

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
on
Tuesday, July 13, 2010
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
10631 Vinedale Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

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

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

- Angelica Dueñas called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked fellow Board members to introduce themselves to the public
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- Angelica Dueñas took roll

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

- Angelica thanked the members of the public for attending and reminded them to sign in on the sign in sheet
- Ms. Dueñas reminded the Board members to complete DONE's ethics and government training

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.

- Mike O' stated that he received communication from the Police Dept. that Officer Vasquez is on vacation and Officer Rodriguez is on light duty
- Mike O' stated that there was a shoot out but both police officers hurt during the incident are recovering.

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

- Marcos Sanchez, field rep from Assembly member Felipe Fuentes, introduced new staff member Tania Soto. Ms. Soto stated that a health fair/resource fair is being held on August 14th, from 10 – 2, at the Northeast Valley Health Corporation, corner of Fair and Sherman Way, and will offer free immunization shots, dental screenings, child ID finger-printing, health education, music with Bobby Alias, and more.
- Mr. Sanchez stated that the Governor presented his May revisions on June 15th and currently the State's Budget committee is negotiating the details of the budget. He added that the public should contact the Assembly member's office or the office of their elected officials to advocate for any programs they don't want eliminated in their communities
- Angelica Ayala, East Valley Area Director-office of Mayor, announced that the Summer Night Light program started last week
- Ms. Ayala stated that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) funding from the Federal government has been supporting many of the programs and services for job creation, youth employment opportunities, health sector, etc. She added that town hall meetings are available for community organizations who want a presentation about ARRA's funding—what it is, how it's distributed and how it's helping our communities.
- Ms. Ayala stated that the Office of the Mayor has created a Stimulus Dollars At-Work Directory, which lists all the agencies and community groups that have received funding and the resources they provide.
- Ms. Ayala's email address is Angelica.Ayala@lacity.org and phone number is (213) 304-8785.
- Ms. Ayala announced an American Heroes air show on July 24th at Hansen Dam.
- Ms. Ayala responded to Ms. Julie Monroy's, SVANC's Board member, request about having the Summer Night Light program offered in Sun Valley too stating that the program started with four parks in the City the first year, the second year it was offered at eight parks, and this summer the program is being offered at 16 parks. The area parks chosen is based on crime and need and though Sun Valley was on the list it barely did not make it, but it is the hope that the program will be offered in Sun Valley next year. Ms. Ayala added that the community needs to show interest in the program and Ms. Monroy asked for Ms. Ayala's guidance as to whom/how to advocate for this program in Sun Valley.
- Gemma Jimenez, Senator Alex Padilla's office, stated that a Woman's

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Financial Literacy Workshop is being held on July 16th, 2010. Ms. Jimenez' office number is (818) 901-5588.

- ITEM 5:** Comments from Ruben Zaragoza, Councilman Cárdenas' office stated that:
- In 2008, the Councilman introduced a motion regarding abandoned shopping carts throughout the community which caused blight in the community. As a result of this motion and in May 2010, the City Council adopted a motion that would require new construction and all major re-development projects of any commercial centers/super markets to install lockable magnets on their shopping carts in order to prevent them from being taken outside of the store's defined boundaries.
 - Mr. Zaragoza also said that the DWP's spreading ground, off of the Sheldon off ramp, has been an on-going issue of which a section of it has been a posting sight for work that is being done. DWP is committed to improving these spreading grounds, as they did in Arleta. They are proposing to install running paths along the spreading grounds so the community can use it as a running path and will install an irrigation system. DWP is proposing to revitalize the entire spreading ground. Construction will begin within the next year.
 - Mike O'. stated that the spreading grounds currently looks like a landfill and in spite of his numerous calls to City Depts., it is not being cleaned. Ruben responded that he will talk to Mr. O'Gara right after this meeting.
 - Mr. Zaragoza added that the Council office along with the Dept. of Rec & Parks have been trying to identify a location for a Skate Park in Sun Valley. Currently the corner of Sheldon and Laurel Canyon has been identified as a prospective spot and the City is in the process of acquiring the property.
 - Mr. Zaragoza stated that the Bureau of Sanitation just finished the first phase of the project, which is grading, at Cesar Chavez Park on the corner of Sheldon & Arleta. The second phase consists of the irrigation system; since it's a landfill the underground water can not be collected because it will contaminate the City's wells, but a Smart system will be installed to filter all the water and direct it to the street. The third phase consists of acquiring additional funds to complete this project; currently, Prop. 38 funds have been solicited and a tour of the site has been given to the Proposition's steering committee as part of the application process.
 - Mike O'. stated that the corner of Strathern and Tujunga property is being developed into a Water park with a Lake and informed Mr. Zaragoza that they want this park named Rory Shaw Memorial Park. The park is being developed with funds provided by the County and CD6.
 - Mr. Zaragoza stated that the property on Stratten Pit, corner of Stratten & Tujunga, was bought using Prop O funding and the plan is to do a water retention facility.
 - Mary Benson, CD2, announced that the Councilmember is looking for people to form a Job's Advisory Committee—it's for people interested in working on creating jobs within the Council District.

ITEM 6: Public Comment:

- Greg Bartz, LADWP's Neighborhood Council and Government Affairs Liaison, stated that regarding the Tujunga Spreading Grounds' dumping and its condition he contacted Steve Cole, Water Facilities' Manger, at (213) 367-1057. Mr. Bartz distributed a packet about LADWP's budget and their long-term strategic plan, both of which are reader-friendly and concise and includes a summary guide for special subject interest.
- Mr. Bartz' contact info is (213) 367-2800, email: greg.bartz@ladwp.com for any LADWP issues including billing.
- Mr. Bartz explained the water conservation rules, specifically reflected in the water allotment rates which have been divided into tiers; the higher the tier the higher the rate because the consumer has used his/her water allotment.
- Maritza Baca, Sun Valley High School teacher, introduced the SVHS basketball program, talked about upcoming events and stated that the team is very supportive of the Sun Valley community including the participation in Sun Valley Beautiful, members of the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce and asked for the community's support for the team and in turn offered the team's support for the community.
- Ms. Vaca announced a fundraiser event with full dinner on Sunday, July 25th, at Rocky's V at the Whitman Airport, 12653 Osborne St., Pacoima, featuring country singer John Arthur Martinez. Entrance will cost \$25-of which 5-10% will be donated to the Sun Valley HS's basketball program
- Ms. Vaca stated that a press guide will be published only for the basketball team and is available for business to purchase advertisement space.
- Don Howard, marketing consultant, recent Sun Valley resident & previous mid-town North Hollywood NC board member for two terms, wants to be nominated for one of the vacant Board's seats for which he might be eligible and asked that this item be included in August's agenda.

ITEM 7: Board member comments

- Mike O. stated that next to the skate park proposed area there is an acre of land for which the owners got permission to build 25 homes, per the Planning Dept's small lot sub-division permit—it's the second like project to come to Sun Valley, and Mike asked SVANC to take a position against this development.
- Mike O. stated that the Dept. of Public Safety has not taken any action on the situation taking place at the lot on the corner of San Fernando Rd. & Sheldon where the lot's operator is doing truck oil changes and washing trucks and cars, it has illegal signage, they don't have a permit for their current business activities, and on the adjacent small residential lot he sells car parts. Mike O. asked for his colleagues' assistance with writing letters and getting involved in this issue.
- Imelda Padilla stated her disappointment at the lack of City representation/accountability with regards to their attendance at SVANC's regular meetings, i.e. the Police Dept., and asked for a phone number and/or contact information to inform them of their or their representative's necessary attendance at these meetings, to which Mike

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O'. replied that in the LAPD's case there are only two lead officers assigned to Sun Valley, of which one is on vacation and the other officer is ill. Mike O'. added that there is an LAPD program called "Nixle" which is the newest technology that allows you to stay instantly informed of trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information in near REAL TIME of the information you want, for the addresses you want, all delivered at no cost, by text message, email and web. Nixle technology sends the messages simultaneously to your email AND in a text message to your cell phone if you choose.

