutes)

- Derek Waleko currently resides in Van Nuys as a board member of the Neighborhood Council. Derek is also the Senior Executive Advisor for investments at KOTRA Los Angeles. If elected, Mr. Waleko plans to:
 - Create Jobs Through Exports
 - Provide Financial Education
 - Propose Redevelopment Plans to Foster Growth
 - Support an Equal Rights Agenda
 - Advocate for Animal Protection and Welfare

- Provide Beautification Programs

ITEM 4b: Presentation/Discussion/Vote to approve sending a letter to the city Planning Department after we receive a case number in the matter of the proposed renovation of Ralphs Market between Glenoaks Blvd and Sunland Blvd. (10 Minutes)

- Mr. O’Gara introduced the developer Mr. Lynch & Mr. Grande—the architect, and Mr. Lee, as the group who will renovate this area. The designs of the project’s proposed change of façade, the parking lot with landscaping, and stores were displayed . Mike added that this group attended SVANC’s last Planning Committee meeting, but they have not been to the City’s Planning Department, therefore a Case number has not yet been assigned. Mr. O’Gara stated that SVANC’s planning committee is in favor of this project.
- Mr. Allen Lynch, President of Doerken Properties in L.A. stated that they are the owners of the property on Glenoaks. Mr. Lynch said that this property is very significant in the community because of its location and size, but there is a concern that Ralph’s might leave at the end of its lease this year, if so, then the Doerken Properties team wants to immediately proceed with a potential re-development of this property. The re-development options are: to re-tenant the existing building under the existing certificate of occupancy and not make any changes, or the preferred option is to make a significant investment in the building, upgrade de façade and the common areas.
- Mr. Lynch said that if Ralph’s supermarket were to leave this location, it is not expected for another supermarket to open at this location due to the fact that it is too small for today’s grocery store standards. Instead, two junior-type bankers would most likely relocate to this 10-15K square foot space, and add some additional stores. The current businesses will most likely stay in the same location.
- Mr. Rick Grande, principal at Redd Architectural Group, stated that the site will be re-stripped to gain more parking, 90° parking, more people places will be created, and more shops will be added in order to create more food-outdoor plazas.
- Mr. Grande stated that architecturally they are proposing a modern, horizontal theme, strong-lined, thus saving some of the existing lubber elements, but will take every-other one out to allow more day light to go through the lubbers. Mr. Grande added that two major tenants have been identified for their signage. He added that they have created a new metal panel that off-sets about every 16’ which will create a shadow line during the day; the color scheme is olive green, black and red brick.
- Mr. Aggas made a motion to approve SVANC’s Planning committee to write a letter to the City’s Planning Department after a case number is assigned in the matter of the proposed renovation of Ralphs Market between Glenoaks Blvd and Sunland Blvd., and Mark M. seconded it.
- The motion was on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously

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. **NOTE:** Public comments **shall not be subject to discussion** BUT issues may be recommended to be placed on the agenda for **future meeting, by a Board member** during board member comments period.

- Mr. Greg Bartz, LADWP Community Liaison, brought a package of information, including information about the rates, for the Board. It is information that might impact the residents in the community, who are most likely LADWP customers. Mr. Bartz pointed out the following: the first ‘contact’ is an employee publication but Mr. Bartz included it because there is a message from LADWP’s general manager, what he thinks, plans, and talks about the department. Also, the ‘saving money’ section on the Public Works Sanitation Sewer Service Charge---though this is not a service by the LADWP--, he stated that the water consumption can impact the customer’s bill, therefore a form was included on how to adjust this cost. Mr. Bartz mentioned that this package includes a lot of information on rebate programs for residential customers, and information for small businesses and larger commercial businesses on how to become more energy efficient.
- Mr. Spencer Sanchez, Neighborhood Housing Services of L.A. County, stated that the organization has existed for 28 years, has been building block clubs and strengthening neighborhoods throughout L.A. County. This organization periodically hosts events called ‘Neighborhood Pride Day’ where 3 homes are painted and landscaped; one of this events

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held July 09, 2013 will be held in Sun Valley on a street close to Rialto and Haddon, June 1, 2013, 08:00am-03:00pm. Mr. Sanchez added that one of the organization's goals is to start a neighborhood watch group or to participate in strengthening neighborhood watch groups already in existence in the community. Mr. Sanchez is asking for volunteers to assist with this project.

- Mr. Aggas stated that SVANC has sponsored the Neighborhood Pride Day sponsors with \$1,000 and reiterated the need for volunteers at this event.
- Ms. Sigal, NARCONON, showed a 'Teen NARCONON' shirt, and said that last year this organization sponsored 150 kids to run in the 'Say No to Drugs' race which takes place at Universal Studios. Ms. Sigal asked SVANC for their support to sponsor between 5-10 kids from the Sun Valley area. Ms. Sigal wrote a proposal, a flyer and presented a DVD regarding this event addressed to SVANC.
- Mary Jo Watkins, Sun Valley resident, stated concern regarding the meridians along Glenoaks Blvd., from the Burbank border to Roscoe, because they are not being maintained.
- Robert Adams, resident, stated that he is interested in low-cost housing.

