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**General Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**  
**6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

Meeting Location:  
 Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center  
 10631 Vinedale Street  
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

Board Member	Title	Status
Gary Aggas	President	Present
Mike O’Gara	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Mylo Koenig	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Lysander Cuevas	Secretary	Present
Julie Monroy	Treasurer	Present
Linda Housden	Board Member	Absent
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Absence excused
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Absence excused
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	Present
Sergio Carvajal	Board Member	Present
Samuel ‘Sammy’ Palomino	Board Member	Present
Sam Khalaf	Board Member	Present
Don Harward	Board Member	Present
Savannah Harward	Board Member	Present

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

- Gary called SVANC’s meeting to order at 06:35 pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance and SVANC’s Code of Civility were recited
- Mr. Cuevas took roll

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

- Mr. Aggas stated that he will make his opening remarks under Item 4A.
- Mr. Aggas said that in the interest of time, the self-introduction will be skipped this month.

**ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments**

Officer Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer

- Officer Vasquez gave area crime statistics, discussed a shopping cart cleanup at Sun Valley Park, and announced an Emergency Preparedness Fair, March 8th, at Hansen Dam.

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

- Mr. Brian Gavidia, Congressman Cárdenas’ office, said that a USPS representative informed the Congressman’s staff that they do not plan to discontinue post office services in the Sun Valley community even though the letter carriers have been moved to another location as of Feb. 8th. The Congressman will follow up with written communication to the USPS’s Regional Director.
- Mr. Gavidia said the Congressman’s office is planning a series of Affordable Care Act clinics, every two weeks.
- Mr. Gavidia said that the Congressman is working on two Bills in relation to STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and is hosting, with some members of the House of Representatives (H.R.), a STEM App. student competition.

- Mr. Gavidia said that the Congressman is also participating in another H.R. competition: The Congressional Arts Competition, for students to submit their artwork.
- Mr. Gavidia stated that the congressman is in charge of Veteran Affairs and to contact him with veteran-affair-type issues.
- Ms. Lorraine Diaz, CD-2 Councilmember Krekorian's Field Rep. encouraged the SVANC Board to participate in the NC Grant Program. This program is being offered for the NCs in CD2, and it consists of a matching grant of up to \$10,000/NC that can be used in one or in multiple projects within a calendar year. These funds can be used for any landscaping, arts, or beautification project on public property.
- Ms. Diaz also said, 1) the L.A. Student Media festival will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, in downtown L.A.; 2) on Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:00pm, there is an event at the Valley Plaza library, in collaboration with the Controller's office, to debut his Control Panel L.A.; and 3) she discussed the plastic bag ban and brought reusable bags.
- Mr. Caesar Huerta, Councilmember Martinez' field rep, said the responsibility for enforcement of obstructions and eyesores on sidewalks is the BSS (Bureau of Street Services). Such issues can be reported to 311, the My311 App, through the NC, or to Caesar himself.
- Mr. Huerta, stated that Pendleton St., between Chivers to Glenoaks, will be resurfaced completely starting in February 2014. Also, Laurel Canyon between Wicks Street to Roscoe Blvd. Wicks to Sheldon is in serious need of resurfacing but a DWP hold has been placed on that part of the street due to well drilling.
- Mr. Huerta said that the skate park is well under construction, and encouraged all stakeholders, not just skateboarders, to use and enjoy the park.
- Mr. Huerta said that there is an Office of Community Beautification in the City. In the past month, the Councilwoman partnered with Ms. Bartlett and Graffiti Busters and provided \$20,000 to them. The council office would like to see more weed abatement along the residential areas, and for re-painting the red curb-sides. He added that they are encouraging the involvement of local students to participate in the re-painting of the curbs.
- Mr. Huerta stated that the Council office is trying to find funds to purchase and install more cameras at sites that are chronically used for illegal dumping in Sun Valley. CD6 currently has four.
- Mr. Huerta said that since Prop. D was approved by the voters, there was a list of 134 certified pre-registered Marijuana Collectives, which are considered legal. Two of these collectives are now in Sun Valley.
- Mr. Huerta stated that Councilwoman Martinez is very aware and is trying to find a solution to the 'homeless dumping' issue which is increasing in Sun Valley. This situation has been occurring more by taxi drivers who bring the homeless from other parts of the City and drop them in Sun Valley.
- Mr. Huerta said the paint used by the LADOT to stripe intersections is an expensive, which is why lettering such as "STOP" which uses less expensive paint, fades faster.
- Ms. Lydia Grant, Commissioner for the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), came to welcome the new candidates running for SVANC's board.

**ITEM 4a: Presentation by each of the candidates for the SVANC Board of Directors. They will have 2 minutes to introduce themselves, what category they are running in and how they found out about the neighborhood council.**

- Mr. Aggas welcomed and thanked the candidates for their interest in participating in the upcoming SVANC board election.
  - ▶ The following candidates introduced themselves as candidates:
 

• Mark Allen	• Sam Khalaf	• Samuel Daniel Palomino
• Elizabeth Bille	• Zella Knight	• Daniel Salazar
• Debbie Lyn Boyd	• Mylo Koenig	• Wendy Thum
• Lysander Cuevas	• Jonathan David Leeper	
• James Eric Freedner	• Mike O'Gara	

**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. Daniel Salazar, Sun Valley Park, informed the community that they will be having their Spring Event, and is requesting financial support from SVANC and volunteers to help organize the event.

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

- Mike O’Gara requested that SVANC’s participation in the Spring Event at both parks be included as an Agenda Item for March’s meeting.

**OLD Business:**

**ITEM 7:** Review, correct and approve minutes from the **January 14<sup>th</sup>** Board Meeting.

- Mr. O’Gara made a motion to accept the minutes of the Jan. 14, 2014 Board meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Harward
- The motion carried unanimously with no opposition

**NEW Business:**

**ITEM 8:** Committee Chair Volunteers:

- Outreach: Mr. O’Gara said that outreach had been focused on attracting candidates to run; now, the focus will be on increasing voter turn-out. Mr. O’Gara added that the Neighborhood Council elections will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 11-3 (*corrected*) at Poly HS.
- Mr. O’Gara stated that in the past week, his committee spent a lot of time passing out over 1,100 flyers regarding the upcoming workshop on the Affordable Health Care Act.
- Mr. O’Gara also said that on January 29<sup>th</sup>, the 'pothole patrol' repaired 15 major potholes in Sun Valley.
- Election Committee: Mr. Aggas stated that \$3,500 was allocated for election activities. He said that in December \$813.59 was spent; in January \$873.93; this leaves a balance of \$1,812.49.
- Mr. Aggas asked for volunteers to be poll workers for the North Hollywood/Northeast NC elections to be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-8:30pm, at the Firehouse 87 on Laurel Canyon, South of Sherman Way.
- Sun Valley Homeless: Mr. Aggas attended last coalition’s meeting.
- Treasurer: Ms. Monroy provided the following report:
  - Ms. Monroy gave a report regarding the demand warrants presented to DONE for Languages4you—the company that provides interpretation and transcription services, which has not been paid since July 2013 to date. The amount owed to date is \$3,115.00 (from July 2013 – January 2014).
  - Ms. Monroy said that the rent for SVANC’s office was paid on December 6, 2013, for \$6,300
  - Ms. Monroy stated that to date SVANC’s budget balance is \$23,429.25.
- Beautification: None
- C-PAB: None
- VANC: Mr. O’Gara discussed VANC (which stands for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)
- Plan Check: Mr. Sergio Carvajal stated that a Plan Check meeting was held on Feb. 8, 2014. There were two plan elements discussed: 1) the 20-year vision plan to be completed by 2035; the plan’s goal is to achieve a 'healthy' L.A. through a healthier blueprint for the projected City’s urban population growth, and 2) "Re-Code L.A." which is a comprehensive rewrite of the codes that have not been updated since the '60s. Their goal is to re-code most of L.A. by July 2014, but it will be phased in within the next four and a half years.
- LANCC: Mr. Aggas said the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition meets the 1st Saturday of the month.
- Planning: none

**ITEM 9:** Motion /Discussion/Vote to approve the Treasurers Report, last month’s expenditures, the monthly budget and to fund our account for next month’s anticipated expenditures.

- Ms. Monroy made the motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Mr. Harward
- Mr. Cuevas took a roll call of the ten board members present and eligible to vote on funding matters (per EmpowerLA, eligibility is based on the board members that have taken the Ethics and Funding training)

<b>Yes – 10 - CARRIED</b>	<b>No – 0</b>	<b>Recuse – 0</b>	<b>Not Eligible – 4</b>	<b>Absent – 5</b>
Aggas; O’Gara, B; O’Gara, M; Koenig; Mardirossian; Culley; Carvajal; Harward; Cuevas; Monroy	NONE	NONE	Harward, S. (under 18); Khalaf; Medina; Palomino	Bartlett; Housden; Perez; Prieto; Vacas

- Mr. Mardirossian made a motion to approve \$1700 in estimated monthly expenditures for March 2014, seconded by Mr. Carvajal
- Mr. Cuevas took a roll call of the ten board members present and eligible to vote on funding matters

Yes – 10 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 4	Absent – 5
Aggas; O’Gara, B; O’Gara, M; Koenig; Mardirossian; Culley; Carvajal; Harward; Cuevas; Monroy	NONE	NONE	Harward, S. (under 18); Khalaf; Medina; Palomino	Bartlett; Housden; Perez; Prieto; Vacas

**ITEM 10:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$70.00 for food for the poll workers at our March 8, 2014 elections.

- Mr. Aggas made the motion and was seconded by Mr. O’Gara
- Mr. Cuevas took a roll call of the ten board members present and eligible to vote on funding matters

Yes – 10 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 4	Absent – 5
Aggas; O’Gara, B; O’Gara, M; Koenig; Mardirossian; Culley; Carvajal; Harward; Cuevas; Monroy	NONE	NONE	Harward, S. (under 18); Khalaf; Medina; Palomino	Bartlett; Housden; Perez; Prieto; Vacas

**ITEM 11:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to but not to exceed \$156.00 for signs for our 6 bus benches.

- Mr. Aggas said that the number for 6 bus benches is being corrected to 3.
- Mr. Carvajal made the motion, seconded by Ms. Monroy.
- Mr. Cuevas took a roll call of the ten board members present and eligible to vote on funding matters

Yes – 10 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 4	Absent – 5
Aggas; O’Gara, B; O’Gara, M; Koenig; Mardirossian; Culley; Carvajal; Harward; Cuevas; Monroy	NONE	NONE	Harward, S. (under 18); Khalaf; Medina; Palomino	Bartlett; Housden; Perez; Prieto; Vacas

**ITEM 12:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend \$400.00 for our polling place: Poly High School.

- Mr. O’Gara said that this amount will go to a group called ‘Beyond the Bell’
- Mr. O’Gara made the motion, seconded by Mr. Carvajal
- Mr. Cuevas took a roll call of the ten board members present and eligible to vote on funding matters

Yes – 10 - CARRIED	No – 0	Recuse – 0	Not Eligible – 4	Absent – 5
Aggas; O’Gara, B; O’Gara, M; Koenig; Mardirossian; Culley; Carvajal; Harward; Cuevas; Monroy	NONE	NONE	Harward, S. (under 18); Khalaf; Medina; Palomino	Bartlett; Housden; Perez; Prieto; Vacas

**ITEM 13:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to negotiate a new office lease by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014.

- Mr. Aggas stated that SVANC’s office lease has expired
- Mr. Aggas made a motion to approve this lease, seconded by Mr. O’Gara.
- Mr. O’Gara said that the rent at this place is \$900/month or \$10,800/year.
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously with no opposition, 1 ineligible (Harward, S., under 18, contract related)

**ITEM 14:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to accept or reject our new By-Laws.

- Mr. Harward made a motion to table this Item to next month’s General meeting, seconded by Mr. O’Gara
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- The motion carried unanimously with no opposition.

**ITEM 15:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to write a Community Impact Statement supporting City Council File No. 14-0122 regarding condition compliance enforcement.

- Mr. O’Gara presented a motion to table this Item for next month’s meeting, seconded by Mr. Harward.
- The motion was on the floor for discussion and for a vote
- The motion carried with 13 YES votes, 1 NO vote (Mardirossian)

(At this point Don Harward motioned to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, seconded by Julie Monroy, carried unanimously.)

**ITEM 16:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to pay up to \$60.00 for 3 months internet usage.

- Mr. O’Gara presented a motion to approve this item and it was seconded by Mr. Carvajal.
- Mr. Cuevas took a roll call of the ten board members present and eligible to vote on funding matters

<b>Yes – 10 - CARRIED</b>	<b>No – 0</b>	<b>Recuse – 0</b>	<b>Not Eligible – 4</b>	<b>Absent – 5</b>
Aggas; O’Gara, B; O’Gara, M; Koenig; Mardirossian; Culley; Carvajal; Harward; Cuevas; Monroy	NONE	NONE	Harward, S. (under 18); Khalaf; Medina; Palomino	Bartlett; Housden; Perez; Prieto; Vacas

**ITEM 17:** Discussion and Possible Action of the items on the last Planning Committee Agenda:

- a) The Petaluma project: Mr. O’Gara said that CD-2 won't allow a zoning variance. This project is a hillside development of 14-homes and area residents oppose this project. He recommends the council reject it.
- b) The Community Recycling application: Mr. O’Gara said that this project is regarding a waste facility that takes in 2,900 tons of waste per day. Mr. O’Gara added that Councilwoman Martinez cut off this company’s long term city contract. Discussions are ongoing to rectify the problems.
- c) The Outrigger Sports Bar Application: Mr. O’Gara stated that this location's liquor license application was denied.
- d) News about all other pending planning projects: Mr. O’Gara stated that a new mini-mall is being constructed on Glenoaks, which includes a restaurant that is requesting to stay open until 2:00am.

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

**The Land Use Committee will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month.**

**ITEM 18:** PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Julie Monroy-Cantor asked for volunteers for the ACA workshop to set up and help run the event February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sun Valley Park.

**ITEM 19:** Adjournment – a motion was made by Don Harward, seconded by Mike O’Gara to adjourn the meeting at 08:37 pm.

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