- Susan B. announced that Sun Valley Graffiti Busters has received nearly \$5,000 from SVANC from funds approved fiscal year '09-'10, which will be applied to community clean-up and bulk item pick up.

OLD Business:

ITEM 8: Review, correct and approve minutes from our June 2010 meeting. (Julie Monroy)

- Corrections were made to June's minutes which will be reflected in the "June 2010 minutes approved as amended" and will be distributed with the corrections reflected.
- Julie made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and Angelica seconded it.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

NEW Business:

ITEM 9: Committee Reports Treasurer- Outreach- Planning

- Robert Lim, SVANC's treasurer, announced that he received his US Bank purchasing card so all the purchases will be handled by Mr. Lim.
- Mr. Lim referred the Board members to turn to the chart on page 2 in their package regarding the funds allocated by the City for FY '09-'10. Mr. Lim stated that the chart depicts the funds allocated by the City but these amounts raised questions about whether or not SVANC could keep some of the items' funds allocated by SVANC but not spent, could keep some of the balances of assigned funds, and whether or not SVANC would be able to keep some of its roll-over funds.
- Mr. Lim stated that, as shown in the chart, following is a detailed explanation of the items:
 - o Elections: \$2993.60 balance will be rolled over to FY '10-'11
 - o Service Warranty; \$6,400 will be rolled over because the demand was cancelled.
 - o LAPD Van - \$7,000 is earmarked because no motion has been presented for a vote.
 - o Tote Bags - \$1,737 is earmarked
 - o EIR Consultant - \$1,350.22 balance will be rolled over to FY '10-'11
 - o Jaws for Life - Station 77 - \$339.50 balance will be rolled over to FY '10-'11
 - o SV Rec Ctr. - \$2,686 balance will be rolled over NOT earmarked to FY '10-'11

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- NC Logo – Crosswalks - \$16,000 will be rolled over to FY '10-'11 because the City paid for this amount in full.
- Giveaway Pens - \$978.97 is earmarked for SV HS's general use
- Office Lease - \$9,600 was allocated but \$10,800, difference was paid from the unspent excess funds.
- Median Planting - \$1,000 is earmarked
- Graffiti Busters - \$5,000 has been paid.
- Committed Projects Subtotals: Total Paid: \$28,117.68; Total earmarked: \$13,402.00; Total Rolled Over for FY '10-'11: \$24,233.49; Total Allocated: \$65,753.17.
 - Budget as of 06/30/2010:
 - 2009-2010 Remaining Budget: \$3,155.36
 - 2009-2010 Committed Projects (earmarked): \$13,402.00
 - Unspent roll over (remaining from allocated): \$24,233.49
 - Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Allocation: \$45,000
 - Total: \$85,790.85
 - Mr. Lim stated that the only thing missing is the 'missing receipts affidavit' for five missing receipts (see item 13). These include:
 - Oct. 2009 VICA transaction for \$200
 - Nov. 2009 Walgreen's for \$3.62
 - Dec. 2009 Tom's Toys for \$500
 - Sept. 2009 Papa-John's for \$52.91
 - April 2010 Ralph's for \$15.86
 - Mr. Lim stated that June 2010's expenditures were \$8,208.09.
 - Mike O. asked about the petty cashed status and Julie replied that she submitted all the petty cash left over for SVANC to Adrianna M. at DONE.
 - Mike O. made a motion to accept the budget as stated
 - After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously.

Regarding Outreach: Mike O. stated that Sun Valley Beautiful, the SVHS basket ball players invited by Danny, the Graffiti Buster's personnel brought by Susan, and Mr. Prieto supplying the roll-off to haul all the garbage have been part of community outreach at the clean up event. It is estimated that 2 tons of trash were picked up. The next community clean up will be held on Saturday, July 24th from 7:00 am – 10:00 am, at 8025 Webb Ave., between Laurel Canyon and Strathern.