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.

- Mark M. thanked Mr. Mike O. and Gary A. for their constant participation in SVANC's business affairs, acknowledging that they are the two Board members who are the most involved and actively participants in issues affecting the Sun Valley community. Mr. Mark suggested that each of SVANC's Board members invest at least 2 hours each to participate in SVANC's business in order to relieve some of SVANC's workload off of Mr. O'Gara and Mr. Aggas.
- Mr. O'Gara thanked Mr. Palomino and Mr. Mark M. for their assistance in the relocation of SVANC's office, and asked the rest of the board members to start thinking on participating at a more active level as members of SVANC's board by the start of the new Fiscal Year in July 2013—a new Secretary, Treasurer, PIP Card Holder, and some people on the Planning Committee will be needed.
- Mr. Aggas stated that SVANC's new office address is: 9040 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA—same landlord but more office space, all are welcomed to visit the new office location.

OLD Business:

ITEM 7: Review, correct and approve minutes from our **April 9th, 2013** Board meeting and our **April 30th, 2013 Special Board Meeting.**

NEW Business:

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

ITEM 9: Motion /Discussion/Vote to appoint Lysander **Cuevas** to recently vacated seat in the residential category.

ITEM 10: Motion /Discussion/Vote to approve new revised budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. (Monroy-Cantor)

- The revised 2012-2013 Budget submitted by Sun Valley Area NC has been available for review and comment by the public and duly evaluated by the Sun Valley Area NC Board.
- The motion was put on the floor for a vote
- Therefore be it resolved that the Sun Valley Area NC approves the budget submitted by Sun Valley Area NC in the amount of \$37000
- The motion carried

ITEM 11: Motion/disc/vote to approve new fiscal year 2013-2014 budget. (Monroy-Cantor)

- The NEW 2013-2014 Budget submitted by Sun Valley Area NC has been available for review and comment by the public and duly evaluated by the Sun Valley Area NC Board.
- The motion was put on the floor for a vote
- Therefore be it resolved that the Sun Valley Area NC approves the budget submitted by Sun Valley Area NC in the amount of \$37000

- The motion carried

ITEM 12: Motion/discuss/Vote to purchase a wall map of Sun Valley and surrounding Area for the office 3 feet by 5feet from Mapping Specialists not to exceed \$250

- A motion was made to approve up to \$250 to purchase a wall map on the "P" Card.
- The motion was put on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 13: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds Buy three maps of surrounding Council districts Cd-2 and Cd-7 Not to exceed \$375.

- A motion was made to buy three maps of surrounding area Council Districts CD-2, CD-7 and CD-6 not to exceed \$375, on the "P" Card.
- The motion was put on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 14: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds not to exceed \$85.00, for balloons with the SVANC logo for Outreach.

- A motion was made to allocate funds not to exceed \$85 for Balloons with SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL imprinted on them, for Outreach, on the "P" Card.
- The motion was put on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 15: Motion /Discussion/Vote to purchase a Tascam audio recorder from Location Sound to record Committee and general meetings not to exceed \$400; with cables to connect our mixer to the audio recording device not to exceed \$50; one additional Audio Card not to exceed \$50.; 2 adapters not to exceed \$25; plus 2 card readers not to exceed \$60 This recorder plugs into a computer to download the audio tracks.

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

ITEM 16: Motion /Discussion/Vote to allocate funds not to exceed \$1800.00 for landscape cloth for the Firehouse 77 Project. Last month we voted to allocate \$5,000.00 for this project. This money is part of that allocation.

- A motion was made to purchase, on the "P" Card, not to exceed \$1800 for landscape cloth for the firehouse 77 project. Last month SVANC's board allocated \$5000 to spend on this project; this is part of that allocation
- The motion was put on the floor for a vote
- The motion carried

ITEM 17 Motion /Discussion/Vote to fill any openings on the SVANC Board with qualified stakeholders per our By-Laws.

ITEM 18 Discussion and **Possible Action** of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:

- Proposed Housing development on Petaluma Drive at the top of the hill.
- Proposed apartment complex on Sheldon St and Telfair Ave.
- Proposed Eldercare Facility on Laurel Canyon at Jerome.
- Crown Disposal FEIR and the community Working Group: WIG
- No new information The LADWP Tujunga Spreading Grounds (TSG) Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- Waiting on decision 7-11 Project on Rincon & Sheldon.
- The Ratner Recycling Center at 10970 Ratner St., Sun Valley CA 91352

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

ITEM 19 PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 20: Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately