

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Special General Board Meeting
January 8, 2014
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

Total attendance: 61 (46 audience, 16 Board)

Meeting called to order by President Mark Seigel at 7:10 p.m. Board attendance: Mark Seigel, Cindy Cleghorn, Paolina Milana, Nina Royal, Michael Jones, Joe DeCenzo, Araz Parseghian, Ed Novy, Kresse Armour, Pat O'Brien, John Blue, Arsen Karamians, Krystee Clark, Tom Smoker (left at 8:15 p.m. for work), Pat Kramer, Lydia Grant (arrived 8:35 p.m.). Absent: Richard Stewart (vacation), Ani Barsegyan (excused), Al Timins (excused).

Pat O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of STNC Board

DONE rep Melvin Canas spoke about the new [City Council passed] stakeholder definition. Sgt. Herrold Egger talked about crime statistics in Sunland-Tujunga and specific sites where problems are being resolved.

Minutes of December 11, 2013 approved with one abstention.

President's Report: Mark Seigel said that Oro Vista Park work will begin after the rainy season. He also talked about the new playground at Howard Finn Park and the Community Garden.

Reports

STNC Finance Report

Motion (Cleghorn/Parseghian) to approve December Financial Report approved 12-0-1 (Blue abstained).

STNC Elections Committee Report - Cindy reported on the upcoming events and expenses approved to date for STNC Elections outreach. Remaining expenses will be for approval at the Feb. meeting. Candidate Filing ends Jan. 22.

NC Budget Advocate – Report – *Ed Novy*

NC Budget Advocate motion to endorse the Pension Reform Act of 2014 – *tabled to Feb meeting*

DWP Committee – Motion (Cleghorn/Royal) to support Ratepayer Advocate office at City Hall passed unanimous.

BONC Outreach Task Force – Motion (Novy/Royal) to nominate Krystee Clark to this task force passed unanimous.

Arts, Culture & Recreation – Motion (Novy/Cleghorn) to support multi-year lease contract for Friends of McGroarty Arts Center – *passed unanimous*.

Safety - Nina Royal announced upcoming CERT, First Aid & CPR classes.

Land Use Committee – Cindy Cleghorn announced the new Zoning Advisory Committee will begin their meetings soon and the rep for our area is Yvette Ladesma from Pacoima Beautiful; work stopped at Elmo and Foothill is a concern, four code enforcement reports have been submitted to LADBS; early notification regarding lot line adjustments in the Big Tujunga Cyn area near the baseball fields and looking for nearby neighbors to get involved; there is a lot split application on Las Lunitas.

Motion (Cleghorn/Novy): That STNC support Community Impact Statement re: 12-0899-S1. The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council strongly supports the revitalization of the City Park Ranger program. We urge the Department of Recreation and Parks, when responding to the study ordered in Council File 12-0899-51 to recommend adjustment of the RAP budget to bring the Park Ranger Division back up to it's optimal operating levels, including the POST requisite certified Rangers with authority to issue citations and arrest lawbreakers, allowing for

the full enforcement of all Municipal Codes. In addition, we strongly urge you to discontinue all chargebacks and indirect costs charged to Recreation and Parks' operational budget. We also request the restoration of the Chief Park Ranger positions and hire 8 new full-time Rangers for the new Hansen Dam Ranger Station ASAP. Motion passed unanimous.

Motion (Cleghorn/Royal): That STNC support Community Impact Statement re: CF13-0808 13-0807 - The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council strongly supports the revitalization of the City Park Ranger program. We urge the Department of Recreation and Parks, when responding to the study ordered in Council File 13-0807 to recommend adjustment of the RAP budget to bring the Park Ranger Division back up to it's optimal operating levels, including the POST requisite certified Rangers with authority to issue citations and arrest lawbreakers, allowing for the full enforcement of all Municipal Codes. In addition, we strongly urge you to discontinue all chargebacks and indirect costs charged to Recreation and Parks' operational budget. We also request the restoration of the Chief Park Ranger positions and hire 8 new full-time Rangers for the new Hansen Dam Ranger Station ASAP. Our locals Parks, natural areas and citizens have suffered immensely because of the present policy. Motion passed unanimous.

Motion: That STNC support the LA City Great Streets program for Foothill Blvd. – *John Laue* – referred to the LUC.

Motion: (Royal/Cleghorn) That STNC commit to customized Emergency Preparedness Plan with the Emergency Management Department consisting of 25-40 households. **Passed unanimous.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art Miner announced he will soon open the former Steel Pit as Crows Nest which will feature breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Candace Sorenson from the McGroarty Arts Center announced upcoming events.

Roger Klemm announced the latest updates on the garden and requests an adopt a median application be added to the next agenda.

Sheri Smith announced the 60's presentation this Saturday at Little Landers.

Jorge introduced himself and interest in joining the board.

John Blue has tickets to the American Legion and he knows a woman who is homeless.

Giselle is new Miss Tujunga.

Robin talked about construction on 210 will continue for several months.

Lydia talked about 1/15 Town Hall

Nina talked about the North Valley Reporter.

Pat announced the 1/25 dinner.

Announcements: Next Land Use Committee meeting Feb. 3; Next STNC meeting February 12
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes by Cindy Cleghorn