



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
 Tuesday, December 13, 2016
 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 FINAL/APPROVED**

Meeting Location:
 Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
 10631 Vinedale Street
 Sun Valley, CA 91352
 (MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category	Seat
Aggas, Gary	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R5
Allen, Mark B.	Absent**	YES	Business	B1
Bille, Elizabeth	Absent**	YES	Resident	R1
Castañeda, Priscilla	Absent**	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y1
Culley, Gene	Absent**	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Dueñas, Angelica	PRESENT (out 9PM)	YES	Resident	R2
Flores, Susan; Secretary	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R6
Housden, Linda	Absent	YES	At-Large	A6
Inkelaar-Cruz, Sean; Treasurer	Absent**	YES	At-Large	A4
Khalaf, Sam	PRESENT (in 06:34PM)	No (EX)	Business	B2
Koenig, Mylo	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A1
Mendez, Sara	Absent	YES	Business	B6
Naranjo, Jesus	Absent	No (A)	Youth Rep	Y2
Novoa, Rene	Absent**	YES	At-Large	A3
O'Gara, Barbara	PRESENT	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike; President	PRESENT	YES	At-Large	A2
Palomino, Catherine	Absent**	YES	Resident	R3
Perez, Carmen	Absent**	YES	Business	B7
Power, Rick	PRESENT	YES	Business	B5
Raaf, Robbie	Absent	YES	At-Large	A5
Sower, Cindy; 1st V.P.	PRESENT	YES	Business	B4
Sower, Michael	PRESENT (out 9PM)	YES	Business	B3
Thum, Wendy	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R4
Torrero, Jesse	Absent	YES	Comm. Int.	C1
Vacas, Monica; 2nd V.P.	PRESENT	YES	Resident	R7
TOTAL: 25	12 PRESENT, 13 ABSENT			

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired
 ** Advance notice given for absence

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

- Mr. Mike O'Gara called the meeting of Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:31pm; the Pledge of Allegiance and Code of Civility were recited
- Ms. Susan Flores, Secretary, took roll; 11 Board members were present. Quorum was met. There were approximately 19 members of the public present at that time.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks

- Mr. O'Gara made opening remarks to the board and public

ITEM 3: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- LAPD Foothill Division Senior Lead Officers Vasquez and Wall
 - Officer Wall commented on topics including the recent drug lab explosion on Glencrest and gave crime statistics

ITEM 4: Presentation by Linda Del Cueto, LAUSD, Local District Northeast Superintendent, and John Rome from Glenwood Elementary School, on the progress of scholastic scores of Glenwood Elementary School students.

- Ms. Del Cueto is the district superintendent for the northeast district area, 121 schools, and started September 1, 2016. Previously she was the west valley superintendent. She introduced Mr. John Rome, the director who supervises day to day activities at Glenwood and two other area schools; and Glenwood Elementary principal Claudia Ruiz.
- Glenwood Principal Claudia Ruiz discussed the current state of the school that covers grades K-5, including, recent upgrades that were made; equipment available for students' use; an arts program including a partnership with the NY Film Academy; resources available to parents; the latest effective teaching methods, and student scores. Interested parties were offered a tour of the school. When asked about the effects of charter schools recently opened in the area, she stated that about 100 students were lost and they're working hard to retain and regain them.

ITEM 5: Presentation by Chelsea Dickerson regarding Metro’s proposal to add a second main line rail track to an existing track between North Hollywood Way to Roxford Street in Sylmar.

- Ms. Dickerson outlined the proposed project, noting that details are being worked on, which will include public input during community meetings to be held in mid-January. She noted that no funds have been allocated for the construction at this time.
- The terminus of this project will be at the North Burbank Airport Station, which will then join existing tracks that ultimately end at Union Station. The project anticipates safety enhancements at 16 at-grade crossings.
- The project will be divided into four phases, with a completion goal of May 2020. Project Manager Dan Mangereftteh was introduced, and informational websites were provided: metro.net/regionalrail and facebook.com/regionalrail
- Concern was expressed by boardmembers and the public on issues including possible effects on adjacent properties (basically those under current Metro leases); landscape and noise abatement designs; and effects on rail spurs that lead to area waste processing facilities.

