



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call at:5:36 pm	
*Carol Hutchinson	Present (at approx 6:15)
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Curtis Brown	Present
Matt Walker	Present
	*STNC Board Member
Committee Quorum: 4	6 Present for entire meeting, quorum met.

Additional Attendees: *Cindy Cleghorn, two callers who declined to give their names

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

Caller #1 — Appreciates the sort of projects the Beautification Committee is doing. The Neighborhood Council in Van Nuys does not have a Beautification Committee. He is frustrated with his NC that seems to only focus on funding non-profits. He also thinks that DONE is too bossy.

Co-Chair Klemm – went to the Sunland Nature Welcome Garden and took pictures. He thanks those on the committee who helped clean up the weeds in front of the Welcome to Sunland sign on Foothill and Wentworth.

Board Member Cleghorn— There is going to be a Fentanyl town hall this Saturday, January 21 from 10am to 1pm at the Auroa Banquet Hall in Tujunga.; There is also going to be a Zoom meeting/question and answer session regarding the grading permit for the Canyon Hills Housing development on January 27th at 11am.

Co-Chair Luboff — Is having trouble getting 311 to pick up the dead brush that was removed from the area in front of the Sunland Welcome sign. They closed it off saying the area was not accessible.

Marjorie Maxon— Attended the STNC Board Meeting and learned that: 1) Ricardo Flores is now CD 7's Tujunga Representative 2) We may be going to in person meetings as early as March. Board Member Cleghorn agrees and suggests the committee explore options for meeting places, vote on the one chosen and let the STNC board know. There also might be the possibility for hybrid meetings that would be both in person and on Zoom



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Caller #2 — Supports having the Zoom option, not everyone has transportation to attend the in person meetings. He also wants the committee to know that Ciclavia is having an event in the Valley on Sunday February 26th going down Sherman Way in the Valley. This Saturday the LA Metro is also having an in person meeting regarding the Valley to the Westside subway/ rail project.

Board Member Hutchinson — There is going to be a clean up the the Tujunga Mitigation Area sponsored by the County of Los Angeles this Saturday, meet at Wentworth and Cottonwood at 8am. (Comment made toward end of meeting)

3. Approve Meeting Minutes – Board Member Hutchinson requested the “banners” mentioned in Board Member Cleghorn’s comment be amended to street pole banners. Marjorie Maxon suggests that Foothill Blvd also be added. Co-chair Luboff moves to approve; Member Nordhagen seconds. No objections, abstentions or corrections. Minutes approved as amended. Caller #1 adds he prefers detailed minutes like this committee has and not just a short summary based off the agenda.
4. Update on Pinewood Mural – Member Barrientos is still looking for artists to help. The cold and rain has cut down on workdays. The primer is bubbling again at the upper part of the retaining wall. He is going to write the Pinewood Principal and LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez about this issue and his ideas on how to fix it. His plan is to continue with the mural and finish the part where the primer is holding up. Co-Chair Luboff notes that we only have insurance through March 31st. She has emailed the principal about the issues with the primer and has not heard back, which makes her doubt the school is interested in repairing the wall. Co-Chair Klemm agrees it is doubtful the school district is going to be able to repair the wall in time. Member Barrientos still wants to pursue completely finishing the mural, because the stone house is the inspiration for the whole mural.

Motion — Request funds not to exceed \$500 to purchase extra graffiti protection materials for the Pinewood Mural — Member Brown moves, Member Nordhagen Seconds, Motion passes
5. Beautification T-Shirts – no updates
6. Future Beautification Projects --
 - a. Street Pole Banners — Board Member Cleghorn - if the committee wants to pursue this, it needs to get everything done and approved by May since this is an STNC election year.
 - b. DOT Boxes — Co-Chair Luboff thinks there should be an inventory with the condition of the boxes noted. Co-Chair Klemm agrees.
7. Update on Welcome Garden – Co-Chair Klemm shares pictures of the garden, some of the wildflowers are already blooming. He would also like to have some sort of event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sunland Welcome Nature Garden, which will be in early March. Board Member Hutchinson notes this could be some sort of joint event with the Outreach Committee. The committee will have to look into whether an event form and if additional insurance is necessary.
8. Next meeting February 15th at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon