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Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call at:5:36 pm	
Carol Hutchinson	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly LuBoff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present
Judy Sutherland	Absent
Marjorie Maxon	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Steve Black	Absent
Committee Quorum: 3	6 Present at roll call and for rest of meeting. Meeting quorum met.

Additional Attendees:

Georgia Brown

STNC Board Member Claire Gordon

Evelyn Serrano (at approx. 6:10)

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Roger Klemm calls meeting to order. Roll call--meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items –

Board Member Hutchinson – the Elks Club is having a spaghetti with meatballs dinner at the lodge this Saturday starting a 5pm.

Co-Chair Luboff – there is going to be a clean-up of Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. this Saturday, 9AM

Board Member Gordon – visiting tonight to hear Item 4 and see the type of work the committee does. Wonders how the Big Tujunga Canyon clean ups are organized. Co-Chair Luboff states there is a Facebook page, Sunland Tujunga Clean Up, No BS.

3. Discussion/Action: Approve April 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Gerardo Barrientos moves, Carol Hutchinson seconds. All present vote yes, minutes approved.
4. Item 4 is moved to end of agenda to accommodate presenter with previous engagement.



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5. Discussion / Action: Update on Pinewood Mural Project – By Co-Chair Luboff The event request was approved by the City Clerk’s office and the insurance contract has been updated. Member Barrientos wants to go to the site to see physically how much he and the scaffolding he has can reach. He can start line work now and will try to get other muralists to help. Co-Chair Luboff is concerned this is much too large a project for just one artist. Member Barrientos responds that as of now he is alone because Mike has work at one of the studios. Board Member Hutchinson notes she attended an event where someone from the Department of Cultural Affairs was talking about young artists who assist with mural work. Board Member Hutchinson agrees to contact this person about getting artists to help and about scaffolding. Co-Chair Luboff and Member Barrientos plan to visit the mural site sometime next week. Co-Chair Luboff is also going to speak to former STNC Treasurer Capps about the status of mural funds during this Board transition period.
6. Discussion/ Action Potential Purchase of Cordless Electric Hedge Trimmer – Co-Chair Klemm wonders if the tool will be useful for any projects other than trimming the Bougainvillea at the Welcome Nature Garden. If not, he is reluctant to request this purchase. Member Barrientos agrees hand trimming is often better. Co-Chair Klemm agrees to research costs and discuss this next month. Georgia Brown notes that the Finn Community Garden needs weed whacking really badly. Board Member Hutchinson notes that during the pandemic there was not a lot of activity and now only 5 beds are active. Board Member Hutchinson notes that the Community Garden is a City of LA project, not an STNC project and the gate to it is locked. Co-Chair LuBoff remembers a workday there, can’t remember if it was an STNC Beautification or a Love the Neighborhood sponsored event. Member Barrientos is interested in adopting a bed. Board Member Hutchinson agrees to give him the contact number.
7. .Status of Stolen Irrigation Manifold at Sunland Welcome Nature Garden – Co-Chair Klemm notes that someone sawed the manifold off to steal the brass. He was told by the City that sadly this has been happening a lot lately. Member Maxon notes she went to the Garden today to water and the manifold appears to be fixed. Co-Chair Luboff wonders if we need another workday at the Garden. Co-Chair Klemm suggests June 19th. He thinks we should wait until August when the Coast Live Oak trees are dormant before they are trimmed. We might also need an arborist to trim the higher tree canopy. Member LuBoff notes that former STNC President Sanchez gave all members of the Beautification Committee a Certificate of Appreciation; she will bring them to the next clean up event.
4. Discussion/Action: Request for funds not to exceed \$470 to print yard signs to promote 311 reporting-- Evelyn Serrano joins the meeting and thanks the committee for re-arranging their agenda. This would be a different campaign than the current “download don’t dump” signs. The goal is to print 60 signs and put them on people’s lawns with their permission. She would like to target areas with lots of pedestrian traffic where dumping and or people leaving their old furniture etc. on the street is a problem. The “download don’t dump” signs their group already posted are getting attention. Member Hutchinson was wondering if the signs could also be in Korean as well as Spanish and Armenian. Ms. Serrano notes she does not have contract information for a Korean translator. Member Maxon wonders how many signs will be printed in each language. Co-Chair Luboff thinks the majority of signs



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should be in English. Ms. Serrano thinks she might get a breakdown of demand via Facebook before making this decision. Board Member Hutchinson notes the signs will need the STNC and City logos to be approved. Member Barrientos thinks there should be more contrast on the Call 311 line to get viewer attention. Co-Chair Luboff thinks the wildflowers make the signs very attractive so people will want them on their lawn and people's attention will be drawn to them. Ms. Serrano needs access to the STNC logo to revise the sign. Member Barrientos agrees to send this to her. Board Member Hutchinson wants to see the final sign because the new rule is to iron out all the details in committees before sending it to the Board. Board Member Hutchinson also notes there are a couple of 311 banners in STNC storage.

Motion: Approve Funds Not to Exceed \$500 to Print Yard Signs to Promote 311 Awareness Campaign and Submit to Approve with Understanding the Appropriate STNC and City Logos Will be Applied.(Outreach) Marjorie Maxon moves, Gerardo Barrientos seconds. All vote yes, 6 yes 0 no.

Final Comment: Co-Chair Klemm would like to schedule a clean-up / weed trimming event at the Finn Community Garden next month either through this committee or Love the Neighborhood.

Next Meeting Date – June 16th at 5:30.

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon