



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
6:00 pm – 7:50 pm

Meeting At
Sun Valley Branch Library
 7935 Vineland Avenue
 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
Kelly Arreola	Senior Representative Director		X	
Blandford, Ben	2nd Vice-President Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Yudicela Carrasco	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Chávez, Norma O.	President At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Hill, Emilie A	resigned at 6:54pm Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Benjamin	arrived at 6:05pm Youth Representative		X	**
Sierra, Douglas	arrived at 6:11pm Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Tascian, Leticia	arrived at 6:17pm Senior Representative Director		X	
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I.	Treasurer arrived at 6:17pm Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Venegas, Eddie	1st Vice-President Business Property Director	X		
Virgen, Symbria	Secretary Business Stakeholder Director	X		
TOTAL: 12	Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	9 Present, 3 Absent, 0 Ineligible	9	5

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

Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by secretary Symbria Virgen and quorum was established with 9 members present at the time of roll call.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

Ms. Chávez mentioned the citizenship workshop and encouraged community members to visit the back table for flyers for events in CD6, the 7 week police Academy, and other events.

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.

B. Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755

- There has been an increase in Grand Theft Autos (GTAs). People leave cars running. Officer Perez suggested people always take their keys with them and not leave keys in the vehicle.
- There was a burglary in the Glen Crest Area. LAPD caught two of the guys. Thefts in Sherman Oaks are connected to the thefts in Sherman Oaks. Both areas are close to freeways and made for quick getaways. Culprit out on bail again. DA must follow up with high bail amounts.

ITEM 4: 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.

A. Lorena Bernal (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, lorena.bernal@lacity.org)

- Rafael is still out so all hands on deck.
- Doing what they can for Randall for future plans for unhoused individuals.
- Thanked SVANC for successful clean up in CD6. Thanked for partnership.
- Mentioned Movie Night in the Sun Valley Park.
- Information in the back for the office. Reach out to Lorelie or Lorena.
- Mrs Flores - Mentioned that Property owners and families being impacted by encampments. Why can't the council person do anything about it?
- Ed Reyes- Wants a model a model to be implemented in regards to unhoused people. Property owners have lost tenants and owners want a permanent solution like a dirt lot.
- 9 people present at meeting from Randall. All were expressing frustration about the unhoused situation on Randall.
- Lorena responded- Not enough beds in shelters.
- Vacas asked- How many more beds are needed? How many unhoused people will take the help? If they don't take housing can arrests be made? More unhoused people keep coming. There should be a law that keeps person confined in RV. If confined and they respect the community, it would give them more time to receive help.
- Lorena responded- Will confirm how many beds are available.
- Member of the public, who is a Randall business owner, was in the audience showed the board pictures of unhoused man outside his business shooting up. He mentioned he had to call the police because a woman was being raped. He understands they unhoused need help but they are not in the right state of mind. Unhoused are defecating in his parking lot.

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

- In regards to homeless services, Field Deputy of Sun Valley bringing it up to Krekorian's office. Were able to clear the 60 RVs on San Fernando Road. Multiple departments were involved. Senior lead officers have been part of the process. Exploring different options but people go to city hall and oppose what the city is trying to do in regards to unhoused. Encampments are blocking side walks. Public encouraged to reach out to the county.
- Clean up September 14, 2024.
- Member of the Public asked- How can more beds be added to shelters?

- Diana response- Currently 500 beds. All shelters at max capacity. Must consider can't be close to schools and other locations. Many unhoused don't want help. Face litigation when trying to enforce anything with the unhoused.

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

- First week back from recess.
- CA insurance propose wild fire regulations to assess wild fire risks.
- Member of the public asked- If mentally ill unhoused don't want help why not create more mental institutions and put them in those mental institutions?
- Member of the public asked- When doesn't the county, city, or state get a property in the desert and create an RV park for the unhoused. Provide showers and store on the RV lot.

J. Alina (Budget Advocate,)

- If public would like to join county meetings ask her for information so public can ask where the money is going.
- LA County approved sewer rates. Asked Imelda if it would pass. Monica Rodriguez said no.
- Member of the public asked- How much does Sun Valley Contribute to GDP, sales tax, property taxes? How much is invested back into Sun Valley from all the taxes?
- Alina responded- \$5 million to shelters, but no affordable housing. She will pass on the information on to them and return with answers. Will attend the next meeting and relay the information to the President.

ITEM 5:Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

- Department awareness for elections.
- Learn how the department can assist with elections. Website for information is clerk@lacityclerk
- Ms. Chávez mentioned that elections are in March and even if people don't live in Sun Valley they can vote by mail. NC system has 99 councils.

ITEM 6:GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion).

- Miriam- Trying to find out if we can use Trust Funds for Sun Valley. CD 6 hardly mentions Sun Valley. Only Pictures of trash. Bus Stops need more shade.
- Lionel- Registration is open 14 community consignment. NC Power City Wide impact. Neighborhood Congress September 28. More shelters and tree canopies for bus stops. More safety for pedestrians.

ITEM 7:Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion). There was no board member commentary.

- Emilie Hill- Mentioned how the money NCs have should primarily be for the community. 91% of budget goes to operating costs. No community office hours. Have to ask local businesses for partnerships. Resigned at 6:54pm.

ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding CF 21-0833-S1 by Councilmember Imelda Padilla regarding the Rory Shaw Wetlands Project (Strathern Wetlands Park Project) / Los Angeles County Flood Control District / Prop O Clean Water Bond Program Funds / Status of Project Cooperating Agreement / Funding Opportunities (Chávez) <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0833-S1>

- Lorena mentioned there are funds that they have to find out how to tap into.
- Miriam- Council gave the county 60 days to respond. There are recycling trust funds half a million were restricted for Sun Valley. Sun Valley is impacted my pollution.