ITEM 6: Announcements from elected officials and their representatives. The following elected officials and representatives spoke:

- Lorraine Diaz, Field Rep., CD-2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian, spoke about the new city ordinance that regulates homeless parking, including not parking near parks, daycare, or within 500 feet of schools. She also discussed Safe Sidewalks, and that the winter shelter is open.
- Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Nury Martinez, spoke about the homeless census on January 24th, and Homeless Connect Day.
- David Gonzalez, Education Deputy, LAUSD Boardmember Ms. Monica Ratliff, announced the winter break schedule and to report any suspicious activity at schools during this time
- Barry Stone from EmpowerLA, discussed an upcoming "Civic U"; appointments available for Film Liaison and Aging Liaison; and the necessity of all boardmembers to sign the NC Code of Conduct within 2016 or be suspended then removed from the board.

ITEM 7: Public Comment on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction: NONE

ITEM 8: Board member comments on matters within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 9: Review, correct and approve minutes from November 15, 2016, Regular Board Meeting

SVANC ITEM 161213-09 (08:13p) CARRIED 12/00/00/13: Approve November 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes as Written			
Motion: Thum	Second: Sower-C		
Board Action: Approved, as written	Voting Eligibility: ALL		
YES (12): Aggas, Duenas, Flores, Khalaf, Mendez, O’Gara, B., O’Gara, M., Power, Sower, C., Sower, M., Thum, Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (00)	ABSENT (13): Allen, Bille, Castaneda, Culley, Housden, Inkelaar-Cruz, Mendez, Naranjo, Novoa, Palomino, Perez, Raaf, Torrero

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 10: Committee Reports— Outreach, Disaster Preparedness, Beautification, LANCC, Planning, Plancheck, Homeless, Budget Advocates, and Election Committee

- Outreach: Ms. Vacas: Discussed the upcoming Homeless Count and asked for volunteers, and of an idea to use NC unused funds for homeless issues instead of rolling them over.
- Disaster Preparedness: Mr. Khalaf: Expressed that there would be benefit to having a presentation on school emergency plans
- Beautification: Ms. Thum: summed up the meeting held on 11/22/16 where ideas for joining efforts with local businesses in future clean-ups were among those discussed
- CPAB: Ms. Sower: announced new LAPD email addresses, and thanked Anthony Servera for cleaning the Peoria corridor on his own time; and that the End Zone did not get a liquor license
- VANC: Mr. O'Gara: discussed street vending primarily
- LANCC: Mr. O'Gara: No report since he was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict
- Planning: Mr. O'Gara: Mentioned "Community of Friends" senior development, and a four story apartment unit on Ratner St.
- Plancheck: Mr. Aggas: He and Mr. O'Gara attended, primarily accessory dwelling units discussed
- Public Affairs: Ms. Sower: Announced "Hearts for Soldiers" project donation for distribution to police and firefighters
- Homelessness: Ms. Vacas: See Outreach above; also attended meeting with other Homeless liasons where various solutions were exchanged
- Budget Advocates: Ms. Thum: The Regional Budget Day in February
- Clean Streets Challenge: Mr. O'Gara announced the certificates for participants in Clean Streets Challenge, and that this phase of the project is basically completed

ITEM 11: DISCUSSION regarding Ethics and Funding training and the BONC required acceptance of the Code of Conduct. All 3 of the above requirements must be met in order to serve on the Board of Directors of the SVANC.

- The announcements by Mr. Barry Stone in Item #6 covered the above points

ITEM 12: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve payment for 2016-2017 SVANC office rent: \$12,000

SVANC ITEM 161213-12 (8:33p) CARRIED 11/00/01/13: Approve Payment for 2016-2017 SVANC office rent \$12,000			
Motion: Aggas	Second: Sower-C		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only		
YES (11): Aggas; Duenas; Flores; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Khalaf (Funding ineligible)	ABSENT (13): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero

ITEM 13: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds for Hearts, Cookies, etc. for 1st responders, not to exceed a total \$250.00

SVANC ITEM 161213-13 (8:34p) CARRIED 11/00/01/13: Approve funds for Hearts, Cookies, etc., for 1st Responders, NTE \$250			
Motion: Vacas	Second: Aggas		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only		
YES (11): Aggas; Duenas; Flores; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Khalaf (Funding ineligible)	ABSENT (13): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero

ITEM 14: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds for 27 Clean Streets Thank You Certificates, not to exceed a total \$250

SVANC ITEM 161213-14 (8:38p) CARRIED 11/00/01/13: Approve Funds for 27 Clean Streets Thank You Certificates, NTE \$250			
Motion: Aggas	Second: Duenas		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only		
YES (11): Aggas; Duenas; Flores; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Khalaf (Funding ineligible)	ABSENT (13): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero

ITEM 15: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to decide the distribution of funds from Clean Streets Challenge Award

SVANC ITEM 161213-15 (8:42p) CARRIED 11/00/01/13: Decide Distribution of Funds for Clean Streets Challenge Award			
Motion: OGara-M	Second: Power		
Board Action: Approved	Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only		
YES (11): Aggas; Duenas; Flores; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas	NO (00)	OTHER (01): Khalaf (Funding ineligible)	ABSENT (13): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero

ITEM 16: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve CIS for CF-13-1493 regarding Sidewalk Vendors
-and-

ITEM 17: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve a letter to all Los Angeles City Council Members regarding Sidewalk Vendors, CF-13-1493

- Items 16 and 17 were combined into one vote

SVANC ITEM 161213-16 and 161213-17 (9:00p) CARRIED 10/02/00/13: Approve CIS for CF-13-1493 regarding Sidewalk Vendors and letter regarding CF-13-1493 to all Los Angeles City Council members			
Motion: Vacas		Second: Aggas	
Board Action: Approved		Voting Eligibility: ALL	
YES (10): Aggas; Khalaf; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (02): Duenas; Flores	OTHER (00) ABSENT (13): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Torrero

ITEM 18: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to publish a SVANC e-newsletter

- Ms. Thum accepted the nomination to be responsible for editing newsletter submissions
- The SVANC e-newsletter will be published quarterly to start

SVANC ITEM 161213-18 (9:03p) CARRIED 10/00/00/15: Vote to Publish a SVANC e-Newsletter			
Motion: Aggas		Second: Power	
Board Action: Approved		Voting Eligibility: ALL	
YES (10): Aggas; Flores; Khalaf; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (00) ABSENT (15): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Sower-M; Torrero

ITEM 19: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve a representative and an alternate to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

- Gary Aggas was appointed LANCC representative, with Mike O'Gara appointed as LANCC alternate representative

SVANC ITEM 161213-19 (9:04p) CARRIED 10/00/00/15: Appoint VANC Rep Gary Aggas with Mike O'Gara as Alternate			
Motion: Power		Second: Sower-C	
Board Action: Approved		Voting Eligibility: ALL	
YES (10): Aggas; Khalaf; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (00) ABSENT (15): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Sower-M; Torrero

ITEM 20: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve a representative and an alternate to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC).

- Mike O'Gara was appointed VANC representative, with Gary Aggas appointed as VANC alternate representative

SVANC ITEM 161213-20 (9:05p) CARRIED 10/00/00/15: Appoint VANC Rep Mike O'Gara with Gary Aggas as Alternate			
Motion: Aggas		Second: OGara-M	
Board Action: Approved		Voting Eligibility: ALL	
YES (10): Aggas; Khalaf; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (00) ABSENT (15): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Sower-M; Torrero

ITEM 21: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to revise the SVANC Budget.

- In anticipation of a \$5000 increase in the NC annual budget award from \$37,000 to \$42,000 in January 2017, SVANC's 2016-2017 budget category figures will be revised to:
 - Operations: \$21,900, no change
 - Outreach: \$4900, no change
 - Community Improvement: \$5500, plus \$1152, to become \$6652
 - NPG: \$500, no change
 - Elections: \$4200, plus \$3848, to become \$8048
- These figures can be adjusted with board approval at any time

SVANC ITEM 161213-21 (9:06p) CARRIED 09/00/01/15: Revise SVANC Budget			
Motion: Power		Second: Aggas	
Board Action: Approved		Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only	
YES (09): Aggas; Koenig; OGara-B; OGara-M; Power; Sower-C; Sower-M.; Thum; Vacas		NO (00)	OTHER (01): Khalaf (Funding ineligible) ABSENT (15): Allen; Bille; Castaneda; Culley; Duenas; Housden; Inkelaar; Mendez; Naranjo; Novoa; Palomino; Perez; Raaf; Sower-M; Torrero

ITEM 22: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Treasurer's Report (November 2016)

- This Item was tabled due to the absence of the Treasurer's Report

ITEM 23: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Next Month's Anticipated Expenditures (NMAE) (December 2016)

- This Item was tabled due to the absence of the Treasurer's Report and expense estimates

ITEM 24: PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- An Unidentified member of the public commented on meeting attendance and stated that he would be able to bring in more community members to our meetings.

ITEM 25: Board member comments on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- Comments were made by Ms. Vacas; Ms. Sower; and Mr. Khalaf who expressed interest in becoming a NC Film Liaison.

ITEM 26: Adjournment

- Ms. Vacas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Flores, approved unanimously 10/00. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.