

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council**  
**General Board Online Meeting**  
**Meeting date: June 9, 2021 7:00pm**  
**ZOOM Meeting Online or by Telephone**

**Item 1-3 Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Grant Calls meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Apperson Elementary Principal Rene Chavez and Apperson student Celine Chavez lead the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge Principal Chavez and students from Apperson Elementary share their experiences at this school which provides a safe supportive atmosphere with a dedicated teaching staff that focuses on core skills. Member KT Travers notes Apperson Elementary was built by a noted architect, Lyndon Maynard. President Grant thanks the students for sharing their experiences and notes the STNC is available to support schools with their fund raising.

Sunland Tujunga Elks Lodge 2098 Exalted Ruler Laurie Naphen-Bouchard gives a brief explanation of this service group who has been in the community for 60 years. The organization supports children with disabilities, veterans and provides college scholarships. They also want to be a place where the community can gather. They hold Purple Pig fund raisers to enrich the lives of disabled children. They are going to start resuming their 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month pancake breakfasts soon. More info. at elks.org and Lodge 2098's Facebook page.

**Item 3. Roll Call** (at 7:18pm)

| Board Member           | Roll Call       | Funding Voting Eligibility | Board Appointment             |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lydia Grant            | Present         | Yes                        | President                     |
| Lallah Rowe            | Present         | Yes                        | 1st Vice President            |
| Anthony Diaz           | Resigned        | Yes                        | 2nd Vice President - Outreach |
| Ed Babakhanian         | Present         | Yes                        | Treasurer                     |
| Brandy Diaz            | Resigned        | Yes                        | Secretary                     |
| Mark Seigel            | Present         | Yes                        | At-Large Group Representative |
| Leny Freeman           | Present         | Yes                        | Region 1 Representative       |
| K.M. Travers           | Present         | Yes                        | Region 1 Representative       |
| Trevor Schmidt         | Present         | Yes                        | Region 2 Representative       |
| Clare Gordon           | Present at 7:47 | Yes                        | Region 2 Representative       |
| Jon von Gunten         | Present         | Yes                        | Region 3 Representative       |
| Karen Perdue           | Present         | Yes                        | Region 3 Representative       |
| Cheryl Schmidt         | Present         | Yes                        | Region 4 Representative       |
| Carol Hutchinson       | Present         | Yes                        | Region 4 Representative       |
| James Spishak          | Present         | Yes                        | Neighborhood Watch            |
| Nina Royal             | Present         | Yes                        | STSERSVS                      |
| Cindy Cleghorn         | Present         | Yes                        | STSH Community Fund           |
| Chris Rowe             | Present         | Yes                        | Toastmasters                  |
| Shirley Kim            | Present         | Yes                        | Shekinah Church               |
| Michelle Wadler        | Present         | Yes                        | Apperson PTA                  |
| Janelle Hussion        | Present         | Yes                        | ST Volunteer Team             |
| Quorum: 11<br>Total:21 |                 |                            |                               |

President Grant notes that the Board is working hard getting transition funding in place, and new STNC credit cards. The STNC overall budget will be \$32,000. Someone has been hacking her emails, if it does not have the STNC name in it do not respond. Board members Anthony and Brandy Diaz have resigned because they are moving to Texas for a job opportunity. These positions are now open for new volunteers. The STNC may need to hire office help and also needs to find a new minute taker. There were several Memorial Day events attended by board members including at Sunland Park, and at Glen Haven Memorial Park, Sylmar. Jon von Gunten agrees to be the timer for tonight's meeting.

#### **Item 4, Comments by Elected Officials / Representatives, DONE, City Departments**

**SLO Gloria Caloca, Tujunga** – SLO Contreras is on vacation so she will do the reports for both Tujunga and Sunland. Crime is generally down 1% in Tujunga but property crime is up 9.7% auto theft up 23%. Sunland crime is down 12% overall, with a 20% increase in property crime. Usually there is more crime in the summer when more people are out. There have been quite a few pick-up trucks stolen in Tujunga. She has been working with the MEU unit and the City Attorney regarding the situation on the 6500 block of Foothill. The signage on Marnice Ave. helped, but also moved the problem to other areas. Regarding the problem firework houses, wants to clarify the City Attorney's office will be writing letters to these houses. Citations cannot be issued because a Police officer needs to witness the crime; even videotape evidence is problematic when it comes to issuing citations. She tried the fireworks complaint section of the LACity.org website and it works.

Q&A:

Q: By Board Member Freeman: Does the firework reporting work using the 311 app?

A: Did not try this, so does not know.

**Sargent Jesse Ojeda, Foothill Community Relations, LAPD** – He had a meeting with the Police Commission regarding response time for non-emergency calls, they are going to try and revamp the system to provide faster response times. He is looking forward to National Night out and wants the board to know there is additional money for this event available through LAPD Boosters.

Q&A:

Q: By Board Member Travers is there a dedicated office for 1) Domestic Violence, 2) Elder Abuse?

A: Rosa Garrett is the Detective assigned to Domestic Violence, does not know the detective for Elder Abuse, he will find out.

**Mary Jerejian, Field Representative for CA Assembly Member Luz Rivas** – Cal Trans is planning a clean-up of problem areas around the foothill area. On June 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a clean-up of the 210 Freeway from La Tuna Canyon Blvd. to Sunland Blvd. The state is also funding clean-ups of homeless sites. The representative is also planning workshops for fire safety, and obtaining grants. They are also looking for nominees for a Local Small Business of the Year Award.

Q&A

Q: By Stakeholder John – there is trash all over the first section of Angeles Crest until you get to the bridge.

A: Please send specific information regarding the locations.

**Eve Sinclair, Area Director for Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez** – could not be here today but provided this written update to Board Members which is read by President Grant:

1. NVCH renovation is complete!
2. 200 new Go Human traffic safety yard signs are available from our office.
3. Foothill Corridor between Sherman Grove and Apperson has been approved by the LADOT as a new Vision Zero Priority Corridor, and Foothill/Apperson has been approved as a Priority Intersection.
4. \$3 million was secured in the new fiscal year budget to fund the Tujunga Canyon Green Street Project, which will include significant improvements on both Tujunga Canyon Blvd and on Commerce.

5. \$700k was also secured in the new fiscal year budget to help fill the funding shortfall in the Verdugo Pool renovation project.
6. Our Foothills Communities Visioning Workshop was a great success, and we will be sharing results shortly. Thank you to all who participated.

President Grant informs the board she emailed Eve Sinclair regarding when the STNC could move back to NVCH. Area Director Sinclair responded that no City buildings are open at this time.

**Item 5, Presentation & Training on the Neighborhood Council System**

This item is postponed because meeting is running long.

**Item 6, Administrative Items**

| <b>6A Motion to Approve April Minutes</b>   |    |            |        |                           |
|---|----|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Carol Hutchinson Roll call vote BAC Signed   |    |            |        |                           |
| Yes   | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                    |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler |    |            |        | A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |    |            |        |                           |

| <b>6B Motion to Approve May Minutes</b>   |    |            |        |                           |
|---|----|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Motion: Karen Perdue Second Ed Babakhanian Roll call vote BAC Signed  |    |            |        |                           |
| Yes   | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                    |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler |    |            |        | A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |    |            |        |                           |

| <b>6C Motion to Adopt the April Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)</b>  |    |            |        |                           |
|---|----|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Motion: Ed Babakhanian Second Mark Seigel Roll call vote BAC Signed   |    |            |        |                           |
| Yes   | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                    |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler |    |            |        | A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |    |            |        |                           |

Treasurer Babakhanian outlines the numbers in the April MER. Member Seigel thanks him for being on top of this reporting. Treasurer Babakhanian notes outgoing treasurer Capps prepared this report. Member Freeman thinks the storage expenses are quite high, President Grant notes this is to store everything that was in North Valley City Hall before the STNC had to leave so the building could be remodeled, that is why

she keeps inquiring when and if the STNC will be allowed office space at North Valley City Hall. Member Hutch notes that renting office space would be much more costly than two storage units. Treasurer Capps notes whether or not the chairs are worth the storage costs would be a discussion for the Business and Finance Committee meeting.

| <b>6D Motion to Postpone Review and Adoption of the May Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) until Next Month's Meeting</b>   |    |            |        |                           |
|---|----|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Motion: Ed Babakhanian Second Claire Gordon Roll call vote BAC Signed   |    |            |        |                           |
| Yes   | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                    |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler |    |            |        | A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |    |            |        |                           |

Treasurer Babakhanian notes he is missing an invoice for the May MER, so approval of this item should be delayed. Former Treasurer Capps does not think this will be counted as late by the City Clerk because the Board is in its transition period.

| <b>Motion to Amend Annual Board Administrative Packet 2021-2022 to replace Brandy Diaz with Cindy Cleghorn as second signer</b>   |    |            |        |                           |
|---|----|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Motion: Lydia Grant Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote BAC Signed  |    |            |        |                           |
| Yes   | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                    |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler |    |            |        | A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |    |            |        |                           |

Former Treasurer Capps notes that the second signer should be replaced since B. Diaz is no longer going to be the STNC Secretary. Member Cleghorn agrees to take on this role if no one else wants to step up.

| <b>6 E. Motion to Approve Annual Board Administrative Packet 2021-2022 as amended with Cindy Cleghorn as Second Signer</b> |    |            |        |        |
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| Motion: Ed Babakhanian Second Mark Seigel Roll call vote BAC Signed  |    |            |        |        |
| Yes  | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent |
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| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler |  |  |  | A.Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |  |  |  |                          |

Treasurer Babakhanian notes this packet is based on the basic \$32,000 amount allocated by the City. They anticipate up to \$10,000 in rollover funds; but these would not be granted until August.

Treasurer Babakhanian goes over the general allocations in this report: Office Expenses \$8,000, Outreach \$10,000, Operational \$18,000, NPGs \$5,000, Community Improvement \$9,000.

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| <b>6 F-J. Motion to Approve Monthly Recurring Expenses for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year: US Storage in the amount of \$449.00, RingCentral in the amount of \$70.00, Web Corner in the amount of \$150.00, Zoom Meeting License in the amount of \$16.34, up to \$1,332.00 for printing costs for STNC business administrative printing, (Board and Committee agendas, board and stakeholder meeting packets, training handouts) yearly invoice of \$714.00 to Constant Contact Email Plus for 501-2500 email contacts (15% off for prepay) up to \$388.00 for 12- month rental of P.O. Box 635 for STNC mail or \$194.00 for 6 months unless subsequently changed.</b> |    |            |        |                          |
| Motion: KT Travers Second Carol Hutch Roll call vote BAC Signed  |    |            |        |                          |
| Yes  | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                   |
| Grant, L. Rowe Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, Travers, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler   |    |            |        | A.Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed   |    |            |        |                          |

President Grant notes the reason for this motion is so these reoccurring expenses to not have to be voted on every month. Member Freeman thinks the web hosting charge is high. President Grant notes the City only allows NC's to use approved vendors. Done advisor Jackie Kim thinks this is fine to do since the administrative package has already been approved. Some Board members are still concerned about some of these expenses. Member Hutch notes the chairs and tables will be needed when outdoor events resume. President Grant notes that these expenses can still be changed at any time by the Board.

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| <b>6 K. Motion, Refer Beautification Committee Request in the Amount to up to \$500 for 311 Outreach Lawn Signs from Sunland Printing back to Committee</b> |                                      |            |        |                                  |
| Motion: Carol Hutch Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote BAC Signed  |                                      |            |        |                                  |
| Yes   | No                                   | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                           |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe      | Travers, C. Schmidt, Spishak, Wadler |            |        | A.Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion, Gordon |

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| 13 yes, 4 no, 0 recuse, 4 Absent motion passed |  |  |  |  |
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Member Hutch notes that this item was discussed at last month’s Beautification meeting, but she thought the item pertained to the 311 outreach banners that are in STNC storage. The committee agreed to go ahead with these signs; but she now thinks this decision needs to be walked back because the signs will not be visible to traffic and there is no detailed plan on outreach. The STNC logo also needs to be larger. Beautification Co-Chair Luboff notes the objective of these signs is 311 outreach. Trash and illegal dumping are a real problem in our area. Since the signs are visually appealing, they will catch more interest. Georgia Brown, one of the stakeholders who proposed these signs notes all this was thoroughly discussed in the Beautification Committee. No one had the STNC logo for them so they had Sunland Printing put it on. If it is not big enough that can be fixed. She thinks this motion is directed toward people the Board does not like. Evelyn Serrano, another stakeholder who suggested these signs notes as she explained in the Beautification Committee; the intended audience is not drivers, it is pedestrians. These signs would be placed in people’s yards; she already knows of places where they could go and she could coordinate with the Region Representatives for more locations. Stakeholder Quinones notes that a lot of people distrust the STNC and delaying this project builds more distrust. She thinks the signs are beautiful. There are many apartments on Foothill and Plainview where people constantly dump couches, etc. on the street when they move. They should know about calling 311. A couple board members and a stakeholder think the color should be adjusted to make 311 stand out more. Member Freeman thinks a before and after photo would be better than flowers.

