



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting MINUTES
 Tuesday, January 8, 2019
 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

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
Allen, Mark B.; <i>2nd V.P./Cardholder</i>	Absent	YES	Business	B1
Carbajal, Jackelyn	Present	YES	Youth	Y1
Correa, Steve	Present (Arrived at 6:40PM)	YES	Resident	A1
Duenas, Angelica	Present	YES	Resident	R2
Fierro, Martha	Present	YES	Resident	R6
Garcia, Steven	Present	YES	Business	B6
Khalaf, Sam	Absent (Left at 7:45PM)	YES	Business	B2
O'Gara, Barbara	Present	YES	Senior Rep	S1
O'Gara, Mike	Present	YES	At-Large	A2
Perez, Carmen	Absent	YES	Business	B7
Power, Rick	Present	YES	Business	B5
Roque, Frank	Present	YES	Senior Rep	S2
Sower, Cindy; <i>President</i>	Present	YES	Business	B4
Sower, Michael	Present	YES	Business	B3
Thum, Wendy	Present	YES	Resident	R4
Vacas, Monica; <i>1st V.P.</i>	Present	YES	Resident	R7
Venegas, Eddie	Present	YES	Comm. Int.	C1
(VACANT)			Resident	R5
(VACANT)			Resident	R3
(VACANT)			At-Large	A1
(VACANT)			At-Large	A4
(VACANT)			At-Large	A5
(VACANT)			At-Large	A6
(VACANT)			At-Large	A3
(VACANT)			Youth Rep	Y2
TOTAL: 17	13 PRESENT, 4 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, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, SVANC Code of Civility: Ms. Sower called the meeting of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council to order at approximately 6:45PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Correa took roll. 14 Boardmembers were present and a quorum was met. There were approximately 19 members of the public present at the meeting. The Code of Civility was recited by the Boardmembers present.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks and special Council Recognition to retiring Boardmembers: Ms. Sower wished everyone a Happy New Year. She went over a few updates. They are now asking anyone visiting the SVANC office to sign in a log book. There has been an issue with the SVANC phone lines where the number was taken over by

Pacific Bell in what is called a “snap back” and we are not receiving calls. The matter has been given to the City Attorney to resolve. Our NC emails have had a problem with spam and hackers because we are receiving emails asking to pay in Bitcoin. This matter has also been turned over to the City Attorney. If you get an email that doesn't look right send to Cindy Sower. For your own security, don't reply or click on any links. SVANC Board retreat for January 12 has been cancelled. SVANC Board meeting agendas are set at the Executive Board meeting. If you want something on the agenda, please send in time for us to discuss at that meeting. The Board meeting agenda is then posted within 48 hours following the Executive Committee meeting.

ITEM 3: Ms. Sower announced the Vacant Board Seats.

- a. 2 Seats: At Large Stakeholder, remainder of term ends 2019
- b. 2 Seats: At Large Stakeholder, remainder of term, term ends 2021
- c. 1 Seat: Residential Stakeholder, remainder of term, term ends 2019
- d. 1 Seat: Residential Stakeholder, remainder of term, term ends 2021
- e. 1 Seat: Youth Representative (age 14-21), term ends approximately April 2018

Applications available on our website, DUE BY JANUARY 31,, 2019 – File Early!

ITEM 4: Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments

- a. Senior Lead Officer Esther Vasquez - LAPD: Happy New Year everybody. Wow. So we finished 2018 at Foothill Division with a 4 % reduction in crime which is wonderful. My particular area, which is a part of Sun Valley, finished at a 12% reduction in crime. So we had a really good year. Our crime fighting efforts paid off. And you guys with your crime prevention efforts paid off too. So we need to continue that because of course just this week I had three cars broken into. Remember to Lock it hide it, keep it. Also for your residential areas be sure and lock your windows doors. We had a couple of events: shop with a cop with the grant from Target. We did that at Pacoima Target. We also handed out some family baskets. We do that every year to a needy family. Those are good fun events that we were able to do during the month of December. Shared the Million Kids Flyer that is a seminar open to the community for kids for middle and high school as well as their parents with a discussion on how predators on social media are grooming our teens. It talks about human trafficking. Talks about videogames and protecting your kids. So it's for parents and kids and its being put on in the Sunland-Tujunga. It's presented by Many Kids and it is sponsored by the Sunland Neighborhood Church. So if anybody's interested it is going to be on Thursday January 24th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Q&A: Is it common to have a drop off in crime at the end of the year? Yes, Yeah towards Christmastime we do. Some crimes like theft crimes seem to always go up at Christmas time because people are not paying attention when they're shopping. But some of our assaults or robberies tend to go down during the Christmas year and then right at the beginning the new year we do see a little spike mostly in the property crime. So is this down trend any different than previous years or is this normal? Divisionally we've kept going down in my particular area. I finished in the positive. I had an increase in crime last year. So this year I had a decrease.

Steven Garcia arrived at 6:40PM.

ITEM 5: No item 5 on SVANC agenda

ITEM 6: Announcements from Elected Officials or their representatives.

- a. Field Deputy Caroline Menjivar with CM Nury Martinez - Welcomed everyone back. Announced Human Trafficking Awareness month and locations where you can donate toiletries at the Van Nuys office or the Sun Valley office and will be going on until Jan. 31. Donations are accepted personally, not on behalf of SVANC. Annual homeless count will be January 22nd and Caroline will be leading it at the Sun Valley Recreation Center. More volunteers are needed. It goes from 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. You don't have to stay there for the entire time. Anytime you wish to donate appreciated. We will have some snacks there. This is the only location in Sun Valley. Contact Caroline to volunteer. There's no training needed. Other exciting news is this

month starts our first ever CERT course. It's a seven week course in partnership with the Department of Water Power, LAFD, and SVANC and starts January 17th. It's already a full class. It's going to better prepare the community members of this area for emergency situations such as earthquakes. Excited for the partnership with the Department of Water Power for donating the facility and the SVANC. Food trucks are back this Wednesday at Fernangeles Park. It's every Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. There's a DJ and they give out prizes for the kids and is very family friendly. Q&A: CERT Class size. 68 signed up and the facility can take up to 70. Is it possible to have table at the events to promote SVANC elections? More than welcome to have a table at the Food Trucks and an intro at the Homeless Count is possible.

- b. Field Deputy Brenda from Assemblymember Luz Rivas spoke about different services that her office offers. Cal Trans and Unemployment. Homeless issues are plaguing the community and working to keep clean. Looking forward to productive year with SVANC. Q&A: Complimented Luz Rivas office for an illegal dumping and they handled it in about 45 minutes.
- c. Field Deputy Gonzalez from Congressman Tony Cardenas announced she will be the new rep for Sun Valley. Here to help with anything Federal; IRS or Immigration. Mobile office at Sun Valley Library, 3-5 p.m. on 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Q&A: Stolen phone lines. Spam callers. Yes, contact her after the meeting.

ITEM 7: Announcements/updates from DONE Representative Betty Wong-Ms. Wong has rescheduled the Board retreat to Feb. 12. Reason the Jan. 12 was not good for all Boardmembers. Crucial that 100% attend. Request that it starts at 6 p.m. It is a Tuesday. There will be a handful of trainings: Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, Communications, Code of Conduct. A number of other so everyone will be on the same page. Ethics. Three are expiring -- please renew before the next board meeting. O'Gara and Monica up 1/23. Would not able to vote on any funding matters. 2019 every board member will have to renew every two years, code of conduct and funding. Funding events roundtable, Jan. 12. There are new policies for events on how NCs can sponsor events. Opportunity to interact with the funding team. Election is 4/27. Candidate filing begins Jan. 12 ends Feb. 11. DONE will host a candidate workshop 1/19 - 10-12 p.m. in Van Nuys and also Ignite Women's Election workshop to encourage more women to get involved in politics. Learn how to be a candidate. North Area, Feb. 2 at Mission Hills - 1-3 p.m. Encouraged everyone to run. Encourage stakeholders to get involved. Monica is the outreach chair. Request SVANC secretary send any roster updates. EmpowerLA Awards dinner is March 28 to recognize the volunteers and encouraged nominations. SVANC was awarded last year and continues to build bridges and work with the community.

ITEM 8: Presentation by LADWP, Watershed Management Water Resources Division with an update on the Tujunga Spreading Grounds-Steven Wong, Project Manager said this is a project in partnership with the LA County Flood Control District. He started off his presentation with a list of incentive programs that the LADWP offers at ladwp.com/save He highlighted work done. 150 acre site is a multi-purpose facility. Spreading ground is strategically located where there's sandy soil to take care of the surface run off, treat it and disinfect it to use it. Make sure we have water supply. - 5 billion gal of water. Provides a lot of community benefits. Currently the project is out for bid. Started in 2016. Intake is to increase storm water capture. This project responsible for 1.6 million tons of material exported to the Vulcan pit. Shared photos of the site from the freeway and close up. As the project moves forward the impacts will be more localized. There will be a walking path with native plant landscaping. Chain-link fence will be replaced with wrought iron fencing. New lights will be solar powered. Hoping to create a local habitat. Will install educational signage and will hold open educational classes. Intakes will be done by October. Landscaping will follow after. Project will be completed by December 2020. Two dedicated full time staff at the job site. Can sign up for the email updates. Call or email Mr. Wong regarding the project.

