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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
6:30pm – 9:00pm
FINAL-SVANC Board Approved 4/11/2017

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 |
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| Aggas, Gary; Treasurer | PRESENT | YES | Resident | R5 |
| Allen, Mark B. | PRESENT | YES | Business | B1 |
| Bille, Elizabeth | Absent | YES | Resident | R1 |
| Castañeda, Priscilla | PRESENT(out 8:36pm) | No (A) | Youth Rep | Y1 |
| Culley, Gene | PRESENT (in 6:47pm) | YES | Senior Rep | S2 |
| Dueñas, Angelica | Absent** | YES | Resident | R2 |
| Flores, Susan; Secretary | PRESENT | YES | Resident | R6 |
| Housden, Linda | Absent** | YES | At-Large | A6 |
| Khalaf, Sam | Absent | No (EX) | Business | B2 |
| Koenig, Mylo | PRESENT | YES | At-Large | A1 |
| Mendez, Sara | Absent | YES | Business | B6 |
| Naranjo, Jesus | PRESENT (in 6:38pm; out 8:12pm) | No (A) | Youth Rep | Y2 |
| Novoa, Rene | PRESENT (resigned 8:20pm) | 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 | PRESENT | 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 | Absent** | YES | Business | B3 |
| Thum, Wendy | PRESENT | YES | Resident | R4 |
| Vacas, Monica; 2nd V.P. | PRESENT | YES | Resident | R7 |
| TOTAL: 23 | 15 PRESENT, 08 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 6:30pm; the Pledge of Allegiance and Code of Civility were recited
- Ms. Susan Flores, Secretary, took roll; 13 Board members were present. Quorum was met. There were approximately 26 members of the public present.

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 reported on criminal activity, up 7% due to increase in petty theft; If there's an RV parked to call 311; April 1st clean up event on San Fernando and Clybourne

ITEM 4: Presentation from LADWP representative to update the Board with the Tujunga Spreading Grounds located at Sheldon Street and Arleta Avenue

- Dirt will begin moving in April between 7am-3pm; if conveyor belt breaks down, it will be fixed, trucks won't be used as an alternative; Environmental Impact report was approved in 2014.

ITEM 5: Presentation from Sun Valley High School (SVHS) about the Sun Valley Film Academy (*note: agenda incorrectly stated that presentation was about SVHS becoming a charter school*)

- Dr. Paula Nelson, Principal; and Mr. Jamal Speakes, Film and Media Teacher
- Showed film from Sun Valley Film Academy, received \$850K grant for sound/recording studio' Broadcasting credit and screen writing credit for UC and CCs. (svhsfilmacademy.com)
- House Community Fair March 23rd 5:00pm-7:30pm!

ITEM 6: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- The following elected officials and representatives spoke:
- Kenny Saul, Field-Rep., Congressman Tony Cardenas, spoke about recent "Wingman Act" Federal Bill introduced by Cardenas re Veteran Affairs updates, might be signed and enforced by 2019; Reminded everyone that there are constituency services near Van Nuys and Palmer.
- Rosemary Duff representing LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff, spoke about the new LAUSD app and provided a flyer with more information; upcoming trainings by Immigration Law Center, first one to be at Byrd Middle School on March 24th at 5:00pm.
- Franklin Ochoa, Field Rep., Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra, spoke about upcoming Cleanup on March 18, 2017; List of 2017 Legislation provided to public and Board; Advised of recent increase in calls regarding homeless encampments but that officers must still give 72 hours notice before they can clean up the sites.
- Patrick Justice, representing CD-2 Councilmember Paul Krekorian, asked the public to try to send pictures when reporting homeless encampments because that speeds up the process; Announced upcoming clean up on April 1st and Tree Planting Day on April 15.
- Caesar Huerta, Field Rep., CD-6 Councilmember Nury Martinez, spoke about recent motion to stop illegal dumping introduced and signed by Martinez; re first round of parking restrictions that were cleared (violators can be ticketed and towed now), and second round to be cleared later on; Announced there will be a part-time park staff member at Sheldon Skate Park.