**Item 7. Recommendations from the Community Improvement/Government Affairs Committee**

| <b>7 A. Motion to Confirm Cindy Cleghorn, Carol Hutchinson as members of Community Improvement/Government Affairs Committee</b>                 |                           |            |        |                          |
|---|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Nina Royal Roll call vote BAC Signed   |                           |            |        |                          |
| Yes   | No                        | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                   |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman,, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe | Travers, Gordon, , Wadler |            |        | A.Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 15 yes, 3 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed  |                           |            |        |                          |

President Grant believes these are the best Board members for this committee because they are the ones doing the work. Member Travers wonders when will the new members have an opportunity to join committees. President Grant notes you can ask the committee if there are board member openings on their committee. The number of Board members allowed on each committee is listed in the bylaws. Land Use Chair Potter advises Member Travers to contact committee chairs to see if there are openings. She knows the Land Use Committee has an opening for an alternate member. Member Gordon knows there are also stakeholders interested in joining this committee. President Grant notes there are ongoing talks on this subject and an announcement soon. Stakeholder Quinones notes she did contract the chair of this committee and was told there were no open seats. She does not think it is fair that Board members get confirmed when stakeholders can’t join. Stakeholder Serrano agrees that this committee seems to run things without allowing room for stakeholders. President Grant notes committees need to re-submit their members.

**Motion to Extend Meeting**

President Grant suggests that the meeting continue for another ½ hour so more items can be voted on. Cindy Cleghorn moves, Cheryl Schmidt seconds. Since no Board Members object, the motion passes.

**Item 7B. Plans for Board Strategic Plan and Training**

This meeting should last 6 hours or so and will be about how the Board is going to spend its allotted funds. President Grant will send an email in order to set a date and solicit ideas. Member Travers relays her correct email address.

**Item 7C. New Minute Taker for STNC Board Meetings** – President Grant will research prices.

**Item 7D. Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to OPPOSE Monica Rodriguez / Gil Cedillo CF 21-0407 that asks for analysis of differences in the various Neighborhood Council bylaws and a report on how NC elections might be standardized.**

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| <b>Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to OPPOSE Monica Rodriguez / Gil Cedillo CF 21-0407 that asks for analysis of differences in the various Neighborhood Council bylaws and a report on how NC elections might be standardized. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes City Council File 21-0407 as an attack on the independence of Neighborhood Councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.</b> |                         |            |        |                          |
| Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Nina Royal Roll call vote BAC Signed  |                         |            |        |                          |
| Yes  | No                      | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                   |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman,, von Gunten, Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe  | Travers, Gordon, Wadler |            |        | A.Diaz, B. Diaz, Hussion |
| 15 yes, 3 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent motion passed   |                         |            |        |                          |

Stakeholder Judith Quinones reads sections of the City Charter that allow the City Council to amend bylaws and stating the City Clerk is in charge of NC elections. She does not support this motion. Stakeholder Serrano agrees, she also wonders what is being used for community input when it comes to these CIS statements. Board member Seigel wonders how this council motion came about because the only problem was how the City Clerk’s office ran the vote by mail only system. The STNC had the second highest turn out of any NC to have an election so far. He thinks this motion is retaliation because the Councilwoman’s preferred candidates did not win. This motion has been opposed by many NCs. Member von Gunten thinks NC’s are way too different to have one standard system for all of them. This system has been in place for 30 years, it seems like there is an ulterior motive for this motion. Member Gordon supports this motion. She thinks an investigation will provide more transparency, she does not think the election was pure and pristine; many stakeholders did not like it. Member Royal – The NC system was created to give people a voice now Councilwoman Rodriguez wants to take this away. She does not think the Councilwoman understands the NC system. Member Schmidt does not think it is right to investigate the STNC for voter suppression when the STNC had so many votes when compared with other NCs.

