



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
(DRAFT)

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Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221

* No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote **No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

| BOARD MEMBER | BOARD POSITION | PRESENT | ABSENT | NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Chávez, Norma O. Secretary | At-Large Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Danielian, Serj | Residential Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Fierro, Martha | Residential Stakeholder Director | | exc | |
| García, Rosalio | Residential Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| García, Steven excused himself from the meeting at 8:05 pm | Business Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Hill, Emilie A. Treasurer | Residential Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Lee, Lily | Business Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| O’Gara, Mike 2nd Vice President | At-Large Stakeholder Director | | exc | |
| Portillo, Oscar Jr. | Residential Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Power, Richard Vice President | Business Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Ryan, Mark P. | Business Stakeholder Director | | x | |
| Thum, Wendy | Residential Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Vacas, Monica President | Business Stakeholder Director | x | | |
| Venegas, Eddie | Community Interest Stakeholder | | x | |
| TOTAL: 14 | 10 Present, 4 Absent | 10 | 4 | 0 |

ITEM 1: Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken by Norma O. Chávez and quorum was established with ten members present. The Code of Civility was recited.

ITEM 2: President, Monica Vacas, welcomed attendees. Ms. Vacas was thankful to all the participants of the Ratner clean up.

ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments

A. Officer Eric Perez

- Officer Perez will cover the area from Officer Wall because he is out recovering from Covid. He caught it for a second time.
- In Officer Wall’s area, there has been an increase in aggravated assault to 31%, robberies remain the same compared to last year at this time, 17% decrease in grand theft auto. Overall in crime is down 5% in his area. A handgun was recovered in Officer Wall’s area that happened over the weekend, on the 9th. A called was received that shots were fired in the area of

9325 San Fernando Road. Officers were nearby and arrived quickly. The suspect took off running but there was a foot pursuit and the suspect was apprehended. The 9 mm pistol was recovered. The suspect is in custody.

- In Officer Perez' area, there was a 59% increase in robbery and continues to be in the same areas of San Fernando and Sunland, Strathern and Lankershim, Strathern and Vineland. There is a 10% increase in aggravated assault. There is a 30% decrease in grand theft auto. Overall, crime has decreased 10%. The robberies and aggravated assault are a concern. An arrest was made for possession of firearm. This happened on Sunday at around 6:30 pm by the area on 10145 Arminta Street. The corridor along Strathern between Lankershim and Vineland is infested with gangs.

ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Karla Maqueda (field deputy, CD6 Council President Nury Martinez, karla.maqueda@lacity.org)

- Hosting a Food Drive on October 18 at Van Nuys City Hall, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- There will be a Free Covid-19 vaccination clinic and resources on October 16 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Arleta
- Community cleanup at the Sheldon Skate Park in partnership with the Great 818ters at 10:00 am this same weekend

B. Julissa Hernandez (district director from the office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, julissa.hernandez@asm.ca.gov)

- Thanked SVANC for the cleanup we had last month
- Sep 24 legislation passed: AB 1096 remove the work alien to refer to noncitizen or immigrant; AB 1363 investment in early education to advocate for dual language programs; AB 27 home comprehensive policies to provide service for homeless families and children; AB 1220 response to address homelessness. Visit the assemblywoman's website for full details.
- Partnering with NHNC for a vaccine clinic on October the 16th at the North Hollywood Metro Red line and Orange line.

C. Tiffany Zeytounian (field deputy, CD2 Council member Paul Krekoryan, tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org)

- Accepting veteran nominations from CD2 for outstanding veteran who have made impact in their community not only having served their country but also provide exemplary community service as well . You can access the goggle form through the councilmember's Facebook account
- Earlier this year, the City had instituted a new process to address unlicensed commercial cannabis business activity. The procedure involves padlocking, barricading, or fencing property where the activity occurs. This past week the Council approved a motion that the Councilmember co-sponsored with two other councilmen to transfer a large sum to cover a portion of the cost for enforcement. This funding will provide a boost to staffing which will help the City to move more quickly to fully implement this ordinance.

D. Jessica Orellana (from the office of Los Angeles Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, jorellana@bos.lacounty.gov)

- Pop up vaccines sites in the next three Saturdays, and a food distribution on the 27 of this month. The first vaccine pop up is this Saturday, October the 16th at Libreria Cristiana Emanuel Church in Arleta from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. On the 23rd, the vaccination pop up clinic will be at Pacoima City Hall with a resource fair. On October the 27th, the food distribution will take place at the Arleta Neighborhood Church from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, flyer to come. Everyone is welcomed.
- An invitation was extended to participate in the October the 28th Community Advisory Committee. This committee came about as a result of an unfortunate accident near the Whiteman Airport in the community of Pacoima that happened last year on November 16. A civil air patrol airplane crashed in a residential area in the neighborhood of Pacoima.. Due to this incident, the County, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works to create a community advisory committee, CAC, made up of Pacoima community leaders and stakeholders and the goal of this committee is to learn about the airport and how it functions and to discuss what other things could be done with the airport and the space that is there. The CAC will have an opportunity to identify new ways to use the land that would benefit the community, how we can use the open space possibly jobs, and the possibility of closing the airport. For details of the meeting, visit the website www.reenvisionwhitemanairport.com

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA representative Vanessa Serrano.

