



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Location:
Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
Villa Scalabrini Retirement Home
 10631 Vinedale Street
 Sun Valley, CA 91352

*No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote

** No Funding Training, not eligible vote fund matters

Board Member	Board Position	Present	Absent	Not Voting Eligible
Carbajal, Jackelyn	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Danielian, Serj: excused absence	Residential Stakeholder Director		x	
Fiero, Martha: 2nd Vice President	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Garcia, Steven W.	Business Stakeholder Director		x	*
Grigoryan, Vahe*	Residential Stakeholder Director		x	*
Kumar, Bobby**	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
O’Gara, Barbara	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
O’Gara, Mike: President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Power, Richard: 1st Vice President	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Soto, Sergio	Business Stakeholder Director	x		
Sower, Cindy: Treasurer	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		
Thum, Wendy Arrived 6:36pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		
Venegas, Eddie: 2nd Signatory left 7:35pm	Community Interest Stakeholder	x		
New Board Members (added this meeting)				
Joel Gonzalez appointed aprox 7:00pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		*
Rosalio Garcia appointed aprox 7:00pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		*
Jesie Balbuena appointed aprox 7:00pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	x		*
Norma Chavez appointed aprox 7:00pm	At-Large Stakeholder Director	x		*
Sub Totals		14	3	6
TOTALS	14 Present, 3 Absent, 6 Ineligible all voting (one or more trainings not complete)			

ITEM 1: Call to Order at 6:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Rollcall of the Executive Board was taken by Cindy Sower-Treasurer, opening remarks by President were limited because of full Agenda and President Mike O’Gara Called upon Emergency personnel to speak

ITEM 2: 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. SLO Vasquez was on vacation. SLO Rich Wall was I to do the updates as follows: Re-Introduced “Copsickle”. He has been vigorously working on Glenoaks/Sheldon with that Motorhome encampment, they have reduced the number from 20 to 3 as of today. Also talked about the high-speed chase we all saw on TV with the stolen dump truck. He warned that the drive had left the keys in the truck with motor running to warm it up. Reminded us all HIDE IT-LOCK IT-KEEP IT-. Do not leave keys or valuables in vehicles. Alerted community that the Glencrest Hills area had had a couple more recent burglaries. They are happening when residents are not home. Cautioned everyone when they are going to be away to alert your neighbor, consider adding timers to lights, and even adding a radio to that timer. SLO Wall introduced Officer Vamin, from the Domestic Violence Car, and Angela from Strength United. They told about how LAPD works as a team to help people they are called out for, and they help with different support groups.

ITEM 3: Presentation/Announcements from elected officials or their representatives.

Jude Hernandez from Assemblywoman Luz Rivas office. They are working with Cal Trans on the different encampment complaints along the freeways. They have been working especially hard to the one that has taken resident next to Higgins termite causing numerous fires. Jude also reminded everyone they would be participating in the Pink Motel Movie Night 8/16/2019 at 7pm.

Jennifer Serron from LAPL updated us. They are proud they finished up their Summer Reading Program Challenge. They are especially proud that not only did this draw in the youth, but they were pleased with the number of adults that joined as well. Many raffle prizes were donated for this event and made for even more excitement.

Kelly Gonez from LAUSD arrived 7:25pm. Ms. Gonez announced that Esmerelda Marcial was promoted to Director, and we will be appointed a new rep shortly. Ms. Gonez reminded us she represented all 14 Schools in our SVANC boundaries. The first day of school will be Tuesday August 20, 2019. She announced funding to be awarded to Fernangeles Elementary. S V High School was voted to approve their Enrichment Center and reminded us to the Large project going on to improve Poly High School under the leadership of Principal Vasquez.

ITEM 4: Comments from the Done Representative Betty Wong. Betty shared that DONE has hired 3 new project coordinators and had brought one of them with her and introduced Freddy Cupin-Aames to everyone. They have also hired a couple more City Attorneys as well. Stipulations worksheets will soon be out and we will be required to file one with the Department. Reminded is that they have changed the youth voting age from 16 to 16 and we will need to update our By-laws accordingly. She also reminded us that April 2020 will be the deadline to file approved updated By-Laws. Betty reminded the Board about the email she sent out notifying the board that Public and Boardmember Comment, As well as President Announcements, Committee Chair Comments are to be removed from the Agenda. The City Attorneys feel that comments by either party that would not be listed on the agendas, allow the NC’s to operate transparent. Additionally, All Letters to Assembly or State Officials must be sent to City Council (in our case Paul Krekorian CD2 and Nury Martinez CD6, since NC Boardmembers under the City Charter are elected to be advisors to the **Mayor**.

ITEM 5: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. Comments only, no discussion. Three Minutes each. Anyone who wishes to speak is requested to fill out a Speaker Card.

Oscar Portillo Jr: Asks if we have a Homeless Committee? If so, who oversees that? Where do they meet?

Rudy Melendez: Thanked us for being quick to add him to the email list. He signed up when he was running for office and was impressed at our follow through. He is making a request for trash all over Sun Valley to be removed, he is quite unhappy with all the trash and illegal dumping especially when you get off the 170 over by the new soccer fields.

Bill Haller: Lake Balboa NC Founder. Strongly suggests we become involved with the Fireworks issues. Their NC has become involved, produced signs regarding Fireworks to their community. He also wanted us to be aware of the Tree initiative. Mayor announced new Forestry Person and they vow to plant 800 trees a week and urges us to apply for trees in Sun Valley.

ITEM 6: Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. Comments only, no discussion. Two Minutes each.

Cindy Sower: Asked to note to minutes and for community information that CD6 NURY Martinez had already applied for the Tree Program, as her then Deputy Caroline Menjivar had gone along parts of San Fernando Road and Lankershim Blvd. and notified the businesses they were going to be receiving trees in the next few weeks, Cindy was aware because she was one of the businesses she notified prior to leaving.

ITEM 7: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve voting for candidates to fill board member candidate openings for board appointments: The board seats currently open are: three (3) At-Large, three (3) Resident, two (2) Senior Representatives, and two (2) Youth Representatives.

[We have received applications for: Three \(3\) resident category seats One \(1\) At-large seat](#)

Qualifications apply to all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES which are available at www.SVANC.com.

First Applicant: **Jessie Balbuena**, read her Candidate Statement and the Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Balbuena and she was appointed to the Resident Seat she applied for.

Second Applicant: **Joel Gonzalez**, read his Candidate Statement and the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gonzalez and he was appointed to the Resident Seat he applied for.

Third Applicant: **Rosalio Garcia**, read his Candidate Statement and the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Garcia and he was appointed to the Resident Seat he applied for.

Fourth Applicant: **Norma Chavez**, read her Candidate Statement and the Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Chavez and she was appointed to the At-Large Seat she applied for.

After each Board member was appointed, they took their seat. When the fourth board member was appointed, they all read the CODE OF CIVILITY as their OATH OF OFFICE. It was verified that none of the newly appointed Board Members had taken their trainings so for this meeting they will not be able to vote, however they were encouraged to ask questions at the appropriated times if they had any. The new board members were not added to the BAC's for this meeting, since they were newly appointed and not eligible to vote.

ITEM 8: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting from July 9, 2019.

Moved by: Rick Power. Second by: Martha Fiero. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 9: Motion/Discussion/Vote to Reaffirm previous approval for Mike O’Gara as the SVANC Representative to retrieve the Stakeholder Registration Information from the City Clerk Office per Article 8.2 and Article 8.3 (Pages 19 and 20) of the December 7, 2018 version of the 2019 Neighborhood Council Election Handbook. Necessary to submit another letter after August 6, 2019.

Moved by: Mike O’Gara. Second by: Eddie Venegas. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 10: Motion/Discussion/Vote on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to take a position of NON-SUPPORT for [AB 516](#) that has made its way through the State Assembly and is now in the State Senate. We have written that letter. Now some revisions have been made which do nothing to improve the bad results that will result from passage of this bill in its present state. We request that board members and public write to their State Senator, either Senator Hertzberg or Senator Portantino, requesting them to vote against this bill. PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED –STATE LEGISLATORS RETURNING FROM HIATUS, August 12, 2019. (Go to [SVANC.com/#ab516](#) for details.)

THIS ITEM TABLED. MOVED: Mike O’Gara. Second: Rick Power.

ITEM 11: Report was given by Mike O’Gara about the issues and ramifications to the Sun Valley Area of the announced Devils Gate Dam project from the Planning and Land Use Committee.

ITEM 12: Motion/Discussion/Vote to write a letter to Luz Rivas’s office and other elected officials and Cal-Trans regarding questions on the Cal-Trans bridge retrofit project (I-5 Freight Corridor Project.) per their 490 page English and seven page Spanish translation, questioning WHY and HOW. Amended to add: This letter must be viewed by the City Attorney for approval before it can be submitted and will be copied to CD2 and CD6

Moved by: Mike O’Gara. Second by: Rick Power. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 13: Report/Update from Mike O’Gara on the CUB (Conditional Use Permit) public hearing regarding the application for Chuck E. Cheese for the continued sale of beer and wine at 8375 North Laurel Canyon Blvd.

Eddie Venegas left 7:35pm. We all wished him a Happy Birthday!

ITEM 14: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve MER for July 2019.

Moved by Wendy Thum. Second by: Rick Power. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 15: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve outreach funding for our Senior Lead Officers’ “Copsicle” Event. Senior officers go to Sun Valley Elementary schools and greet students after school and give them a popsicle. Popsicle purchase not to exceed \$400. *Amended to read. Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve Outreach “Copsickle” Event at the elementary schools within our Boundaries (Glenwood, Roscoe, Fernangeles and Fenton) Popsicle purchase not to exceed \$400.*

Moved by: Rick Power. Second by: Martha Fierro. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 16: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve outreach funding for graduates of Spanish CERT Class starting on August 27, 2019, to be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This is to partner with the Mayor’s Office to do an outreach event to the Spanish Speaking community in order to train them in emergency preparedness. The registration is capped at 100 participants for this 7-week class. The outreach fund is to go to the purchase of a hard hat for each graduate, not to exceed \$600.00.