**Item 7e. Request for Action and Approve Letter to City Council/Mayor’s Office for Vote of No Confidence on District Attorney George Gascon**

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| <b>Motion: <u>Approve Letter to City Council/Mayor’s Office for Vote of No Confidence on District Attorney George Gascon</u></b> |                    |            |        |                  |
| Motion: Ed Babakhanian Second Cheryl Schmidt Roll call vote BAC Signed   |                    |            |        |                  |
| Yes  | No                 | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent           |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman,, von Gunten, Purdue,   | Travers, Gordon, , |            |        | A.Diaz, B. Diaz, |

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| Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T.<br>Schmidt, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C.<br>Rowe<br><br>15 yes, 3 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent<br>motion passed | Wadler |  |  | Hussion |
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Stakeholder Judith Quinones does not think the board should support this letter, thinks it was written from a script and does not represent the community. Stakeholder John supports the letter and thinks Gascon needs to be removed. Stakeholder Karen Rosebury thinks it is a matter of checks and balances and Gascon is out of control when he decides not to prosecute certain crimes. Stakeholder Robert Powell thinks government should protect the innocent when Gascon is doing the opposite. Crime is increasing because people know they can get away with it. Each individual is responsible for their own actions. Stakeholder Lauren Buisson thinks no bail is the result of a court decision and crime is going down. Stakeholder Sandy Capps knows many DA's and their hands are tied under Gascon. She thinks Cheryl did a great job with the letter. She is going to collect signatures on the recall petition. Member Royal thinks those who are in jail for what they did to her will be set free under Gascon. Member Seigel thinks he is slanting the law if not outright breaking it. He has spoken to mothers who are shocked the gang members who killed their kids are now not going to have any special circumstance charges. Member T. Schmidt thinks lawlessness encourages lawlessness. The County needs to stand by the rule of law and the DA should not have the power to go against it. Member C. Schmidt notes a Dec 2020 crime where a father killed two of his own kids with an ax, made his other kids look at the severed heads and he is only getting 50 years with a chance of parole in 20. This is not a strict enough decision. Member Babakhanian is reminded of Shakespeare, a crime is still a crime even if you don't charge or count it.

**Item 7g. Approve June Town Hall Topic on Sustainability and July Town Hall on LA Sanitation**

| <b>Motion to Approve June Town Hall Topic on Sustainability and July Town Hall on LA Sanitation</b>   |    |            |        |                                |
|---|----|------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Nina Royal Roll call vote BAC Signed   |    |            |        |                                |
| Yes   | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent                         |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel,<br>Freeman, Travers, von Gunten,<br>Purdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn,<br>Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J.<br>Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler,<br><br>18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent<br>motion passed |    |            |        | A.Diaz, B.<br>Diaz,<br>Hussion |

President Grant notes if anyone has suggestions about City officials or other public figures who might want to speak at STNC's town halls, they should email her or use the agenda portal of the STNC website.

**Item 7h Recommend new Standing Rule that all items requested for the board agenda must be reviewed by a committee unless it is a special meeting item requested by the president or it is voted to move forward by three members of the Executive Committee.**

| <b>Motion: Recommend new Standing Rule that all items requested for the board agenda must be reviewed by a committee unless it is a special meeting item requested by the president or it is voted to move forward by three members of the Executive Committee.</b> |                     |            |        |                     |
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| Motion: Second Roll call vote BAC Signed  |                     |            |        |                     |
| Yes   | No                  | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent              |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian, Seigel,<br>Freeman,, von Gunten, Purdue,   | Travers,<br>Gordon, |            |        | A.Diaz, B.<br>Diaz, |



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| Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T.<br>Schmidt, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C.<br>Rowe<br><br>15 yes, 3 no, 0 recuse, 3 Absent<br>motion passed | Wadler |  |  | Hussion |
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Stakeholder Quinones notes she was only given one minute to speak during the last community improvement committee and was told there would be no discussion. She was also not allowed to put an item on the agenda even though she had 50 signatures. This is disenfranchising stakeholders. KT Travers wonders who decides what committee a proposal goes to. President Grant replies the Executive Committee decides. Member Seigel notes that this procedure has been used before; it needs to be a standing rule to make things clear, work the bugs out before the items goes to the General Board Meeting. He also notes that the signatures on that petition were not validated. Member Gordon agrees with Stakeholder Quinones she thinks the current format of committee meetings is an abuse of power. Member Hutch is a proponent of this motion; outreach is a big part of the job. We have all these committees this way we will get more input.

