

 	<p>Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council 8720 Sunland Blvd Sun Valley CA 91353-0457 Telephone 818-767-8262</p> <p>Website: WWW.SVANC.COM</p>
<p>Regular Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:00 pm – 7:50 pm</p>	<p>Meeting At Sun Valley Branch Library 7935 Vineland Avenue Sun Valley, CA 91352 Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221</p>

* 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
Arreola, Kelly	Senior Representative Director	X		
Blandford, Ben 2nd Vice-President	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carrasco, Yudicela	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Chávez, Norma O. President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Benjamin	Youth Representative Director	X		
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Rivera, Anthony Secretary	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I. Treasurer joined at 6:06 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie 1st Vice-President	Business Property Director	X		
TOTAL: 12 Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	11 Present, 1 Absent, 2 Ineligible	11	1	0

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

Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Ms. Chávez and quorum was established with 11 members present at the time of roll call.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

Ms. Chávez shared information on the fliers for coming events in the community.

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) 634-075
- No meetings in January due to the fires
 - Devastation in the fire area is a whole different experience. It is very impactful! I was deployed to Palisades to help with the repopulation going back home for those who could.
 - Priority 2, priority 3 calls response, tactical alert
 - Crime stats: for the last two years crime has gone down.
 - Requested that those who were given clubs for their vehicles they use them. Some are still available.
 - There is gas stealing going on at BIMBO, about \$1500 damage on each truck. It has been happening for a month. There was lack of communication. This is an online report.

ITEM 4: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- A. Lorelie Vallejo (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, lorelie.vallejo@lacity.org)
Nayda Cantabrana was present and provided updates from CD6.
- Lorelie is setting up a reading event for teens. It is called Love of Literacy. This will take place at the Sun Valley Branch Library.
 - LADWP is still accepting application for claim for food spoiled during the fires.
 - Clean-up taking place at Tujunga. Also, there is a care and a care plus cleanup operation happening at Pendleton by LA Sanitation
- D. Gus Villela (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, gus.villela@asm.ca.gov, Office (818) 504 3911)
- Coffee and Conversation with the Assembly member is on the works
 - Her swearing in will be taking place on March the 2nd at Mission College at 10:30 am
 - Waving lots of fees due to the fires. Sticker fees – none
 - SNAP- access to hot meals from February 10 to March 10
 - Legislature: AB 495 Family Safety. Safety Plans – immigration enforcement
 - CalTrans – clear the graffiti on Freeways, Arleta and Sheldon (CalTrans property), Pernose, Bradley
 - Freeways need lights repaired and lines painted
 - EDD general contractor indirectly affected by the fires, fee waiver
- E. Karen Dominguez (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov, (213) 595-9198)
- Internship opportunity - \$20 per hour, 14 to 20 hours a week, undergraduates
 - Internship opportunity at the District Office answering phone calls
 - Tacos for Taxes event
 - Silicosis Bill from Luz Rivas

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno (lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org) unable to attend due to a training scheduled at the same time

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

Louis Bolanos – Interesting article in the LA Times, inconvenient truths about the fires. CA Title 24 – The LAFD and County, LA Planning Department, license contractors should cover eaves of house and requirements in 2008 are not being met. Inspections need to be done.

Marcelo Meza is very concerned with many landfills opening in Sun Valley and fire debris coming to the area

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).

Cindy Valle – Tax preparation services will be offered for free at the Sun Valley Branch Library on Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm for low income residents who make less than \$65,000. Make an appointment.

ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of María Nolasco-McNally to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2027 (Chávez, Elections) Norma Chávez moved to table the item because the candidate has returned to school and her schedule conflicts with that of the SVANC's Board meetings. She will continue to support SVANC's events/activities when possible. There were no objections.

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Anthony Rivera to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2025 (Chávez, Elections). **1st:** Cindy Valle, **2nd:** Eddie Venegas. The candidate introduced himself and some of his background. He shared that he has experience with construction and housing codes. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Arreola, Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carrasco

ITEM 10: Presentation / Review of the 2024-2025 Budget and current finances (Valle)

- Cindy Valle shared that SVANC finances are finally in order.
- SVANC's budget at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$32.000 and \$135 were rolled over.
- As of yesterday, all payments are current and posted
- Budget is right on track. If we continue like that, we might end up with positive numbers of up to \$500 for projects

ITEM 11: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024 (Chávez)
- B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 8, 2024 (Chávez)
- C.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 12, 2024 (Chávez)
- D.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2024 (C. Valle)
- E.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2024 (C. Valle)
- F.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2025 (C. Valle)
- G.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2025 (C. Valle)

Norma O. Chávez moved to remove items A, F, and G from the consent calendar. She explained that item 11G was a mistake as the February Monthly Expenditure Report cannot be generated before the month is over. The minutes for April 9, 2024 are still not ready (item 11A). The January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report has not been generated (11F). **1st:** Cindy Valle, **2nd:** Rosalío García. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and two ineligible and the minutes for October 8, minutes for November 12, the MER for November 2024, and the MER for December were approved.

