



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Special Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Meeting At
Hope Fellowship
12055 Wicks St
Sun Valley, CA 91352
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. President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Gonzalez, Hector	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Hill, Emilie A	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Kim, Ian	Youth Stakeholder Director		X	X
Mares, Lionel	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Moore, Mariam	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Douglas 2nd Vice-President 6:42 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Tascian, Leticia	Senior Representative Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica 1st Vice-President	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I. Treasurer	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie Secretary	Business Property Director	X		
Virgen, Symbria	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
TOTAL: 12 Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	12 Present, 2 Absent, 0 Ineligible	11	2	0

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

Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Eddie Venegas, secretary, and quorum was established with 11 members present at the time of roll call.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

Ms. Chávez thanked everyone for attending on such short notice due to inability to hold virtual only meetings as SVANC has not been able to vote to approve that option per SB 411.

ITEM 3: 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

- A.** Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755
- Officer Perez was unable to attend. Officer Contreras provided his update.
 - Vehicle theft is a higher rate. They have clubs available for community members who own KIAs.
 - Robberies are still happening
 - Five RVs were impounded and people were housed
 - City and State working to park RVs in CalTrans property
 - Haddon and Lankershim – RVs related to narcotics
- B.** Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, 36373@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0854
- Vehicles were removed during the cleanup along Peoria and lots of trash was collected
- E.** Senior Lead Officer Gabriel Ahedo, 33107@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0949
- DSS – The alarm sound went off. Two adults and three juveniles took merchandise. The clothes had trackers. The suspects were located. They used a stolen car. All merchandise worth \$4k to \$5k was recovered.
 - Vegan Fest in NoHo – A lady with a scanner was checking credit cards tags. She purchased merchandise within 3 minutes of getting the credit cards' information. RFID covered.
 - Strongly recommended getting farad box to protect the car fab.
 - There were two traffic fatalities. Advised all to be careful especially at night.

ITEM 4: Presentation by Edvin Mailyan (Partner), Lesa Slaughter and Eduard Linetskly (Compliance), and Mike Saghian (Licensing) regarding the permanent license for Cana Roots, cannabis store, located at 11045 Sherman Way, Sun Valley, CA 91352 with the Department of Cannabis Regulation No. LA R-24-100085-ANN

Norma O. Chávez moved to table the item. Rosalío García seconded. There were no objections.

ITEM 4a: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a letter/resolution/CIS with recommendations from the Board regarding SVANC's position on the approval of the permanent licensing of Cana Roots, cannabis store, located at 11045 Sherman Way, Sun Valley, CA 91352 with Department of Cannabis Regulation **No. LA R-24-100085-ANN**

The Board sent the item back to PLUM for review during their April 25, 2024 meeting.

ITEM 6: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives
Some of the elected officials' representatives were unable to share their updates because they were waiting online to join via zoom, but zoom continued to malfunction.

ITEM 5: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- A.** Rafael Gonzalez (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, rafael.a.gonzalez@lacity.org)
- Thanked Pastor Jeff Nelson for supporting SVANC by facilitating the venue
 - Doing field inspections regularly
 - Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day on April 27 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
 - CM Imelda Padilla has a motion regarding Silica dust

- LASHA - RVs with sewage leakage are impounded immediately
- Subscribe to their newsletter
- Care Plus Cleanups entail outreach for housing,
- During the cleanup on Peoria, Tujunga and Bradley, six individuals accepted housing

B. Diana Gonzalez (Councilmember Paul Krekorian, CD2, diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org) – zoom

C. Michelle Vergara (L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, michelle.vergara@lacity.org) – zoom

D. Jessica Guzman (Office of CA State Assembly member Luz Rivas, 43rd District, jessica.guzman@asm.ca.gov) – zoom

E. Savannah Portillo Heap (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, SPortillo@lacounty.bos.gov (213) 595-9198)

- Rory Shaw Wetlands improvements, do a few things, funding plan to complete, beautification elements will report back in 30 days.
- Public Works is looking into beautification and greening the Rory Shaw area, flatten the stockpiles and berms
- Whiteman Airport – re-envisioning the airport, study the potential land use as airport or closing, economic analysis
- Youth Mental Health – April 27
- Arts and Culture – paid internship, college student