Regarding Planning: Mike O. stated that a Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 26th at SVANC's office.

Regarding the Special Agenda Item on Combined Land Use- Item requires motion/vote to approve a letter that will be presented at the City's Planning committee meeting on Thursday, July 15th.

- Mike O' made a motion to be allowed to write the letters to present to the North Valley Planning Commission regarding the small lot sub-division project of 25 homes on a 1-acre land and for the landfill by LADWP. It was seconded by Art.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously

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ITEM 10: Discussion to create a Community Affairs Committee.

- Mike O. stated that a Chairperson and at least two members are needed in order to create a committee.
- Mike O. nominated Danny as the Chair for the Community Affairs Committee and was seconded by Angelica. Volunteers for committee members include George Ron Dahlquest, Susan Barttlet, (*the rest of the names were not clear on the recording*).
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously

ITEM 10A: Discussion to create a Budget and Finance Committee

- Mr. Lim volunteered as the Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee. Mike O., Carmen P., and Imelda volunteered to be committee members.

ITEM 10B: Discussion to create an Ad-Hoc Committee- create a temporary committee which will handle writing the by-laws.

- Art was nominated to be the Chair
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously

ITEM 11: Discussion to appoint Senior Advocates.

- Gary Agus and Linda Housden were appointed to the Senior Advocate board positions.
- Item was tabled for a vote on August's agenda.

ITEM 12: Business Cards for SVANC (not to exceed \$300) (LIM-MONROY)

- Rob and July reiterated the importance of having business cards made for members of the Board. Ms. Monroy stated that all NCs who want a business card with the City's log need to be reviewed by a special committee from the Mayor's office. Mike O' stated that if a board member does not participate in a committee than he/she will not get a personalized SVANC business card. Instead, a generic business card with a line where his/her name can be printed above will be given these board members. It was suggested a 250 card minimum.
- Mike O' made a motion to allow the Executive Board to decide on the business card's format and present it to the board members in August's meeting for suggestions and/or approval. The motion was seconded by Julie to table this item to the August meeting.
- After no further discussion the motion carried

ITEM 13: Motion/Discussion/Vote to sign a resolution that the SVANC is convinced that the monies spent for FIVE missing receipts from our yearly accounting of Credit Card expenditures have indeed been spent for items authorized by the SVANC (OGara)

- Mike O'. stated that the first receipt that is missing is related to Mary Benson's seminar attendance at VICA for a total of \$200 which was approved by the Board—Mike O. has copies of the agenda and minutes regarding this transaction; also, September 2009's agenda and minutes reflect the inclusion and approval of \$500 to support Poly HS in their toy drive. SVANC has supported this toy drive for two-consecutive years. Mike O. stated that he has a signed affidavit stating that Elidia V. was present when the

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purchase of these toys took place; the Walgreen's amount for \$3.62 was for photographs which were displayed on boards regarding different projects in the community; the item for \$15.86 was for water; Julie M. picked up the pizza from Papa-John's for \$52.91. Mike O'. added that he filled out an affidavit stating that "we all agree that Mike O. spend these monies in the best interest of the Sun Valley NC."

- Mike O. made a motion to approve the Resolution that states the fact that it is agreed that Mike O'. lost these receipts and that the monies were spent for the SVANC, and Angelica seconded it.
- After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously

ITEM 13A: Public Comment:

- Ms. Simer Garcha, offered to provide free slurpees for free on the clean-up day of July 24th.
- Angelica volunteered to translate the agenda into Spanish it is given to her the Tuesday of the week before SVANC's general board meetings.
- Angelica has been sending emails to the Board, but if anyone has not received her emails then please update your email address with Angelica.
- **ITEM 14: Adjournment** – Mike made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Angelica. After no further discussion the motion was moved and carried unanimously at approximately 08:25.