Yes-09	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Arreola, Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Sierra B, Rivera	Carrasco

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of **Council File 24-1600**, which urges city leaders to preserve and prioritize funding for critical emergency services programs, including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), air operations, tactical EMS units, and disaster response teams (Chávez). **1st:** Monica Vacas, **2nd:** Yudicela Carrasco. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor.

Yes-09	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola B Sierra	Carrasco

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter of support for *The Stonehurst* to be located at 9485

N Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352. The project is proposing a zone variance to permit use of a banquet hall on the site for private events otherwise not permitted in the RE40-1-K within the existing buildings (Chávez, PLUM), 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Ms. Chávez shared about the beauty of this place, the variety of plants they have preserved, and how careful management is with avoiding any problems with the community. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose the Executive Directive 1 Housing project to be located at 10974 W. Ratner St. (8022 N. Vineland Ave), Sun Valley, CA 91352. The project proposes a multi-family residential complex with 96 units with 66 parking spaces; increase in Floor Area Ratio from the allowed 1.5 to 1.75; reduction of three side yard setback to allow 5 feet in lieu of the required 7; reduction of the rear yard setback to allow 8 feet in lieu of the 16 feet required; reduction of on-site trees to allow 18 trees in lieu of the required 24 trees. **Case Number: ADM-2024-7122-VHCA-RED1** (Chávez, PLUM). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Ben Blandford. Discussion took place. Ms. Chávez shared that this project has been approved, but that we continue to oppose projects that receive no input from the community, the reduction on yard setbacks for safety reasons, the reduction of canopy trees given that Sun Valley gets very hot, and the reduction of parking spaces. A community member opposed the company who will be managing the property, ACOF. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 11 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to *support with conditions*, the continued use and maintenance of an existing un-permitted 10-foot in height fence (6-foot block wall atop 4 foot wrought iron fence) with a vehicle gate and pedestrian gate located within the required 15-foot front yard setback and the zone variance to provide zero landscaping within the front yard setback otherwise required by CPC-30476 per Ordinance Number 157,675 (1983) condition number 6. (Chávez, PLUM). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Norma Chávez explained that this project will be supported if amended to make sure that the newly created parking structures be labeled for parking for employees' vehicles only to support their safety but that no food trucks should be allowed to park there. It was also recommended that if zero landscaping was to be allowed, that trees either be planted in other areas of the lot or be distributed in large planters. It was also recommended that vines be used to beautify the wall and to prevent graffiti. Ms. Thum recommended fake greenery be used on the walls to prevent damage to the wall. Other board members reminded the Board that in the past SVANC has voted against fake grass as this doesn't provide the benefits that real plants do. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 against, 1 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-09	No - 01	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	Thum	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve holding an *Immigration: Know Your Rights* Workshop in partnership with the International Rescue Committee, Council members Imelda Padilla and Adrin Nazarian, the LAPD Foothill Area and other organizations on March 22, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Holy Rosary Church (Chávez). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Cindy Valle and Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve holding a 2nd Citizenship Workshop in partnership with the International Rescue Committee, Council members Imelda Padilla and Adrin Nazarian, Congress member Luz Rivas and other organizations on mid-June 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Holy Rosary Church and create the SVANC committee (Chávez). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Ms. Chávez stated that she has been approached by several community members who can benefit from this workshop, but due to work schedule could not attend the first workshop. Norma Chávez, Rosalío García, and Cindy Valle will lead this project. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve restoring the Welcome to Sun Valley sign on Glenoaks Blvd and Lanark and using \$500 from the Clean Streets funds and partnering with Council member Nazarian and local businesses to complete the funds (Chávez). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Douglas Sierra inquired about the funds available from the Clean Streets account. Ms. Chávez shared that out of the \$2500, \$300 were used for the NPG for Glenwood Elementary for their garden, so the account has \$2200. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 2 abstained, 3 ineligible and 1 absent.

