**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee**

Meeting Minutes

*November 28, 2016*

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| *Present:* | Nayri Vartanian (chair), Sheila Andrews, Gerald Sherman, Gerardo Barrientos and Lydia Grant |
| *Next meeting:* | 12/19/2016, 6PM, Location: Sunland Branch Library |
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1. Discuss and vote on hot spot locations for 2/11 clean up

Scouted Locations by Gerald Sherman aka Gerry:

**-SOUTH SIDE OF FOOTHILL-** between Sherman Grove and New Home

**-FLORALITA-** Foothill northward to Fenwick

**-COMMERCE AVE DOWNTOWN-** Between Foothill and Valmont

**-TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD-** at Pinewood, all 4 corners of the intersection

**-TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD-** at Marcus

**-TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD-** just north of La Tuna Canyon on the west side by the \*2 hour parking signs

**-Different than Big Tujunga Canyon (which also needs Clean up- submitted by Nelly)**

**-**Gerardo recommended location: **Wentworth and Foothill**

After discussing the list of locations and no further hot spots were recommended the committee members who were present voted on combining hot spot locations:

**-TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD-** at Pinewood, all 4 corners of the intersection

**-TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD**- at Marcus

**This is not the final decision, as the committee felt like we still needed to do more scouting of locations before publicizing the location of the February beautification day/project**

1. **Beautiful Business of the Month**

Committee members did not have any business nominations as of yet. We came to the agreement that we would come prepared with our nomination list to our next meeting.

1. **DOT Art Box- recent vandalism incident, plan ASAP work day to apply protective top coat on remaining boxes with finished artwork**

## Due to the fact that the anti-graffiti top coat is a one-time use after the 2 materials are mixed to produce it. It is necessary for all the DOT art work to be completed before we can move forward with top coating. This puts us in a bad position because there is finished artwork that is at risk of being vandalized without the top coat.

The committee has decided to check with Gail Carlson our project leader for the DOT Art box project, and determine which artists have not finished the artwork. The artists need to be given an ultimate deadline. We cannot put off top coating any longer.

Top Coating day to be scheduled after consulting with Gail Carlson, the project chair.

1. **Public Comments**

During public comments, committee members discussed many recommendations in relation to beautification efforts and our community:

1. Murals- Public murals and voting going through our Beautification committee as it is related to beautification. It was recommended that we prepare a letter for the next neighborhood council meeting asking that the beautification committee be the clearing group and organizer for all future murals in the community. The BC has previously demonstrated the ability to follow rules and regulations as it relates to cultural affairs and the city of Los Angeles.
2. Beautification efforts held by other groups- we would like for the neighborhood council to send letters to other groups that run clean up and beautification efforts asking them to go through the Neighborhood Councils Beautification Committee and ask for collaboration. We would like to avoid a repeat in same location clean ups, and we can only move the community forward if we work and collaborate together.
3. Donation bins in community: Ask for removal of them because they are affecting the appearance of our community. One example is the red DARE donation bin located on Foothill and Quill. Homeless individual has turned the bin to the side and is living inside of it. We can publicize to community of all locations that people can take used clothing or goods to.
4. **Next meeting: Monday December 19th at Library in Sunland.**
5. **Adjourned at 8:00 pm**