

STNC Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017

Attendance:

Krystee Clark	Pati Potter	Eve Sinclair
Charlie Bradley	John Candler	Amelia Anderson
Dana Stangel	Jon von Gunten	Hrant Vartzbedian
Aris Hovasapian	Julie Cuddihy	Kat Juarez (Arrived 6:47 pm)
Shooshig Avakian	Marlene Hitt	Ana Orudyan (Arrived 7:02 pm)
Pat Kramer	Mark Siegel	Rick Ramirez (Arrived 7:15 pm)

Call to Order 6:45 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Item 4: Sunland SLO Cesar Contreras update on crime:

- surge in vehicle break-ins and thefts, increase possibly related to heavy rain
- new law that people cannot reside in vehicle from 9 pm to 6 am in residential neighborhoods; creating maps to identify areas/streets that need signage
- Question: can a resident stay/live in their own car in their own driveway? Answer: no

Item 2: Event Announcements

- Amelia Anderson - Sylmar homeless connect day March 16 10-1 at El Cariso
- April 8 Mobile health units at Chapel of the Hills Church
- Dana Stangel - April 22 is Earth Day, STNC various committees are participating in various ways, save the date for April 22
 - Animal Adoption Event in Berkshire Hathaway parking lot Saturday March 18 10-2
- Dawn Jenkins, McGroarty Arts Center - Art show this week, reception Saturday night 6-9 pm
- March 18 Art Show with Glendale Art Association 4-7 pm
- LADWP Pump Station design has been altered to match aesthetics of neighborhood
- April 30 trail hike
- Susan Podhoff - Plant Sale April 29
- Monique Reneaux, ST Chamber - Wed March 15, Mixer at YMCA on Lowell
- Noel Collins - St Patrick's dinner dance at Elks Club, big band music, 6:30 to 11 pm March 17
- Rene Chavez - Principal at Apperson ES - Family Fun Day, Thursday March 16
- School has applied for \$10,000 grant
- Town Hall Meeting with Deputy City Attorney 5-6 pm on March 18
- Claude De Leon - Relay for Life in the Foothills April 1 10 am to 10 pm at Clark Magnet
- Richard Stewart - Foothills Community Toastmasters every Monday night at Stewart Residence
- Saturday night March 11 Relationship Seminar 3 pm
- Ryan Howell - Community teen dance on March 30

Item 3: Public Comment

- Dana Stangel - we have come out of an election, congratulating and thanking all twenty candidates that ran for CD7
- John Candler - Love the Neighborhood Initiative on first Saturday of every month
- Nina Royal - Encouraging community to make sure that future elected officials keep their promises regarding potential housing on K-Mart property

Item 1: President's announcements:

- Recognition of Junior Youth Council outgoing executive board - Desiree Marquez, Vincent
- Announcing new executive board, introduced committee, and introduced co-chairs Karen von Gunten and John Candler

Item 4: Public Officials

- Tony Wilkinson for Herb Wesson - encouraging community to get involved with runoff candidates
- Question about Herb Wesson's pledge to remain neutral in CD7 election and a candidate that posted Herb Wesson's endorsement
- Comment that CD7 Field Office was locked and others have been unable to reach office via phone

Item 5: Mission College Satellite Campus Presentation

- Alejandro Guzman and Aura Garcia presenting; campus opening officially on April 10, including health, nutrition, computer, music, art, citizenship classes
- Ribbon cutting event Tuesday March 28 6:30 pm

Item 6: CLAW (Citizens for LA Wildlife) barn owl boxes, project to attract barn owls to neighborhoods, barn owls can keep rodent population down, do not go after pets; each box is \$200, plan is to install one box in each STNC region, region reps to identify locations

Item 8: Metro Brighton to Roxford double track project, closest stop is in Sun Valley on Sunland, would convert existing train line to double track line so trains may run in both directions, project has support from adjacent NCs and Burbank City Council

Item 7: Safe Streets Presentation

- Upcoming Town Hall and education campaign
- Vision Zero is a city-wide program to reduce/eliminate traffic deaths in LA, three methods to address problem: education, enforcement, design
- Street Survey will increase speed limit to 40 on Foothill b/w Lowell and Sunland
- Anti-speeding campaign could slow everyone down and cause a survey update to keep speed limit at same limit
- Town Hall is a good place for comments from community
- Valley Traffic Officer will be at town hall
- Town Hall is on April 1 at 10 am at NVCH

Item 10: Minutes

Krystee moves to approve minutes, Eve seconds
15 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain

Item 11: MER

Krystee moves to approve, Charlie seconds
17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 12: Amended Budget

Shooshig moves to approve, Krystee second
Question about budget from one fiscal year for an event in next fiscal year
17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 13: Motion for public posting

Krystee moves to approve, Dana seconds
18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 14: STNC copier

No action

Item 16: Fireworks funding request

- Mark moves, Pati second
- Question if \$10,000 is too much to fund this event, noting that it nearly a quarter of STNC budget
- Event representative explained that fireworks alone cost \$18,000, and \$10,000 sponsorship includes STNC name in title and other perks
- Question: who will pay remaining \$8,000? Council District may sponsor for \$10,000
- Question on what happens with surplus funds coming out of each year's event. Answer: any surplus funds go back to Verdugo HS programs
- Comment that accounting is somewhat unclear
- Comment that there is a lack of transparency on this event's accounting, and answers being given are not providing clarity
- Suggestion to postpone funding request to next month
- Eve moves to table motion, Mark seconds

Item 17: Spring Carnival Sponsorship for \$1250

Krystee moves, Charlie second
17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 19.c.i \$900 for Barn Owl Boxes

- Krystee moves, John Candler second
- Question if lower cost options are available - yes, but initial price includes literature and additional support to CLAW
- 11 yes, 3 no, 3 abstain

Item 19.f: \$200 for Passing of the Laurels event, from STARC committee

17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 19.h.ii: \$100 for Mission College Opening

Krystee moves, Julie second

16 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain

Item 19.i.i: \$3500 for teen dance

Krystee moves, Kat second

Question on what food is going to be served, food must be purchased from venue

Pat moves to change amount to up to \$2,000, Amelia second

16 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 19.g: Land Use letters

- Cindy Cleghorn presented recommendation letters
- On Item 19.g Comment from Arnold Mooradian, owner at 7101 Foothill Blvd, attempting to add drive in carwash, planning request was submitted to CD7 when Felipe Fuentes was in office, provided presentation at January 9, 2017 LUC meeting, and feels that he did not get a fair presentation at LUC; noted that he has filed a grievance on this issue and is requesting for letter to be tabled, and requesting time to present project at a board meeting
- Question: how time sensitive is item? Answer: not time sensitive
- Council office asked LUC for feedback, Cindy Cleghorn noted that LUC letter is advisory to City
- Krystee moves to table this letter, second by Mark Siegel

- Consideration of remaining four letters
 - Krystee moves to approve all four letters together, Jon von Gunten second
 - 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 19.c.ii: CIS on exotic animal usage

14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain

Pat comments on inventory: inventory is nearly complete, date will be set to move remaining items from Chamber office to NVCH

Adjourn 10:13