Yes-12 1 st R. Vacas 2 nd Garcia	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding CF 24-0995 by Councilmember Monica Rodriguez regarding Ratepayer Advocate / Supplementary Review / Proposed Sewer Service Change Rate Adjustments / Wastewater Systems Challenges (Chávez, PlanCheckNC) <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0995>

- 200% increase. Padilla voted no.
- Lionel- City voted yes but Padilla was absent and it was too late to submit CIS.
- Motion Passes

Yes-11 1st Garcia 2nd Vacas/Valle	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Abstain-01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	B. Sierra	Arreola

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding CF 24-0140-S1 City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson / Homeless Encampments / Public Spaces Regulation / Ruling Impact Analysis (Blandford, 2nd Vice-President) <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0140-S1>

- Blandford read CIS
- Vacas ask for clarification of the CID to confirm it's not violating the 8th amendment.
- Blandford clarified that it would be to support something that is already in motion.
- Member of the Public suggested that should try asking DA to move encampments.
- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1st Garcia 2nd Vacas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding CF 23-0914 by Councilmember Traci Park regarding Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions / Citywide Program / Homeless Dwelling / Designated Streets / Portable Toilets / Septic Tank Waste Disposal / Housing Navigation / Services (Chávez, PlanCheckNC) <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0914>

- Ms. Chávez read CIS. Not sure where it would be located. There is a list of 20 locations which include filled landfills for possible RV park.
- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1st R. Garcia 2nd Vacas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding CF 21-0329-S5 by Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky Uniform Tracking System / City Directed Engagements / Dedicated Services / Interim Housing / Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) / Street Engagement Strategy (Chávez, PlanCheckNC)

- Motion Passes

Yes-11 1 st Vacas 2 nd Garcia	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Abstain-01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	B. Sierra	Arreola

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding CF 24-0602 by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield regarding Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought- Friendly Landscaping (Virgen, secretary) <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0602>

- Motion Passes

Yes-11 1 st Vacas 2 nd Carrasco/Tascian	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Abstain-01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	B. Sierra	Arreola

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote approve a Community Clean-Up at the Sun Valley Recreation Center neighboring streets (Olinda, Cantara, Vineland and Lorne) on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and partnering with local businesses to provide food and beverages for the volunteers (Valle, Beautification)

- Date of the event needed to be amended and the vote on the item was skipped.

Item 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote approve SVANC's participation at the Movie Night featuring The Little Mermaid sponsored by Councilmember Imelda Padilla on September 20 at the Sun Valley Recreation Center starting at 6:00 pm and to provide the popcorn (Chávez)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st R. Garcia 2 nd Venegas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

Item 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC's participation at a Community Tree Planting and Tree Adoption event on Sheldon St. and Telfair Ave. sponsored by City Plants and Councilmember Imelda Padilla on October 12 starting at 8:00 am (Chávez)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st Vacas 2 nd Venegas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, R. Garcia, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

Item 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC's participation at the Community Health and Resource Fair sponsored by Serra Medical Clinic to celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 12 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and to provide popcorn (Chávez)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st Venegas 2 nd Valle	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01

Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola
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ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC’s participation at the Sun Valley Recreation Center Fall Festival on October 26, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Chávez)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st Garcia 2 nd Vacas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM 19:Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC’s participation at the Turkey Giveaway on November 16, 2024 at the Sun Valley Recreation Center with time TBD (Chávez)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st Vacas 2 nd Venegas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM 20:Motion/Discuss/Vote approve the SVANC participation at the Breakfast with Santa event at the Sun Valley Recreation Center in December 7, 2024 with time TBD (Chávez)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st Venegas 2 nd Valle/Vacas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM21:Motion/Discus/Vote to approve holding an Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet on October 18, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the SVANC’s office to continue recruiting board members and also provide information regarding SVANC’s elections in 2025 (Chávez, Elections)

- Motion Passes

Yes-12 1 st Valle 2 nd Vacas	No - 00	Recused-00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM22:Motion/Discuss/Vote to approve SVANC’s participation at the Emergency Preparedness Fair sponsored by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath on October. Details to come (Venegas, Emergency Preparedness)

- Motion Tabled due to library closing.

ITEM 23:Motion/Discuss/Vote to appoint board members to the following committees:

- A. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee – one member
- B. Outreach Committee – one member
- C. CHSR Ad Hoc Committee – one member

- Motion Tabled due to library closing.

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 24: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024 (Venegas)

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 9, 2024 (Virgen)

C. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 13, 2024 (Virgen)

D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2024 (C. Valle)

- Motions passes for items 24B and 24C. Items 24A and 24D were removed.

Yes-12 1st Venegas 2nd Valle	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Blandford,Carrasco,Chávez, R.Garcia,B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Tascian, Thum, Vacas, Valle,Vinegas, Virgen	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola

ITEM 25: Report by the 2024-2025 Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons: A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Douglas Sierra
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Environmental – Wendy Thum
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez
2. VANC – Eddie Venegas, Ben Blandford (alternate)
3. NCEPA – Cindy I. Valle, Eddie Venegas
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez, Ben Blandford
5. NCBA – Cindy I. Valle, Rosalío García
6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García
7. Homelessness Liaison – vacant
8. NCSA – Cindy Valle
9. LADWP-NC MOU – Symbria Virgen

- Item skipped because the library was closing.

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email
info@svanc.com

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)

- Item skipped because library was closing.

ITEM 27: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

- Item skipped because library was closing.

ITEM 27: Adjournment Valle 1st Garcia 2nd at 7:52pm

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