H. Diana Oganessian, Natalie Vartanian (Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, doganessian@bos.lacounty.gov , navartanian@bos.lacounty.gov)

- Homeowner – insurance coverage
- Fire mitigation – state commissioners
- April 24 – Armenian Genocide memorial

I. Katherine Castrejon (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov)

- Pride Parade – Van Nuys on June 29, rally at 11, start march at 12 to the Civic Center
- Cleanup on April 27

J. Lionel Mares (Budget Advocate, Region 1, lionel.mares@svanc.com)

- Hearings to review Budget are taking place
- Adopt budget by June 1st, CF 24-0600

Douglas Sierra joined the meeting at 7:53 pm

K. Ricardo Flores (Office of Council member Monica Rodriguez)

- Fair at Orcas Park
- April 18, Emergency Preparedness Day
- Brushfire – June 22 – 3rd annual fireworks collection. It has been a very successful event.
- Drone show on the 4th of July- about 700 drones, food vendors
- July 29 Summer Movie Nights, resources, food trucks

ITEM 6: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

- Monthly report mailed to Board members

ITEM 7: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion).

Glen Bailey spoke of the 2/3 vote to implement SB 411

ITEM 8: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion).

Monica Vacas shared about Isana Palmatti's plans to expand and take the orchestra classroom from Glenwood Elementary where Palmatti is co-located

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve re-submission of the correct Admin Package for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 (Valle, Finance) 1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rosalío García. Motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 2 against, 2 abstained, and 2 absent

Yes-07	No - 2	Recused - 00	Abstained - 03	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Tascian, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	Hill, Thum	NONE	Mares, Moore, Tascian	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a budget not to exceed \$100 for promotional items for a SVANC Outreach table at the *Rally in the Valley Robotics Challenge and S.T.E.A.M. Expo* at the Fenton Academies at 8926 Sunland Blvd, Sun Valley on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm (Chávez). Norma Chávez moved to table the item and Mariam Moore seconded. There were no objections.

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter/resolution/CIS to Council member Imelda Padilla and Council President Paul Krekorian and copy the East Valley Department of Transportation Parking Enforcement to ask for parking enforcement in all the streets with limited overnight parking of oversized vehicles (Moore) 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Wendy Thum stated that it must be recognized the homeless situation and vehicular dwelling. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved with 11 votes in favor, 1 against, and 2 absent.

Yes-11	No - 01	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez Kim

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to review and approve a letter/resolution/Community Impact Statement to **Council File 15-0389-S2** to oppose to non-certified Neighborhood Council community groups having the same privileges as certified Neighborhood Councils. (Sierra). 1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 11 votes in favor, 1 against, and 2 absent

Yes-11	No - 01	Recused- 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Virgen	Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

Rosalío García moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes and Cindy Valle seconded. There were no objections.

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to review and approve a letter/resolution/Community Impact Statement (CIS) *for, if amended* for **Council File 23-0623 ED1** to ask that at least six conditions be met for any proposed ED1 project to get approved. (Sierra, PLUM) **1st** Norma Chávez, **2nd** Rosalío García. Discussion took place. The motion was approved with 12 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 recused, 0 abstained, and 2 absent.

Yes-12	No - 00	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to review and approve a letter/resolution/Community Impact Statement against **Council File 23-1422 LAPD AIR SUPPORT DIVISION** - Helicopter and budget cutbacks (Chávez). **1st** Rosalío García, **2nd** Monica Vacas. Ample discussion took place. The motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 3 against, 2 abstained, and 2 absent.

Yes-06	No - 03	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Thum, Vacas, Venegas, Virgen	Mares, Moore, Valle	NONE	Hill, Sierra,	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter/resolution/CIS to Council member Imelda Padilla and Council President Paul Krekorian to ask them to initiate a motion to allocate funds from the Willits Settlement to build/repair sidewalks adjacent to the future Rory Shaw Wetlands Park and all the streets surrounding the Sun Valley Recreation Center. (Moore). **1st**: Rosalío García, **2nd**: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor, 0 against, and 2 absent

