

Minutes were approved as amended by the Board at the general meeting held on September 14, 2010

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council  
General Meeting**

**on  
Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

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

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Angelica Dueñas	President	Present
Imelda Padilla	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Mike O’Gara	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Robert Lim	Treasurer	Present
Julie Monroy	Secretary	Absence excused
Susan A. Bartlett	Board Member	Present
Monica Vacas	Board Member	Present
Elidia Vasquez	Board Member	Present
Karina Garcia Valles	Board Member	Absent
Art Kalantarian	Board Member	Present
Vic Hernandez	Board Member	Present
Gerry Prieto	Board Member	Absence excused
George Ron Dahlquest	Board Member	Present
Guy Dionne	Board Member	Present
Linda Housden	Board Member	Present
Nicholas Dalton Pawle	Board Member	Present
Fern Romans	Board Member	Absent
Danny Bejarano	Board Member	Present
Dalia Galvan	Board Member	Absence excused
Carmen Perez	Board Member	Absence excused
Luis Medina	Board Member	Present
Wesley Hernandez	Board Member	Present
Gary Agus	Board Member	Present

**ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**

- Angelica Dueñas called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Angelica Dueñas took roll

**ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)**

- Ms. Dueñas reminded the Board members to complete DONE’s ethics and government training online.

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

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- Officer Vasquez informed the community that the LAPD's vice unit is working very actively to address the prostitution issue in the area. She added that more arrests are being made because the drop-off time frame is being reported more accurately, because of warrants, and other infractions.
- The LAPD is increasing their efforts regarding the area's gangs by checking the probation and parole reports of inmates being released and due to more traffic stops from which guns are recovered.
- Grand theft auto is rising in the area. The Officer advised the members of the community not to leave any valuable items in sight in the cars.
- Burglaries have decreased because more community members are reporting suspicious activities.
- Officer Vasquez reported that Officer Rodriguez' area, which include Shadow Hills, has not experienced a rise in crime.
- Officer Vasquez reminded everyone not to leave a child that's six years or younger unattended in a car without the supervision of someone at least 12 years or older.
- Officer Vasquez responded in reference to a concern regarding increased gang presence at Sun Valley High School stating that she will let the other Officers know and will be in touch with the school police regarding this issue. Also, complaints were made to the Officer about an increase of gang members loitering at the park.

**ITEM 4:** Presentation/announcements from **elected officials** or their representatives

- Mary Benson, CD2's field deputy, asked for SVANC's board member's emails in order to be added to CD2's weekly e-newsletter and it will also allow SVANC's events to be added to CD2's calendar.
- Ms. Benson responded in reference to one of the Board member's questions regarding the 50 miles per hour on Glenoaks that any requests/complaints regarding DOT can be emailed to her and these will be forwarded to the City's departments.
- Marcos Sanchez, Assembly member Felipe Fuentes field deputy, announced the Northeast Valley Health Corp's Community Resource/Health Fair on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 2 pm at 7223 N. Fair Avenue and Sherman Way. It will provide free immunizations, children's dental screenings, child ID program-fingerprinting, and more.

**ITEM 4A:** Presentation from Melissa from **Heal the Bay**, an environmental organization dedicated to making the coastal waters and watersheds safe and healthy.

- Melissa announced the Coastal Cleanup Day to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 9 am-noon at various sites. For more information about a site near you and to register to participate call (800) HealBay or visit HealBay.org/CDD.
- Heal the Bay is sponsoring Bill AB1998 that if passed, will ban plastic grocery bags from California; prohibit supermarkets, retail pharmacies and convenience stores from distributing single-use plastic bags to their customers at the point of sale; will regulate the distribution of paper bags to encourage consumers to use reusable bags (it does not apply to bags that are used to carry bulky items, produce or

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raw meat to the check-out); will require stores to make reusable bags available for purchase.

**ITEM 5: Public Comment:**

- Edward Hernandez, Sun Valley Resident, lives on the newly retrofitted, renovated and completely transformed Elm Avenue. Mr. Hernandez asked to include an item regarding Elm Avenue on SVANC's next month's agenda. The issues to be discussed include: environmental signage highlighting the environmental aspects of the Avenue (ie. subterranean filtration system, the swell gardens, solar lightning, etc.), the width of the sidewalk and the alley.
- Ruben Garcia, previous Pacoima NC board member, announced a Town Hall Meeting with special guest LAPD's Chief Charlie Beck on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 05:30 – 07:30 pm at Alicia Broadous-Duncan Senior Center, 11300 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331. The town hall's theme is Unity Working Hand in Hand. The purpose of the town hall meeting is to present the community's concern to the Chief. Any questions that will be addressed at the town hall meeting must be submitted in writing by Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to [pacoima2010townhall@earthlink.net](mailto:pacoima2010townhall@earthlink.net).
- Coach Carla "CC" Aru, Recreation Coordinator at Fernangeles Rec. Ctr., announced that the Summer programs being offered at the Rec Ctr include a Summer Camp, a Summer baseball league, a basketball league (teams for boys and two for girls), free classes, etc.
- "CC" requested donations from SVANC for the Halloween Bash the "Nightmare before Halloween", to be held on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-6:00 pm. "CC" will present a letter to SVANC's Executive Board listing the items that need funding. The Executive Board then will include this item in September's agenda.
- Carlos Coronel, Cal State L.A. student, passed out a survey asking about the community's concerns for a data base which he will then share with the Board.

