

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Minutes for 10-14-15
General Board Meeting held at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
Attendance: 106 audience 20 board, 126 total

Board members present: Jim Moore, Janet Paz, Marlene Hitt, Dana Stangel, Krystee Clark, Jon vonGunten, Brenda Fortune, Charlie Bradley, Mark Seigel, Cindy Cleghorn, Jorge Martinez, Arsen Karamians, Gail Carlson, Julie Cuddihy, Sergio Soto, John Laue, Maureen O'Byrne, Pat Kramer, Nina Royal, Susan Mona, Absent: John Laue

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mark Seigel, president. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Charlie Bradley.

Minutes of the Sept. 9, 2015 STNC General Board meeting were approved with one abstention (Royal).
Minutes of the STNC Special Meeting held Oct. 5, 2015 approved unanimous.

President's Report/Discussion/Action:

STNC Liaisons – Without objection, Krystee Clark and Dana Stangel were appointed STNC Liaisons to the L.A. City Animal Services Department. Appointment of Public Works Liaisons will be held over to a future meeting so that interested stakeholders are in attendance.

High Speed Rail Update - Dave DePinto representing SAFE (Save Angeles Forest for Everyone) presented brief updates regarding the CAHSRA proposed routes from Palmdale to Burbank which directly impacts our communities. SAFE has Dontrailroad.us lawn signs and would like everyone to have one in their front yard or business. Requesting \$10 to cover cost of the lawn sign. The Haines Canyon Creek which is part of the City of Los Angeles drinking water was discussed. HSR wants to put its trestles and bridges construction yard right where the Haines Canyon Creek starts. It was also noted that word is getting out about the HSR and how their plans are is not what people thought they were voting for. Angeles National Forest has a public comment period going on right now until October 23rd. More information about the HSR and the community efforts to stop it can be found at dontrailroad.us.org and the Daily Fodder emails.

Pat Kramer - gave a quick summary of the RACO program and need for volunteers to train.

Mark Seigel - stated that the clock on Commerce at Tujunga Canyon now has power to it.

Mark Seigel recognized the attendance of other Neighborhood Council board members present from Mission Hills, Sylmar, South Robertson, Foothill Trails District.

Funding Requests – Passed 20 in favor, 1 ineligible

- a. To approve up to \$200 for Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils refreshments and outreach on November 12, 2015 and March 10, 2016 – *Cindy Cleghorn -- Budget Category: Outreach*
- b. Approve up to \$200 for Sunland Park Fall / Halloween Kids Program – *Nicole Royer Budget Category: Outreach*
- c. Approve up to \$500 for Haunted House event – *Rotary Club Budget Category: Outreach*
- d. Approve up to \$200 for McGroarty Art Center Zombie Movie Night on 10/24/15 – *Budget Category: Outreach*

Acting Senior Lead for Tujunga, Andy Marr stated that S/T is number 8 out of 21 areas with reference to crime. He stated that crime is on the rise city wide. He said most crime reports that came across his desk are reports of things that been taken from cars. The Wash is cleaned out the best he has seen. They are trying to work with the city attorney to find a better way to move the homeless other then issuing a trespass ticket. He stated that there is a transient problem at 7/11. He also stated that someone told him the Sheriff's department is dropping off the homeless at 7/11 and Sunland park. It was commented that they really should not be doing a cleanup in the wash if they do not have a plan for the people they move from the wash. These people end up on the streets and in residents' backyards. The SLO stated that he did not know what the answer is. He also stated that 80 percent of the people in the wash wanted to be there. Mark stated that it was a City policy issue that needed to be addressed.

Vickerie Murphy from State Senator Carol Liu reported that the high school exit exam has been suspended retro to 2006. To see what bills Carol Liu has been doing you can go to her web site: senate. ca. gov/liu.

Ronni Veliz from Patty Lopez' - office reported that she had four bills signed into law. Two events coming up: Know Your Rights as a Tenant and Water Briefing. Contact Ronni for more details email ronni.veliz@asm.ca.gov or Patty's Facebook page.

David Gonzales from LAUSD School Board member Monica Ratliff - gave a general report on charter schools and the Library at Verdugo Hills High School.

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Yolanda Fuentes and Laena Shakarian from Council District 7 Felipe Fuentes office reported that his office is involved in the issue of illegal dumping and his office is constantly having community cleanups. Additionally they have staff driving through the streets reporting on and picking up bulky items. DOT is working on drafting a Letter Of Agreement (LOA) for the painting of artwork on the DOT utility boxes. Pet waste receptacles issue is moving forward. **Laena** said she will have another update on those two subjects (boxes and pet receptacles) at the next general board meeting.

Lydia Grant BONC Commissioner reminded all that the BONC meets twice a month. They will be addressing meeting minutes and the availability to the stake holders at their next meeting.

Terrence Gomes president of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) stated that all 96 NC's are standing behind STNC with respect to the office eviction. If you have Homeless issues call LANCC. The subject of getting an I. D. Van down here for the homeless is being worked on. Terrence also talked about short term rentals, RACO program and about taking the budget survey.

Discussion/Motion (Paz/Fortune): To establish the Sunland Tujunga Junior Youth Advisory Council passed unanimous. A photo of the new committee was taken.

Freddy Vonkep - gave a report on the Redmont Street and Summitrose Street DWP pump station renovation project. There will be more meetings and a website set up to work through the progress. Neighbors who live in the immediate area discussed various issues.

John Mosen gave a presentation asking for support for the San Gabriel Mountains Designation. Motion (Stangel/Kramer) to support passed unanimous.

Joanna Linkchorst gave a presentation for the Friends of Rockhaven asking for support to preserve and at the same time to give them access to the Rockhaven property for filming, fund raising activities and tours. For more information go to friendsofrockhaven@gmail.com.

Budget Advocate Krystee Clark talked about the Rate Your city Services Survey currently underway and Regional Budget day on October 17th 9am to 12 noon taking place around the City.

Community Announcements –Events: Candice Laughlin - Rotary spoke about Haunted house they are putting on October 29th through the 1st. Regina Clark- Little Landers Halloween spook show. November 14th Bolton Hall museum. Krystee Clark - Hike on Saturday October 17th 9 am. Dana Stangel - Terranga ranch sponsoring a hike to talk about Bats Oro Vista Park. October 24th 5:30 pm. Nina Royal - said that Los Angeles Mission College plans to open satellite classes in Sunland-Tujunga.

Public comments: Jim Moore, Marlene Hitt , Liliana Sanchez, David Barron.

Discussion Action: STNC eviction from North Valley City Hall. At the Oct. 5 meeting the Phoenix committee was formed to address the subject of moving the STNC office and meeting room. Dana Stangel, Nina Royal, Krystee Clark, Arsen Karamians, Maureen O'Byrne, Jim Moore, Terrence Gomes, Jesse Martinez, Ann Job, Majorie Maxon, Barbara Stem, Lydia Grant. **Motion** (Cleghorn/Bradley) to approve letter to City Council that the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council does not want to move passed unanimous. **Motion** (Cleghorn/Bradley) to approve letter to Councilmember Felipe Fuentes stating opposition to eviction of the STNC passed unanimous. The community stakeholders in the audience were also included in the vote and the vote was unanimous.

Discussion/Action: regarding STNC Budget changes – none.

Discussion/Action: STNC Elections Stipulation Worksheet passed unanimous.

Board Member reports: Brief reports regarding Neighborhood Watch meetings, Land Use items regarding coming up for 7018 Valmont, Verdugo Hills Golf Course, Commerce Avenue

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Minutes taken by Sandra Baugus, Apple One