Yes-06	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	D Sierra, Thum	Arreola, B Sierra, Rivera	Carrasco

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve restoring the Welcome to Sun Valley sign on Laurel Canyon Blvd and Web St and using \$500 from the Clean Streets funds and partnering with Council member Imelda Padilla and local businesses to complete the funds (Chávez). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. The project was initiated by Wendy Thum and she requested a quote from Mr. Anthony Servera, but the project was not accomplished. The fees have very likely increased by now. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 2 abstained, 3 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-06	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	D Sierra, Thum	Arreola, B Sierra Rivera	Carrasco

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve spending \$400 from the Clean Streets account to support the improvement of the Armenian Genocide Memorial at the Sun Valley Recreation Center to raise its height and partner with Council members Imelda Padilla and Adrin Nazarian and local businesses to complete the funds needed (Chávez). 1st: Monica Vacas, 2nd: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstained, 3 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-07	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 01	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Thum	Arreola, B Sierra Rivera	Carrasco

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve holding the 2nd annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Sun Valley Area Recreation Center in partnership with Council member Imelda Padilla and Council member Adrin Nazarian, Parks and Recs, and local businesses. (Venegas, Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee). 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 1 ineligible and 1 absent.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve holding a Clothing Drive to support the LAPD Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Program, which pairs an LAPD police officer with a domestic violence advocate to respond to incidents of reported domestic violence with the goal of providing education, resources, and follow-up services to those who have been affected by such violence. The clothing drive would be held at the SVANC's office every Saturday after approval until March 15. (Venegas, Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee). 1st: Eddie Venegas 2nd: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a second *Nacho Your Average SVANC Board Meet and Greet* on February 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to continue promoting community involvement in the coming SVANC elections (Chávez, Elections). 1st: Eddie Venegas, 2nd: Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Votes to approve sending a letter to Council member Imelda Padilla to request a graffiti cleanup of the Sheldon Skate Park and to hold all possible art until the recreation center gets completed and there is full time staff that can keep control of graffiti (Blandford). 1st: Cindy Valle, 2nd: Monica Vacas, Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 abstained, 1 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-09	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 01	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	B sierra	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint board members to committees. 1st: Eddie Venegas, 2nd: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place.

- A. SVANC Secretary – Anthony Rivera
- B. Finance – remains vacant
- C. Beautification – Rosalío García
- D. Outreach Committee – Monica Vacas
- E. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee – is complete
- F. Environment/CHSR Ad Hoc Committee – remains vacant
- G. Community Impact Statement (CIS) - Anthony Rivera

H. LADWP-NC MOU monthly meeting – Remains vacant

Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 11 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

ITEM 26: Report by the 2024-2025 Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Douglas Sierra – no report
Benjamin Sierra shared that Poly would like to dedicate an article of their newspaper to the neighborhood council to introduce the student population to the work SVANC does.
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle – the 2025-2026 Budget Packet is ready
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle – looking for potential areas for cleanups, asking the community to make their recommendations, working on an Earth Day event
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez – three motions in this agenda from reviewed projects, the February and March meetings may have to move to the fourth Wednesday of the month to accommodate the schedule for committee members to attend some trainings, “Ay Papa Que Rico” will be invited to attend the February PLUM meeting
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas – three motions in this agenda, planning a clothing drive for LAPD DART, preparing for National Night Out

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy Thum – no report
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas – no report
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – The committee is pending review and update of the Standing Rules. A meeting will be scheduled for late February or mid-March.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – SVANC board members whose term ends in 2025 must run through elections (Rosalío García, Cindy Valle, Monica Vacas, Eddie Venegas). Candidate filing period begins Friday, January 30, 2025. All candidates need to create an Angeleno account to file their application, candidate statement, and documentation at <https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/login>, Elections’ date has moved to June 1 for SVANC’s. We are now in Region 3.

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – unable to attend the meeting due to conflict of schedule with the Public Works meeting at the Van Nuys City Council
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 – fliers have been collected and shared in the newsletter and Facebook
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas
8. NCSA – Cindy Valle
9. LADWP-NC MOU – vacant

ITEM 27: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) NONE

ITEM 28: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) NONE

ITEM 29: Adjournment @ 7:53 pm; 1st Norma O Chávez, 2nd R Garcia. All in favor

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