**ITEM 6: Board member comments – None**

**OLD Business:**

**ITEM 7:** Review, correct and approve minutes from our July 2010 meeting. (Julie Monroy)

- Mike O. made the motion and Angelica seconded approval of July 2010's minutes as amended.
- After no further discussion the motion carried

**NEW Business:**

**ITEM 8:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint Senior Advocates (DUEÑAS)

- Mike made the motion and Angelica seconded to appoint to the Board Ms. Linda Housden and Mr. Gary Agus under the Senior Advocate category.
- After no further discussion the motion carried

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**ITEM 9:** Committee Reports Treasurer- Outreach- Planning

- *Treasurer report:* Robert announced that the purchase card report for Q'1-Q'3 has been reconciled; and SVANC's budget for FY'10-'11 has been submitted to DONE. Robert is currently working on FY'09-'10's Q'4 which is due at the end of September.
- As of July 2010, the card transaction purchase total is \$257.12 and the budget as of 08/10/2010 is \$85,533.37. The transaction purchases include:
  - Papa John's \$53.29 (pizza for July board meeting – 07-13-2010)
  - Ralph's \$13.60 (water for meeting – 07-24-2010)
  - Time Warner \$58.91 (Internet 07-28-2010)
  - AT&T \$120.37 (office phone line 07-30-2010)
  - USPS \$10.95 (mail reconciliation forms 08-04-2010)
- *Planning Committee Report:* Monica announced that a motion was presented at the Planning committee in Van Nuys to down zone in order to get less units built in the Sun Valley area.
- Monica asked for everyone's support regarding the efforts to get the spreading basin being cleaned up; information will be provided as this process progresses.
- Monica announced a meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2010, 6:30-8:30, Buena Vista Public Library, 300 North Buean Vista Street, Burbank, CA in Burbank regarding California High-Speed Rail.
- Mike O. added that re: the spreading basin, LADWP has covered the area, has put up a chain-link fence and has partially covered it with landscaping net. Mike filed a complaint with the City's environmental agency regarding the 35' mountain of recycled materials questioning whether it was permitted and the City responded by sending a copy of the permit.

**ITEM 10:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to create a Jobs Resource Committee

- Angelica asked if anyone is interested in being the representative on the CD2's job resource committee that is being formed. This committee is being formed to identify job resources and to work with the community's business as a jobs' source.
- Mike made a motion to have Gary Agus as SVANC's representative on the job resource committee and was seconded by Angelica.
- After no further discussion the motion carried

**ITEM 11:** Discussion/Vote to purchase Business Cards for SVANC (not to exceed \$500) (LIM, MONROY)

- Robert presented two mock business card proposal
- The item was tabled for next month's agenda in order to present at least two estimates for the cost of printing of the business cards for SVANC's board.

**ITEM 12:** Participate in the Health Fair being held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Sun Valley' NEVHC for Portable Potties for the event (not to exceed \$300) (O'GARA)

- Mike O. presented a bid for the portable restrooms to be leased for the Health Fair, if this item is approved then the bid/invoice will be addressed to SVANC.
- Mike O. made the motion to fund \$290 for the portable restrooms and was seconded by Angelica.

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- After no further discussion the motion carried

**ITEM 13:** Motion/Discussion/Vote to purchase Pay for One Night's Lodging for Hi-Speed Train Meeting on Aug. 5, 2010 not to exceed \$150 (O'GARA)

- Mike O. stated that there has been very low turnout of concerned citizens at the past High-Speed Rail meetings and asked for people's participation and to be more proactive. He added that there is a possibility of the use of eminent domain of the properties along the north-east side of the tracks, towards Burbank into Sun Valley.
- The train station locations tentatively being discussed include one in the San Fernando Valley, one in Sylmar, one in the City of San Fernando, one near Bob Hope Burbank airport and the possibility of one at the Glendale/Burbank area. However, due to faults being located below the City of San Fernando and the Glendale/Burbank area, these two possible station locations were discarded; therefore, they brought up the possibility of a station location at Bradford St. and San Fernando Road (where Pacoima, Arleta and Sun Valley meet). If a station is built here, there is a huge dismantler on the northwest corner which can be used for a bus barn and a car parts area for the train station. This will require a design process for which federal funds are available through ARRA.
- This week San Francisco will break ground for a 5-story terminal and the top floor will have a 3-acre park.
- In July, Mike attended a meeting where Richard Katz, Mayor's Deputy to the MTA, vehemently demanded that one of the possible locations in Burbank, which had been discarded, be considered again as a possible station.
- Mike O. stated that no elected official is involved in trying to get a Bradford station build in Sun Valley even though this project can create thousands of jobs for local areas.
- Mike O. made a motion to pay the over-night expense for attending the High-Speed Rail meeting in San Francisco and Angelica seconded.
- After no further discussion the motion carried

**ITEM 14:** Discussion/motion/vote to determine purchasing t-shirts for the Heal the Bay event (BARTLETT)

- Angelica asked to table this item for next month's agenda in order to get a price for the t-shirts and to be discussed by the Executive Board.

**ITEM 15:** Solicit Board Members to Post Meeting Agenda on a Monthly Basis (LIM)

- Robert asked for help from other board members to help post SVANC's general board meeting agendas.
- Mike O. added that the Committee chairs have to post their respective agendas.

**ITEM 16:** Organizing a "Mixer" for the new SVANC (PADILLA)

- Imelda talked about organizing a mixer in September with no expense to SVANC. Imelda asked for suggestions to be emailed to her of places to hold the mixer.
- Mike O. stated that per the Brown Act SVANC can't hold any discussion about any items that might come before SVANC where a minimum of four SVANC's

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board members (which consists of a quorum) gather outside of a general board meeting.

**ITEM 17:** Adjournment – at approximately 8:40 Mike made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Angelica. The motion carried.