Moved by: Rick Power. Second by: Martha Fierro. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 17: Motion/Discussion/Vote regarding Spectrum office telephone and Internet costs presently “not to exceed \$2,280.00 for the year (12 months at \$190 per month.)”

Moved by: Rick Power. Second by: Mike O’Gara. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 18: Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve recurring charge for electricity from LADWP NOT TO EXCEED \$250.00 per month, or \$3,000.00 per year.

Moved by: Rick Power. Second by: Mike O’Gara. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 19: Motion/Discussion/Vote to Approve reimbursement of \$156.60 for purchase of ice cream for Movie in the Skate Park as Vendor did NOT ACCEPT credit cards. Cleared Verbally with City Clerk, Paola Posada. Amended to include “Reimburse Mike O’Gara”.

Moved by: Mike O’Gara. Second by: Rick Power. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 20: Motion/Discussion/Vote to APPROVE the REVISED Budget based on the additional monies from the 2018-2019 ROLLOVER. Total fiscal budget for 2019-2020 is \$51,024.08.

Moved by: Rick Power. Second by: Martha Fierro. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 21: Advisory that the President has exercised his authority to purchase a Headset with microphone to use for translator at Meetings, NOT to EXCEED \$125. This is NEEDED for the Aug 13 2019 Meeting. AUTHORITY APPROVED BY BOARD at JULY 2019 meeting.

ITEM 22: Advisory that the President is exercising authority to purchase AA Batteries to use for translator equipment and wireless microphones at Meetings, NOT to EXCEED \$30. This is NEEDED for the Aug 13, 2019 Meeting. AUTHORITY APPROVED BY BOARD at JULY 2019 meeting.

Tabled: Moved Mike O’Gara, Second Rick Power.

ITEM 23: Motion/Discussion/Vote to Approve Proposal from Barkley Communications, LLC for up to \$400 (8 hours) for services for August 2019. Services to include posting Agendas & Minutes to the website and creating Newsletters announcing SVANC meetings. Also, to monitor, add or delete SVANC Constant Contact emails to SVANC mailing list for all SVANC meetings and events. Susan has agreed if the work exceeds the budget allotment for that month, she will complete the tasks at no additional cost or billing to SVANC up to 10 hours. However, should the tasks run over 10 hours, additional billing will occur at the special rate for SVANC of \$50/hr.

Moved by: Mike O’Gara. Second by: Rick Power. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 24: Motion/ Discussion/ Vote to hire and pay Barkley Communications, LLC up to \$400 per month (8 hours) for services 9/1/2019 to 6/30/2020. Services to include posting Agendas & Minutes to the website and creating Newsletters announcing SVANC meetings. Also, to monitor, add or delete SVANC board members email addresses on the server. In addition to maintain, update and email Constant Contact Newsletters to SVANC mailing list for all SVANC meetings and events. Susan has agreed if the work exceeds the budget allotment for that month, she will complete the tasks at no additional cost or billing to SVANC up to 10 hours. However, should the tasks run over 10 hours, additional billing will occur at the special rate for SVANC of \$50/hr. This motion allows the City Clerk/contracts to move forward with this agreement.

Moved by: Mike O’Gara. Second by: Rick Power. 10 YES, 0 NO, 3 ineligible

ITEM 25: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs: Finance (Cindy Sower), Outreach, Beautification (Wendy Thum), Planning/Land Use (Mike O’Gara), Emergency Prep. & Public Safety (Cindy Sower), and Budget Advocates (Wendy Thum).

Mike O’Gara provided updates for **Planning and Land Use** during the Agenda in Items 11, 12, & 13

Wendy Thum provided updates for **Beautification**. Wendy explained that she was examining the processes for cleanups with the loss of Graffiti Busters moving forward. The next meeting will be at end of August for a possible September or October Cleanup, and welcomed community to attend to provide ideas for future events.

Cindy Sower provided updates for Emergency **Preparedness and Public Safety**. Cindy did update on AB516 (since Agenda item 10 was tabled) for Public Safety explaining that the bill had been moved to Appropriations and they would meet August 12. It was then put into suspense and would be researched and must have a decision rendered by August 30th. Cindy had spoken in item some on Agenda item 16 for the Spanish Speaking CERT Class, however stressed the importance to outreach to the Spanish Speaking Community with this first Spanish Speaking (not translated) Cert Class explaining the hands on training in the English one SVANC hosted earlier this year that would be lost in a translated version as to hands on Spanish Speakers.

ITEM 26: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. Comments only, no discussion. Two Minutes each. Anyone who wishes to speak is requested to fill out a Speaker Card.

ITEM 27: Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda. Comments only no discussion. Two Minutes each.

ITEM 28: Further Comment from the President. Mike did speak of the many City Attorney Changes, and the City Clerk issues SVANC was trying to work with.

ITEM 29: Adjournment was **moved by Rick Power, Second by Martha Fierro @ 8:12pm**