ITEM 7: Public Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction.

- Imelda Padilla announced she is still in the running for District 6 Board Member position in May
- Renato Lira, SFV LGBTQ Center spoke on his enthusiasm for clean up events with the Board

ITEM 8: Board member comments on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction

- Rene Novoa announced his resignation from the board (8:20pm)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 9A: Review, correct and approve minutes from January 10, 2017, Regular Board Meeting

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-09A (08:22p) CARRIED 13/00/00/09: Approve January 10 2017 Meeting Minute as Written | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Vacas | |
| Board Action: Approved, as written | | Voting Eligibility: ALL | |
| YES (13): Aggas, Allen, Castaneda, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (09): Bille, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 9B: Review, correct and approve minutes from January 10, 2017, Special Board Meeting

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-09B (08:23p) CARRIED 13/00/00/09: Approve January 10 2017 Meeting Minute as Written | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Koenig | |
| Board Action: Approved, as written | | Voting Eligibility: ALL | |
| YES (13): Aggas, Allen, Castaneda, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (09): Bille, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 9C: Review, correct and approve minutes from February 14, 2017, Board Meeting

- This item was tabled because the draft minutes were not available by meeting time.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 10: Committee Reports - Outreach, Disaster Preparedness, Beautification, CPAB, VANC, PlanCheck, LANCC, Homeless, Planning, Budget Advocates, Finance, Public Affairs, and Clean Streets Challenge

- Outreach: Ms. Vacas announced Earth Day outreach event for April to be postponed
- Disaster Preparedness: No report
- Beautification: Ms. Thum gave an update on her efforts for a San Fernando Road clean up scouting; announced that LABT is offering free trees for planting.
- CPAB: No report.
- VANC: Mr. O'Gara spoke on the recent VANC Mixer where SVANC was given two awards
- LANCC: Mr. O'Gara: No report
- Planning: Mr. O'Gara: Starbucks paperwork still going through, demolition of Bob's Big Boy will begin in late April.
- Plancheck: No report
- Public Affairs: Ms. Sower: No report
- Homelessness: Mr. O'Gara (for Ms. Vacas) spoke on Sun Valley Park's recent encampments, and last month's meeting at the park including the local park rangers and HOPE police
- Budget Advocates: Ms. Thum: Recent "White Paper" given to Mayor Garcetti; Recent Regional Budget Advocate day
- Clean Streets Challenge: Mr. O'Gara spoke about trying to distribute award money to groups that assisted in November but recently told by DONE it was not yet allowed

ITEM 11: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve Renewing our Office Lease for \$12,000

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-11 (08:34p) CARRIED 12/00/01/09: Renewal of Office Lease | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Power | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (01): Castaneda | ABSENT (09): Bille, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

- *Meeting extended to 9:00pm*

ITEM 12: Discussion/Motion/Vote as to course of action to take about the Clean Streets \$2500 Award: *We received a Clean Streets Challenge award from the City in the amount of \$2500. We previously voted to accept the award money and give it to our Clean Streets Clean Up partners. We originally discussed the proposal with the City were told that we could do what we wanted with the money. Now we are being told by the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) that we have to do a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for each of our ten partners in order to award them a part of the award money. This is a huge amount of paperwork and reporting. We are contesting that decision from DONE. The second part of this is that we must make a decision whether to accept the money in this year's budget (2016-2017, ending June 30th) or next year's budget (2017-2018, beginning July 1 st). Our Partners, mostly schools, would prefer to have the money NOW and we want to give it to them NOW without the hassle of the NPG paperwork.*

A) If DONE allows us to proceed with the direct distribution of funds without hassle as we as we were originally told, we will accept the award money now, adjust our current budget to include the award, place the funds into the CIP (Community Improvement) budget category, and issue funds by check to our benefactors as soon as practicable.

B) If DONE insists we must issue NPG's to fund our partners, we will opt to accept the \$2500 award money in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adjust that budget accordingly and place the funds into the NPG budget category, and deal with the benefactor distribution after July 1, 2017.

