

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
on
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

| Board Member | Title | Status |
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| Mike O’Gara | President | Present |
| Seat is vacant | 1st Vice President | |
| Elidia Vasquez | 2nd Vice President | Present |
| Karina Garcia Valles | Secretary | Present |
| Julie Monroy | Treasurer | Absent |
| Susan A. Bartlett | Board Member | Present |
| Jon Eshbach | Board Member | Present |
| Stephen Franklin | Board Member | Absent |
| Jerry Piro | Board Member | Absent |
| Luis O. Medina | Board Member | Absent |
| Manuel “Manny” de la Torre | Board Member | Absent |
| Lee McTaggart | Board Member | Present |
| Rafael Cárdenas | Board Member | Absent |
| Carmen Perez | Board Member | Absent |
| Dionisio Alcalá, Jr. | Board Member | Absence excused |
| Arthur “Art” Sweet | Board Member | Absent |
| Nicholas Dalton Powell | Board Member | Absent |
| Daliah Galvan | Board Member | Present |
| Danny Bergerano | Board Member | Present |
| Alex Garcia | Board Member | Absent |
| Vic Hernandez | Board Member | Present |
| Samuel “Sammy” Palomino | Board Member | Absent |

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, SVANC Pledge

- Mike O. took roll and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. after meeting quorum
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Opening Remarks from the President of SVANC

- Mike O. said that the Easter celebration at Fernangeles Park was greatly attended and turned out to be a great success.
- Mike O. stated that about 182 people voted at the NC’s election.

3. Emergency Personnel from Fire and Police Departments - Esther Vasquez, Senior Lead Officer, and Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD’s Foothill Division.

- None

4. Presentation/Announcements from Elected Officials or their Representatives-

- Mary Benson, CD2’s Community Adviser, announced that CD2’s Clean Team

program will hold a meeting on May 8th and the participants include community leaders and representatives of the Bureau of Street Services. Three meetings will be held in North Hollywood, Studio City and at the Sunland/Tujunga field office.

- Mary said that on April 14th the City Council was going to take a vote to freeze police hiring. Stakeholders interested in stating a position about this item can send an email to the City Clerk's office, Paul.Krekoria@lacity.org, or to mary.benson@lacity.org.
- Mary announced that Earth Day will be on April 24th at Sun Valley Park.
- Mary announced a Relay for Life for Cancer Survivors on April 17th, 18th and 19th at Verdugo Hills High School.

5. Comments from DONE Representative – Barry Stone

- None

5a. Sean, Franchise owner of 7-11's Saticoy and Vineland, and an Update from Seven – Eleven at San Fernando Rd and Sunland Blvd

- Mike O. mentioned that Sean allowed Mike to place a SVANC agenda on his 7-11 Store's window and added that Sean participated in the Easter festival at the park. Mike also added that Sean did put a bicycle rack on Saticoy as SVANC requested and will also place a permanent, lockable bulletin board on a wall outside of the store.
- Sean thanked the community for their support of the opening of the 7-11 store at this location. He committed to keeping the place clean and the service friendly.
- Sean's wife also thanked the community for their support, said that they want this store to be a safe place that welcomes families, kids and community members. She added that they attended the Easter festival and passed out 500 Easter eggs.

Update on the San Fernando Road and Sunland Blvd. 7-11 proposed store:

- Paul F. confirmed that this store's site will end up being a non-gas site and added that state law mandates the gas tanks be removed. Also he informed the community about a meeting they have scheduled with the City Council's office to discuss and get approval for the kind of signage that can be placed at the store.
- Paul reiterated that they have the commitment from the landlord to paint and work on a signage plan for the entire center. As of date, they don't have a time frame for when the construction will begin.
- Paul F. said that no beer or wine will be sold at the store and they don't plan to ever Request a liquor license to sell these in the future.
- Mike O. once again asked Paul F. that the community wants a bicycle rack and a permanent, lockable bulletin board at the store.
- Paul F. handed a \$550 donation to Susan B. for Graffiti Busters.

6. Public Comment

- Cee-Cee, Fernangeles Rec Ctr., organized the egg hunt which was held the Friday before Easter. She said that about 320 candy bags were given to the kids and some of the activities included a coloring contest, a dance off, open mic, and three egg hunts for different age groups.
- Cee-Cee thanked SVANC for its donation and specifically Susan B. for her help, along with the rest all the community volunteers for helping at the event.
- Danny B., Michael B. and Alejandro G., students at Sun Valley H.S.'s leadership group, announced an event that will take place on Monday, May 3rd from 8am-3 pm at the MPR building. From the event's donations received \$5 will be given for a scholarship fund.