Yes-12	No - 00	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve sending a letter/resolution/CIS to Council member Imelda Padilla and Council President Paul Krekorian to ask them to initiate a motion to effectuate a new community benefits Trust Funds in the name of AMH Recycling with its respective Community Advisory Board to mitigate damages caused by the operations of AMH Recycling in the surrounding neighborhood (Moore). **1st**: Monica Vacas, **2nd**: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. A community member stated that she strongly supports this motion because her house has been damaged a lot due to AMH Recycling. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 10 votes in favor, 2 abstained, and 2 absent.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Vacas, Valle, Virgen	NONE	NONE	Thum Venegas	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve partnering with Senator Menjivar's office as a co-sponsor for a Cal-Trans Clean-Up on Saturday, April 27th, 8am-11am, location to include the 5 North

Freeway Northbound Sunland on-ramp and immediate surrounding areas. (Hill, Beautification)

1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Emilie Hill. Discussion took place. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor

Yes-12	No - 00	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

Details: Senator Menjivar's office will provide water and snacks, CalTrans will provide clean-up equipment (gloves, trash bags, trash pickers/grabbers, vests) and close the on-ramp to traffic.

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve providing Glenwood Elementary School with volunteer support for the renovation of their school garden area, Saturday date TBD, pending NPG approval and disbursement by the City Clerk's Office. (Hill, Beautification). Norma Chávez moved to table and Rosalío García seconded. There were no objections.

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve spending up to \$100 on water and snacks for volunteers at Glenwood Elementary School's garden renovation day, if the immediate preceding motion is passed. (Hill, Beautification) Norma Chávez moved to table and Cindy Valle seconded. There were no objections.

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve Norma O. Chávez's participation as PLUM chairperson in hearings pertaining to the committee to state the status of such projects with respect to SVANC. (Chávez, PLUM). 1st: Cindy Valle, 2nd: Douglas Sierra. Discussion took place. Wendy Thum moved to amend the motion and Eddie Venegas seconded. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor

Yes-12	No - 00	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

Monica Vacas moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes and Rosalío García seconded. There were no objections.

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a retreat/ training for SVANC Board members in May 2024 (Chávez) 1st: Cindy Valle, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Notification of the date will be sent a week in advance. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor.

Yes-12	No - 00	Recuse d- 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Hill, Mares, Moore, Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Gonzalez, Kim

Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. There will be no discussion on these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda. Any member of the Board may request that an item be removed.

ITEM 22: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 13, 2024 (Venegas)

- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 12, 2024 (Venegas)
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 27, 2024 (Venegas)
- D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2024 (C. Valle)
- E. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2024 (C. Valle)

Norma Chávez moved to remove items 22A, 22B, and 22C (the meeting was not approved) from the consent calendar with no objections. 1st: Norma O. Chávez, 2nd: Rosalío García. Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved with 12 votes in favor, 0 against, and 2 absent. The MER for January 2024 and the MER for February 2024 were approved

Agenda skipped item 23 by accident

ITEM 24: Report by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Monica Vacas – no update
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle – All bills have been paid, working on a meeting of the committee to hold a presentation on Living Trust v. Will and the to discuss the budget
3. Beautification – Emilie A. Hill – Community cleanup on April 27 at 8:00 am meet at El Pollo Loco
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez – committee mtg on April 25
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas – committee mtg on April 16

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Environmental – Mariam Moore – will prepare a list of issues in Sun Valley to vote on a project
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas – Meeting on April 18 to discuss the Randall RV issue
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – no update
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – no update

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Lionel Mares – appointment to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
2. VANC – Monica Vacas, Douglas Sierra (alternate) – The meeting is in 2 days
3. NCEPA – Eddie Venegas, Rosalio Garcia – no update
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez, Mariam Moore (alternate) – brought motions
5. NCBA – Lionel Mares, co-representative vacant – Mtg on April 14 with guest Hayde Soto
6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Eddie Venegas (alternate) – mtg on April 16, Community Police Academy from May 9 to June 27
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas, Emilie A. Hill (alternate) – no update
8. NCSA – Lionel Mares – no update
9. LADWP-NC MOU – Symbria Virgen – requested an alternate for when she is not able to attend

ITEM 25: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) No commentary

ITEM 26: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Lionel Mares shared that City Controller Kenneth Mejia will hold a town hall to present the budget

ITEM 27: Adjournment @ 9:19 pm; 1st Cindy Valle, 2nd R Garcia. All in favor

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