ITEM 9: Presentation by Many Mansions who is a nonprofit with 16 developments in Ventura County, to update their building application on their development at 12128 Sheldon Street, Sun Valley. Derrick with Louise Hernandez present and three architects. Sun Key Apartments. Many Mansions purchased to build 26 units of affordable housing from prior owner entitled. No change to original entitlements. 27 parking spaces. Changes will be to unit mix of 1,2, 3 bedroom units. Met with schools and reviewing homeless count they decided to focus this project for homeless families with children. Services: case management, tutoring. Services will be

available in the community room. Many Mansions will be managing the site 24/7. Playground, 700 sq. ft. community room, offices for property management and services, terraces, free Wi-Fi, including computer stations and a library and bus passes to residents will be provided. 10% ADA, 4% hearing impaired, variety of energy efficient appliances. Drought tolerant and solar potential. Architects talked about the design with natural ventilation with three bars to tie all together. Spaces for BBQ, gardening, games (play space on 2nd floor), courtyards which is an energy efficient sustainable building. Vehicular will be off Telfair. 29 bicycle spaces. Terra Cotta tile. Low water use. 25 affordable units: three 3-bedroom, 10-2 bedroom, 12-1 bedroom units and there's 1 2 bedroom market rate unit. Total of 26 units. 26 long term parking spaces for bikes. 3 short term. 27 parking spaces. Construction starts September 2019 and will be completed in 14 months. Q&A: Our Councilwoman feels that we met the homeless units in our district. This project came in before the 222 goal and was fully entitled. How can this be placed in front of the high school? They met with the high school and understand the need for affordable housing. There are over 16,000 homeless children and this project is to help those children to break the cycle. There will be a follow-up meeting with the principal and students/parents as to the design. Will the services be available to students who are non-residents of the property? They will check into the funding. There will be an onsite resident manager present 24/7 and a surveillance camera system. No onsite security patrol person. Comment: Palo Verde is 60 units and SVANC heard of a problem with them and Grocery Outlet. Problem resolved when bringing the parties together. Many Mansions ran a soils report and a phase 1 report and the ground is clean. One bedroom unit for every three people. They have a low vacancy rate. Many Mansions has 538 units of Affordable Housing and they've been in business for 40 years. They will have Section 8 vouchers for the units.

ITEM 10: Public Comments

- a. Esther - Librarian - First time at SVANC. Blood donation and free income tax prep coming up. New American citizen classes start Feb. 9 through May 4, 2019. Neighborhood Science Initiative will have a series of science topics starting Jan. 30. Email: eararrala@lapl.org
- b. Ana Garcia, 20 year Sun Valley resident, works 10 years for City, first time at the SVANC. Glass Hill, top of the world trail. Hiking Group once a month does a clean-up. Going once a month is not enough and would like to join efforts with SVANC.

ITEM 11: Board Member Comments

We had a special meeting last week to write a letter to vote against the new Beverage Ordinance proposal. Styrofoam use motion will be coming to SVANC in the future.

ITEMS 12, 14, 14, 15, 16 regarding Minutes for August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and January 2 were postponed to future meeting.

ITEM 17: Committee Reports: Outreach, Beautification, Planning / Land Use, Public Citizenship Workshop, Safety/Emergency Preparedness, Election, VANC, PlanCheck, LANCC, Budget Advocates, CHRSA.

- a. Outreach: Open house Jan. 26 in the office 8-12 noon. Bring someone with you. We'll talk about the elections that day. What the elections means. Filing application in English and Spanish will be available. A clean up event at Glenoaks and Lanark on Jan. 19.
- b. Beautification: Trying to combine events with Outreach hoping will encourage people to be interested in the SVANC. Starting to plan Earth Day events. April 22 Earth Day will feature a lesson with RecycLA. LADWP buckets will also be given out. They're holding 1,200 buckets for SVANC.
- c. Planning/Land Use: Mike reported there are three applications: 5 story building mixed use which will take 3-6 years to get through the city; Sheridan Nursery will be 5 story apartment building 50-60 units was previously approved now has a new developer; old motel by gas station / Roscoe. Old Mandarin Terrace property sold. Four notices from LADBS to demo garages and putting in granny flats. Q&A: are the granny flats in high fire areas? Not going to put granny flats in hillsides. You can have a granny flat ½ sq. ft. of your house, single story. 7,500 sq. ft. no longer need a garage or carport,

street parking.

- d. Public Citizenship Workshop: We had a public citizenship workshop in November. Had 50 time spots reserved and all registered. 2 cancellations, 9 no shows. 38 people helped that day. 42 individuals that were assisted, 20 + walk-ins not helped that day but information given. Several completed paperwork. There were 65 total people helped on their way to citizenship. IRC that we partnered with had a great number of resources given. Upcoming training info distributed. Facebook Likes have gone from being in the 200 range up over 700. Suggested to pass this along for an EmpowerLA award.
- e. Public Safety / Emergency Preparedness: We now have a CERT class will be at LADWP Truesdale training center. Start 1/17 6:30-9 p.m. Seven week course. We have a shake out to predict an earthquake by a few seconds. There's an app shake alert LA and will give you a live alert. It has up to five second delay. Q&A: CERT classes in Spanish are being worked on by the LAFD.
- f. VANC: Meeting is Thursday and will include Elections and Funding.
- g. PlanCheckNC: Meeting will include LADBS who will be assigned re: Restaurant Beverage Ordinance. They are trying to eliminate NCs from having any say. Motion for this came from CM Krekorian.
- h. LANCC: Road Diet issue needs community input in advance and review if not working. Future: Michel Moore
- i. Budget Advocates: Completed survey and report should be out soon. BAs are increasingly annoyed with City of L.A.
- j. CHSRA: All did well and came together and spoke at the meeting. HSR is moving forward on their plans

Mr. Khalaf left the meeting at 7:45PM.

ITEM 18: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for November 2018

Public comment: Q&A regarding encumbered amounts and net available, including rent, etc.

SVANC ITEM 18 Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for November 2018				
Moved: Garcia Second: Vacas				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

ITEM 19: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for December 2018

Item Postponed due to no December Report.

Public comment: none

SVANC ITEM 19a Motion to extend the meeting Moved: Vacas Second: Garcia				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

ITEM 20: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve (at Secretary Steve Correa’s request) for the secretary to resume the minute taker duties listed as the Secretary duties in the By-Laws / Standing rules. These duties had fallen behind when the Secretary 2016-17 resigned, and the position remained vacant, creating the need for the board to hire a

professional minute taker. (Correa)

Public comment: With the increase of rent and cost for minute taker we need to make a change in spending.

SVANC ITEM 20: Motion to approve (at Secretary Steve Correa's request) the secretary to resume the minute taker duties listed as the Secretary duties in the By-Laws / Standing rules. Moved: O'Gara Second: Correa				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

ITEM 21: Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow the currently approved Minute Taker to resume Minute Taker Duties at which time the Secretary would not be able to perform those Minute Taker duties in the future. This motion is contingent upon approval of preceding agenda item #20 (Sower).

Public comment: None

SVANC ITEM 21: Motion to allow current approved minute taker to resume minute taker duties when secretary not able to do so. Motion: Correa Second: Venegas				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

ITEM 22: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve funding up to \$150 for a combined Outreach/Beautification event January 26, 2019 to take place at and around our offices at 8720 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley. Event will feature an open house with information about upcoming NC Elections while we clean the surrounding neighborhood. Funds will be used for beverages, refreshments, Graffiti Busters and visitors to the open house (Thum/Vacas/Sower)

Public comment: none

SVANC ITEM 22: Motion to approve funding up to \$150 for a combined Outreach/Beautification event on January 26, 2019 to take place at and around SVANC offices 8720 Sunland Blvd Sun Valley. Motion: Duenas Second: Carbajal				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

ITEM 23: Motion/Discussion/Vote to pay Konica-Minolta \$106.09 for the quarterly Maintenance fee on our Copier which covers 10/2/2018-12/31/2018. Invoice #9005282080.

Public comment: none

SVANC ITEM 23: Motion to pay Konica-Minolta \$106.09 for the quarterly Maintenance fee on our Copier which covers 10/2/2018-12/31/2018. Invoice #9005282080. Motion: Correa Second: Duenas				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O'Gara, M. O'Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

ITEM 24: Public Comment on non-agenda Items, one (2) minutes per speaker - None.

ITEM 25: Board Member Comment on non-agenda Items, one (2) minutes per speaker:

- a. Monica Venegas asked all too at least respond to person who sent you an email.
- b. Cindy Sower reminded Board to BCC Board.

ITEM 26: Board Meeting Adjournment

Public comment: none

SVANC ITEM 26: Motion to adjourn. Moved: C. Sower Second: Thum 8:56PM				
Yes –14	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible –00	Absent –03
Carbajal, Correa, Duenas, Fierro, Garcia, B. O’Gara, M. O’Gara, Power, C. Sower, M. Sower, Roque, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Allen, Khalaf, Perez

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