- Ms. Serrano informed that Assembly Bill 361 had been signed and as a result meetings will continue to be virtually only.
- She will review with the secretary the new required language for the agendas.
- Trainings are being offered via Cornerstore and to inform her if anyone is having trouble connecting to Cornerstore or need access to their username.
- The deadline for the Planning and Land Use committee members to complete Planning 101 is November the 30th.

- There will be two Code of Conduct workshop sessions to cover NC code of conduct and the draft of the changes made recently. The sessions will take place on October the 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and on November the 6th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please visit empowerla.com for more information
- To obtain support with Robert's Rules of Order please visit EmpowerLa.org and click on EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) and create a user account to access the portal.
- There will be a workshop on Community Improvement projects on Thursday, October the 21st from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction

- Lionel Mares from TreePeople would like to bring a presentation to SVANC about the results obtained from the Water Talks survey.

ITEM 7: Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda

Rosalío García shared that he has submitted a letter to Councilmember Nury Martinez to petition to have a street, a park or a Sun Valley area be named after Mike O'Gara to honor his volunteered work and dedication to the improvement of the community of Sun Valley. Marcos Sanchez responded that the letter was received and had been shared with Councilmember Nury Martinez.

ITEM 8: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board open seats were reviewed.

- (4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (one term ends 2023, and three terms end 2025)
- (1) seat available for Business Stakeholder (term ends in 2023)
- (1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)
- (1) seat available for Residential Stakeholder (term end in 2025)

There are also one year appointed positions for:

- (2) seats available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2022)
- (1) seat available for Youth Representative Stakeholder, (age 14-21, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2022)

Qualifications for all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES, further information and Candidate Filing Form are available at:

<https://www.svanc.com/board-candidate-appointments>

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to send a letter ASAP regarding SVANC's opposition to the proposed City Council redistricting map – K2.5. . 1st: **Monica Vacas; 2nd: **Rick Power**.** Discussion took place and updates for the redistricting map K2.5 were presented by Marcos Sanchez, CD6 District Director, and Karo Torossian, CD2 Chief of Staff:

- Marcos Sanchez – The districts' lines get drawn every ten years after the Census takes place. Some districts gain and others decrease. I encourage everyone to participate during public comment at the following meeting dates: Oct. 13 at 6:00 pm; Oct. 16 at 6:00 pm this is open for public comment; Oct. 18 Council will discuss and deliberate on what the maps will look like; Oct. 21 the Council adopts.
- Karo Torossian – CD2 Chief of Staff, The maps have been wrong. The commissioners created another district in the West San Fernando Valley called 2 or 4 for no clear reasoning at all. That new district forces the other districts to shift dramatically especially districts 2, 3, 4 and 5. The commissioners are trying to justify their actions for a district that is on the district that is listed as 4 or 2, which stretches from Shadow Hills through Sun Valley, parts of North Hollywood, parts of Valley Glen, Studio City, Hollywood Hills, Griffith Park, parts of Lo Feliz and parts of Silver Lake. The commissioners said they drew that map to create an entertainment district, a district that has people who work in the entertainment industry. All 15 districts have people who work in the entertainment industry, so no maps should be drawn based on a certain industry as a community of interest. The districts were drawn so problematic that they were able to identify 13 of the 15 districts as to who would the council office would be that represents that district. The new district created will have a representative for three years that no constituents in that district had elected. The current map divides Sun Valley into 3 Council districts. It will add district 7 to cover the industrial area where there are no voters so there might not be accountability.

| Yes - 9 | No - 01 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 04 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Chávez, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | Danielian | NONE | Lee | Fierro, O'Gara Ryan, Venegas |

Voting took place and the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to write a letter regarding SVANC's opposition to the closure of the Whiteman Airport. **1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Rick Power.** Discussion took place and the key points on how having the airport benefits the San Fernando Valley were reviewed. The motion was adopted with 10 votes in favor.

| Yes - 10 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 04 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve publishing and sharing two fliers for recruiting Board members. One flier is for recruiting senior representatives, the other to recruit a youth representative. **1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place. The information in the fliers can be found at SVANC's website and the Bylaws, but a flyer was needed to collect all the information into a single document that could be shared while recruiting Board members. The motion was adopted with ten votes in favor.

| Yes - 10 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 04 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

Steven Garcia excused himself from the meeting at 8:05 pm.