(Fenton Academy \$200 Fernangeles Elementary \$200 Roscoe Elementary \$200 John H. Francis Polytechnic High School \$300 North Valley Military Institute \$300 Boy Scout Troop 79 \$200 LAPD Cadets \$200 San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center \$350 Sun Valley Graffiti Busters \$350 Fernangeles Park Teen Center \$200 **TOTAL \$2500**)

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-12 (8:35p) CARRIED 12/00/00/10: Course of Action for Clean Streets Award for \$2,500 | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Allen | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (10): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 13: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to purchase our yearly amount of Office supplies not to exceed \$800

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-13 (8:37p) CARRIED 12/00/00/10: Funds for SVANC office supplies NTE \$800 | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Allen | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (10): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 14: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to approve funds to purchase shopping bags with the Sun Valley NC Logo on them to be used for Outreach not to exceed \$800

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-14 (8:38p) CARRIED 11/00/00/11: Funds for Outreach shopping bags with SVANC logo NTE \$800 | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, B. | | Second: Culley | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only | |
| YES (11): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (11): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M., Vacas (temp) |

ITEM 15: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to engage in a clean-up in Sun Valley with the LAPD Foothill Division and 50 students from Sunburst Academy on or about April 1st, 2017. We would assist in the clean-up and provide lunch and breakfast snack for the workers, not to exceed \$750

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-15 (8:44p) CARRIED 12/00/00/10: Funds for LAPD/Sunburst cleanup in April, NTE \$750 | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Power | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (10): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 16: MOTION/DISCUSSION/VOTE to send out a Request for Bid (RFB) to several design architects to bid on a design for the median located at Webb and Laurel Canyon near Kohl's

- The suggested prototype for a Request for Bid (RFB) was presented and approved.

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-16 (8:47p) CARRIED 12/00/00/10: Approve RFB template for design architects to assist with median | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Power | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: All | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (10): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 17: Discussion about a Clean Up on Wicks and Laurel Canyon in preparation for installing mirrors on both sides of the Wicks Street Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) on I-5 FWY.

- Ms. Thum discussed the details of the fabrication and installation of security mirrors

ITEM 18: Discussion about a mural for the Wicks Street Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) at O'Melveny St.

- Ms. Thum discussed ideas for a mural and the area it would cover

ITEM 19: Motion/Discussion/Vote to write a letter of support to our assembly and state senators regarding CA State Assembly Bill AB-332 (2017) authored by Assembly member Bocanegra giving cities the right to vacate or close streets (such as Peoria St. in Sun Valley) for nuisances such as excessive illegal dumping

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-19 (8:52) CARRIED 12/00/00/10: Approve letter to Assemblymember Bocanegra re: AB-332 (2017) | | | |
| Motion: Vacas | | Second: Power | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: All | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (10): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 20: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Monthly Expense Report (MER) for February, 2017 and anticipated expenditures

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| SVANC ITEM 170314-20 (8:54p) CARRIED 12/00/00/10: Approve funds for Outreach shopping bags with SVANC logo | | | |
| Motion: O'Gara, M. | | Second: Aggas | |
| Board Action: Approved | | Voting Eligibility: Funding Eligible Only | |
| YES (12): Aggas, Allen, Culley, Flores, Koenig, O'Gara B., O'Gara M., Perez, Power, Sower C., Thum, Vacas | NO (00) | OTHER (00) | ABSENT (10): Bille, Castaneda, Duenas, Housden, Khalaf, Mendez, Naranjo, Palomino, Raaf, Sower, M. |

ITEM 21: Discussion of Sun Valley Planning Projects and the General Plan for the City

- Mr. O'Gara provided information and update on projects affecting Sun Valley and the City.

ITEM 22: Public Comment on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker:

- Frank Roque inquired about Sun Valley Arts Center, which the Board advised is still open; and about Costco on Sherman Way

ITEM 23: Board Member Comment on non-agenda Items, two (2) minutes per speaker

- O'Gara, M.: Group proposing "Glencrest Hills" name change will present next week

ITEM 24: Adjournment

- Mr. O'Gara motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Vacas, approved unanimously 12/0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.