- Danny B., students at Sun Valley H.S.'s leadership group, announced an event to be held on Thursday, April 29th, from 5pm – 7pm (*the rest of his comments were not clear on the recorder*).
- Carlos – expressed concern about the City's proposal to reduce library and park hours and asked the SVANC's Board how the community can get involved to try and prevent this from happening.
- Al Santillanes, CRA Project Manager, announced two meetings that will be held about Homeownership Opportunity Program on Saturday, April 17th, 9 am – 12 pm, Mission Community Police Station, 11121 No. Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, and at 1pm-4pm at Mission Community Hospital, Med. Ctr. Conference Room, 14860 Roscoe Blvd., Room 208, Panorama City.
- Al also announced that an EIR will be prepared regarding the redevelopment plan amendment which was presented to the City's Planning Commission. The EIR's process will begin with community meetings to talk about the process of the EIR. The meeting particulars will be announced at a later time.

7. Board Member Comments

- Mike announced that Tuesday, June 8th is Election Day, therefore SVANC's June meeting will be moved to Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30 pm, for June's meeting only.
- Mike said that April's meeting is the last SVANC's meeting with the old Board. SVANC's new Board will assume their positions as Board member at May's Board meeting.
- Jon said that this meeting is his last official meeting as a SVANC's board member. Mike thanked the board who will no longer run for re-election and handed them plaques.
- Lee encouraged all present to report any suspicious activity to the LAPD. She added that PSAs will soon come out to emphasize crime prevention tips. Two of LAPD's programs Nixle team and Eyewatchla provide information and text alerts on crime related issues in individual communities.

7a. Committee Reports:

- **President:** see above
- **Treasurer:** Mike O. stated that DONE was considering keeping the NCs' roll-over funds. SVANC had allocated \$88,000 and had all the documentation supporting these allocations but DONE deducted \$20,000 and only gave SVANC \$68,000 to spend along with the \$45,000 it gives to each NC.
- **Land Use:** none
- **Environmental Justice:** none

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 8: Motion/Discussion/Vote EARTH DAY Saturday April 24-10AM to 2PM at Sun Valley Park .Have a booth at this affair as an Outreach Committee function. Donation to Sun Valley Beautiful \$400 plus approx \$150 for helium balloons with our logo and handouts (O'Gara) WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE SVANC BOOTH FOR THIS EVENT

- Mike O. said that SVANC has participated the last five years at the Earth Day event, it has donated funds and it also has had a booth at the event. He said that at least three people are needed to tend the booth and at least one should speak Spanish. The event is from 10am – 2pm. Teams of volunteers were organized to tend the booth every two-hours.
- Mike O. talked to Mr. Lim and will talk to Robert, newly elected SVANC board member, for their assistance with updating the brochure which is distributed at the event.
- Jon made a motion to approve \$400 for the booth and \$150 for helium balloons, the motion was seconded by Susan. No further discussion took place. The motion carried.

Item 9: Motion/Discussion/Vote to participate in a safety measure to keep our kids safe on their way to and from School Purchase a mirror for The Wicks walkway to see if Strangers are lurking around the corner. Supply a 48"x96" piece of highly polished 16 gauge stainless steel sheet Cost not to exceed \$590.

- Jon made the motion to spend \$590 for the purchase of the stainless steel sheet and necessary supplies for the fabrication of the stainless steel mirrors and Karina seconded it.
- Susan explained that the walkway runs from Wicks along the side of the freeway for a long distance and people can't see when they cross the bridge. Vandalism was increasing along that pathway making it unsafe for families and kids en route to or from school. However, the installation of these stainless steel mirrors will mitigate this problem.
- No further discussion took place. The motion carried.

Item 10: Discussion and **Possible** Motion/Vote To approve letters to the Planning Dept with Comments from the SVANC on proposed planning issues in Sun Valley This may include The Seven-Eleven Proposal for The Corner of San Fernando Road and Sunland Blvd & Cell tower at 9005 Bradley Ave and another one at 11401 Tuxford St. The 100 unit Apartment building on Cross Streets Stagg and Fair, The Development Project APCNV 2009-1410-ZC-BI located at 9355 San Fernando Road and Sheldon Street . Lopez Canyon Truck Driving School. Update on FEIR from Athens Services. Additionally, the Apartment Complex at ____ Sunland Blvd. City Council PLUM Public hearing April 27 2010 at approximately 2PM and City Council consideration on May 7, 2010 at approximately 10AM to discuss the Bradley-Waste Management EIR appeal from the City Planning Commission decision.

- Mike announced the City's PLUM committee meeting on April 27, 2010 at 2:00 pm in the Public Works Room #350.

Item 11: Imelda asked who will have the authority to make decisions on the funds WM has deposited into the Community Trust Fund which was created to mitigate WM's project's impacts in Sun Valley. Mike explained that currently there is over \$500,000 in the Trust fund and its monies must be spent only in Sun Valley. Mike O. also said that SVANC has requested WM to contribute an additional \$1.50 for every ton of waste and \$0.50 for every ton of green waste that goes into WM to another Trust Fund for the Sun Valle community.

Item 12: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35.