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve rescheduling the Ratner Clean Up from October 9 to November 13, 2021. **1st: Norma O. Chávez, 2nd: Monica Vacas** Discussion took place. The motion was adopted with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve adjusting the budget for the Ratner Clean Up from \$200 to \$300. **1st: Norma O. Chávez; 2nd: Rosalío García.** The motion was adopted with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 0 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve rescheduling the Old San Fernando Road Tree Planting from November 13 to November 20, 2021. **1st: Norma O. Chávez; 2nd: Emilie A. Hill.** The motion was adopted with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve rescheduling the Covid-19 vaccination pop-up from October 16 to December 4, 2021. **1st: Norma O. Chávez; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** The motion was adopted with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to sponsor a Christmas Food Drive on December 11, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Sun Valley in partnership with the Sun Valley Food Pantry for an amount not to exceed \$200. **1st: Norma O. Chávez; 2nd: Rosalío García.** Motion passed with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to move \$300 from the Beautification Committee funds and \$200 from the Outreach Committee funds to cover the cost of the Clean Energy Forum taking place on October 22, 2021. **1st: Emilie A. Hill; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place. The motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve reimbursement of \$31.90 to Norma Chávez for the purchase of badges and neck lanyard for new Board members. **1st: Monica Vacas; 2nd: Rick Power.** Motion passed with 9 votes in favor

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the purchase of a Microsoft Office annual subscription for office use for an amount not to exceed \$130.00. **1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Motion passed with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2021. **1st: Rick Power; 2nd: Rosalío García.** Discussion took place. The minutes were approved with a correction made. The correction was to change the last name of Tiffany Stepanyan to Tiffany Zeytounian.

| Yes - 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O'Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Rreport for August 2021. **1st: Rick Power; 2nd: Monica Vacas.** Discussion took place. Motion was approved with 9 votes in favor.

| Yes – 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O’Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2021. **1st: Rick Power 2nd: Rosalío García.** Discussion took place.

| Yes – 9 | No - 00 | Recused- 00 | Not Eligible - 00 | Absent - 05 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, Hill, Lee, Portillo, Power, Thum, Vacas | NONE | NONE | NONE | Fierro, S. Garcia, O’Gara, Ryan, Venegas |

ITEM 23: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees:

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Monica Vacas is helping with the planning of the events approved in the agenda
2. Finance and Budget – Emilie A. Hill - bills have been paid
3. Beautification – Wendy Thum the clean up is coming
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez – attending meetings, rescheduling the Nov. and Dec. meetings
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness- Oscar Portillo Jr. the license plate screws installation event has been postponed until future notice

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. High Speed Rail - Serj Danielian – With the assistance of Susan Lustig, I was able to obtain the environmental report and the report states that the nitrogen dioxide during construction phase time are higher than the minimum value. The normal annual concentration is 20 parts per million. Exposure to this can cause damage to the respiratory track and for long exposure can cause lung disease.
2. The Bylaws committee chair invited Board members to review the Bylaws and make their recommendations.
3. The elections’ committee chair shared that there is a new application to the Board of Directors as a residential stakeholder.
4. The Transformative Climate Communities committee-chair shared that they are currently searching for single family homes who are good candidates to have solar panels installed. They are doing outreach. A flyer is on the works.

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Serj Danielian- The Housing Element update is a process that occurs every eight years. For the last eight years from 2013 to 2021, the low income housing need that was in LA, about 34% was achieved for very low income, 30% was achieved for low income, and 6% was achieved for moderate income households. For the next eight years, the City of LA is planning to build about 51,000 affordable housing units. This is about 20% of the units. That means we are about half a million units affordable housing shortage that we have. To buy an existing affordable housing unit, it costs \$465,000. Building a new affordable housing unit, it costs \$571, 000.
2. VANC – Monica Vacas informed the Council that VANC has approved by a unanimous vote to send a letter to Mayor Garcetti and members of the LA City Council to oppose any cuts to the LAPD budget and proposes that any cuts be made from any nonpublic safety funds. It proposes that any approved cuts made to LAPD should be done to non San Fernando Valley council districts due to disproportionately greater damage to the San Fernando Valley because of its large geographical area. Additionally, social services should be done by a dedicated City tax for voters’ approval.
3. PLANCKNC- Norma O. Chávez – has been attending the meetings. They keep providing updates about the Community Plan and the Housing Element. We are still in high need for housing. The short term rentals’ number of housing is decreasing.
4. Budget Advocates – Emilie Hill – we are in the process of scheduling meetings with City departments to collect input on how they spend their budget and where they feel they could use more funding. We feel they should be spending more money on the neighborhood councils.

ITEM 24: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, 2 minutes each)

- Miguel Angel Diaz informed the Council of a paving project in his house's back alley he would like approved by the City. He has reached out to various agencies without any success. People are dumping dirt and trash and so I want to make an improvement. Another concern is the pollution from a recycling company. Perhaps, the company can be relocated. 11122 Roscoe Blvd. The company is located on Fair Avenue and Roscoe Blvd. This is a company that demolishes rock.

ITEM 25: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each)

SVANC president, Monica Vacas, would like Lily Lee to join the Outreach Committee since there is one vacancy.

ITEM 26: Adjournment: 1st: **Rick Power**, 2nd: **Monica Vacas**. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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