**Item 8. Approve Land Use Committee Recommendation STNC approves comment letter regarding 7331 Valmont in support of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 12 bed congregate living facility.**

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| <b>Motion to Approve comment letter regarding 7331 Valmont in support of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 12 bed congregate living facility</b>   |                     |                        |        |                                 |
| Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Ed Babakhanian Roll call vote BAC Signed   |                     |                        |        |                                 |
| Yes   | No                  | Abstain                | Recuse | Absent                          |
| Grant, L. Rowe, Babakhanian,<br>Freeman, von Gunten, Purdue,<br>Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T.<br>Schmidt, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak,<br><br>13 yes, 2 no, 3 Abstain, 3 Absent<br>motion passed | Travers,<br>C. Rowe | Seigel, Gordon, Wadler |        | A. Diaz, B.<br>Diaz,<br>Hussion |

The applicant notes that there will be 8 private rooms and 2 rooms that will be shared by 2 with a curtain, similar to a shared hospital room.

**Item 9. Committee Reports** – no items listed for discussion or action.

**Item 10. Discussion/Motion: Appoint Vacant STNC Liaisons, Reports and Updates from Alliance Members, and other STNC Representative Appointments**

President Grant notes these meetings are open to the Public and if you are interested in attending you are welcome. It never hurts to have an alternate and we can have more than one liaison on a committee so let us know if you are interested. President Grant suggests this item be postponed until next month’s meeting since this meeting is running late.

- A. Homelessness Liaisons
- C. Film Liaisons
- D. Data Liaisons
- E. Purposeful Aging Liaisons
- F. Animal Services Liaisons
- G. Emergency Preparedness Liaisons
- H. Resilience Liaisons

- I. Legal Liaison
- J. LGBTQ+ Alliance
- K. NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance
- L. NC Sustainability Alliance
- M. Regional Grievance Panel Member
- N. NC Budget Representatives
- O. Youth
- P. DWP MOU-Nina
- Q. LANCC- Lydia
- R. VANC-Cindy

Stakeholder Lauren Buisson would like 1 or 2 community members to volunteer to be on the LGBTQ+ Alliance and was taken aback at the response to an outreach email sent on this subject. One Board member responded by sending an email requesting no more emails on this subject because the recipient did not support homosexuality. This is not an acceptable response by a public official. It is the role of the STNC to be a safe place. He intends to forward this email to DONE. Encourages everyone to come to their meetings. Stakeholder Quinones is shocked at this Board member's behavior. She is also upset that President Grant is violating the public records act. President Grant denies any such violation. Stakeholder Serrano does not know why this stakeholder had to wait 3 hours to give this presentation. Committees only work if there is dialog and discussion. She hopes her Region 4 representatives will respect her right to represent and share her talents. Glen Bailey is an NC Advocate from the West Valley. There are two NC Budget Advocate vacancies in Northeast Valley Region 1. He hopes the STNC will have two budget advocates. August 21<sup>st</sup> is the annual budget day. Board Member Gordon thanks Stakeholder Buisson for staying so long and is sorry this happened. She would be glad to be a member of the LGBTQ+ Alliance, she has two gay children. Member Seigel thanks Stakeholder Buisson for coming. Our Board should reach out to the broadest spectrum of this very diverse community. Jim Spishak is also willing to attend these meetings, it is 2021 so is willing to change and learn.

#### **Item 11. General Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items**

None.

#### **Item 12 Final Announcements and Board Comments**

Member Purdue is interested in the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position. President Grant agrees to get in touch with her.

Member Freeman is hearing complaints about having public comments come last. Maybe there should be two times for public comment, one at the beginning for those who don't want to wait.

Member T. Schmidt hears a lot of negativity from those who are opposed to the flavor of the Board. We were elected by the community. We are all here to try and make our community the best it can be. Defend your point of view but be positive.

Member von Gunten—no matter how you arrange the agenda something is going to be last. Maybe the Board business should be last, since Board members agreed to serve on the Board.

Member Cleghorn reads the qualifications for Second Vice President and Secretary. President Grant declares these positions vacant and interested parties should contact the Board.

The Next STNC Board Meeting will be on July 14, 2021.

Adjourn at: 10:35 pm

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon