

# Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

## Special General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).

1. **Call to Order, Welcome** - Lydia Grant, President, 7:01pm
  - a. Lydia encouraged people in the community to join our meetings
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Jon Von Gunten
3. **STNC President's Updates**
  - A. Notice of Board Vacancy: Region 4 Representative - South of Foothill Blvd. between Sunland Blvd. on the west & Tujunga Canyon on the east. Geographical Representatives shall represent the interests of the stakeholders within their region. Geographical Representatives shall maintain lines of communication with the various neighborhoods, businesses, and other organizations operating within their districts. Geographical Representatives shall actively outreach to stakeholder groups and individuals within their regions. One (1) Geographical Representative from each region shall attend all Outreach Committee meetings. Region boundaries shall be based upon population density, distinct neighborhoods and geographical size within the community, and distribution of diverse populations and interests. It is expected that region boundaries may need to be changed over time, and that these changes will be made by means of bylaws amendments.
  - B. STNC Land Use Committee (LUC) Vacant Seats
    - Lydia stressed the importance of being involved with the LUC, which needs members at this time.
  - C. L.A. City Budget: Last Chance to RSVP for Budget Day on Sat. June 15 @ L.A. City Hall <http://tiny.cc/BudgetDay24>
    - Lydia will be driving and can take (some) Board members
4. **STNC Vice President - Outreach**
  - June 22 Movie in the Park - Flyer & Details
    - Ross provided a status update, finalizing purchases at this time. Ross put up fliers in different locales in the area.
  - National Night is at Little Landers, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - July 4 Parade - Cheryl reached out to Armand who said we can borrow his truck and trailer and invited people to go to her house for pre-decorating the trailer. Cheryl filled out the application to make sure we have our entry slot. We set up in front of Caruso's Restaurant. Coffee and donuts will be available. Cheryl asked for people to indicate if they wanted to ride and had approximately 7 "hands" were raised. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - Cheryl said to bring your own chair for the parade trailer, start will be at 8am (July 4<sup>th</sup>). Trevor will drive the truck and someone can ride in the truck with him also.
5. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility** - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary
  - A. Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees - Date

to complete training extended until July.

- B. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance – KT Travers will not vote tonight.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st VP
Ross Herman	Present	Yes	2nd VP
Carol Hutchinson	Present (arrived 7:20pm)	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
KT Travers	Absent	Yes	Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep
Mapuana Moran	Absent	Yes	Region 2 Rep
Mike Goglia	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Peter Darakjian	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Belinda Woodruff	Present (arrived 7:14pm)	No	Region 4 Rep
Trevor Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Education Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Present	Yes	Community Interest Rep
Quorum: 15 present at roll call, (17 total) 3 absent			

**6. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City**

### **Departments (2 min per Representative including Q&A)**

- Officer Caloca, Tujunga SLO – no numbers available at this time because of transitioning systems, will provide numbers later. Officer Alvarado has been doing extra patrolling in Foothill Division. The homeless person residing behind Auto Zone is in custody at this time; there was a recent clean up and the area will be monitored.
- Officer Godoy, Sunland SLO – again, no numbers available at this time.
- Declan Floyd, Portantino’s Office – the Legislature responded to Governor’s proposal, there is still a lot to be worked out and an initial budget bill will be put forward. Jon asked about a new bill that would revamp Prop 47 and weaken some of our laws, requesting an update. Declan said the bill is a ballot measure that would reform Prop 47. There is also a packet of bills going through the legislature that addresses Prop 47 and will not go back through the voters. This Prop 47 reform measure will be on the ballot. Jon inquired about who is backing the reform measure; Declan did not know but provided some highlights about what was included in the reform measure. Lydia reminded that STNC took a position on the Coastal bill and wanted to stress the importance of our position; Declan said that our concerns have been brought forward and have been heard. Declan noted he has locations for NO DUMPING signs to go up. Lydia noted that we have a link about how to weigh in with options to the City; LACityClerk Connect.
- Ricardo Flores, CD7 - Ricardo identified events coming up and welcomed people to attend and described a trade-back program for (illegal) fireworks. Lydia, in turn, invited Ricardo to attend STNC events that are coming up.

### **7. PRESENTATION (20/10Q&A) : Oro Vista Avenue Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project - Safe Clean Water <https://tinyurl.com/4h3ndshe> Presenters:** Allison Arnold (LASAN Community Outreach Team Lead), Christine (Chris) Harris (Project outreach consultant), Olga Morales (Project outreach consultant), Naomi Diep (LASAN Safe Clean Water team), Ana Rivera (LASAN Safe Clean Water team), Wirikit Wichianchan (Bureau of Engineering), Ryan Kim (Bureau of Engineering), Rachel McPherson, (Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group) Environmental Supervisor.

- Lydia noted that this issue has been a long time in the works and has been a major community concern.
  - A powerpoint presentation describing the project details and dates for completion was presented with speakers including:
    - Allison Arnold – Ora Vista Avenue
    - Anna Rivera, Project Engineer for the Project
    - Fa Wichianchan, Project Manager, Engineering
  - Allison said that the powerpoint link would be available and that they would continue to update STNC about the progress of the project. Project personnel will be available at the Council District 7 event June 30, 2024 at Hansen Dam.
  - Lydia said that the project could have a table available at different STNC events including Movie Night and National Night Out.
  - Jon asked about how often the sediments would be cleaned out. Fa said that there would be periodic and a plan for cleaning was being developed.
  - Leny asked how deep the Infiltration Dry Well was, Fa said he believed it was about 30 feet.
  - Jorge (community member) expressed a concern about maintenance of the wells which he has experience with. Fa said that study of the earth for seepage characteristics has already been done to his knowledge; Jorge would like to have information on the seepage report; Allison asked Jorge to reach out to her and

provided her contact information (allison.arnold@lacity.org). Detailed information about well sites are to be established yet. Lydia said that some information was preliminary at this time and would develop with time.

- Maryellen (community member) noted that there is an area she knows about that floods regularly and wanted to bring it to their attention. Allison took the location information (Blanchard Canyon pipeline) and will look into it and asked Maryellen to reach out to her at her email.
- Lydia said the geological studies showed, from a report she had, the depth of the wells was 53 feet and provided some percolation data.
- Mark thanked the project personnel for their help noting that this project has been a long time coming.
- Cindy noted that the project asked about feed-back on trees and shrubs and said that STNC has a Committee that focuses on this type of information. Cindy encouraged project personnel to attend STNC events and set up a table or such to address questions from the community; Allison agreed that would be a good thing. Lydia said that the QR survey will go out in the newsletter.

8. Discussion/Action: **STNC Homelessness Liaisons**

- Per Lydia, KT is a liaison but we would like to have a second person; no one volunteered.

9. Discussion/Action: **Approve May 2024 MER**

- This is the only funding item per Carol. A motion made (Cindy / Lallah) to approve the 2024 MER made and passed.

<b>Item 9. Motion to approve May 2024 MER</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: L. Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, L Rowe, Herman, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, K Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Goglio, von Gunten, Woodruff, T Schmidt, Siegel, C Rowe, C Schmidt, Royal, Keshish					Travers, M Moran, Darakjian
17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 3 absent					

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING)** - A motion was made and seconded to approve the non-funding consent calendar. Item E was withdrawn from consent and voted separately.

- Discussion/Action: To **support** 10 year withholding of permits penalty for removing protected trees without permits and submit to CF Council File: **24-0548**
- Discussion/Action: To **support** the reappointment of Mr. Douglas Epperhart to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, for the term ending June 30, 2029. **24-1200-S7**
- Discussion/Action: To **support** adding resolution authority and funding in the Department of City Planning for staff in support of the new Zoning Code update in the City's Community Plans, and identifying resources to complete the Community Plan Update Program for implementation. **24-0600-S23**
- Discussion/Action: To **support** restoring regular authority and twelve-months funding for one Assistant General Manager at the Department of Aging. **24-0600-S20**

- E. Discussion/Action: To **support** adding resolution authority for 30 Traffic Officer II and six months funding. **24-0600-S18**
- F. Discussion/Action: To **support** adding resolution authority and funding for two Veterinary Technicians, and two Administrative Clerks, to support the Volunteer Support Program and the Licensing Unit, in the Department of Animal Services. **24-0600-S5**
- G. Discussion: Motion (Rodriguez- Padilla) relative to instructing the City Administrative Officer with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to coordinate with the Council offices to solicit proposals and report on potential partnerships with the County or non-profit organizations to build treatment facilities utilizing Proposition 1 funding. **24-0580**
- H. Discussion/Action: To submit letter to Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez requesting scheduling a community meeting on quality of life issues and include City staff if possible.
- I. Discussion/Action: Motion to support National Night Out at Little Landers Park in collaboration with other local community organizations, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024.
- J. Discussion/Action: **Approve May 2024 STNC Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and passed to *Approve the non-funding Consent Calendar for Items A,B,C,D,F,G, H,I and J (excluding Item E).*

<b>Item 10. Motion to approve the non-funding Consent Calendar for Items A,B,C,D,F,G, H,I and J (excluding Item E)</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: L. Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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16 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 3 absent					

**Item E discussion.** Susan Denning said that item E should be for 12 months instead of 6; Lydia said that the funding was for 6 months. Nina agreed that 6 months was not long enough. *A motion was made and passed to approve **support** for adding resolution authority for 30 Traffic Officer II and twelve months funding. 24-0600-S18*

<b>Item 10 E. Motion to approve support for non-funding Item E, adding resolution authority for 30 Traffic Officer II and twelve months funding. 24-0600-S18</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: L. Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 3 absent					

12. **Committee & Liaison Reports** - by committee chairs present (See last page for committee members and meeting locations):

- B. Land Use Committee - June 17, 2024 - In Person + Zoom
  - Cindy said in-person at ELKs, please join. Every other month now planned to be in-person. Lydia encouraged people to join LUC.
- C. Community Improvement & Government Affairs: June 28, 2024 (to be confirmed)
- D. Outreach Meeting June 20 + Movie in the Park June 22, 2024
  - Ross invited people that are part of local community groups that if they wanted a tent/stand for Movie Night, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, they should contact Ross. Set up will start at 6:30pm. Submissions for the monthly newsletter should be received by Friday. Ross can add a pdf at the bottom of the newsletter for new information.
- E. Beautification: June 19, 2024 - none
- F. STAT: June 25 - none
- G. STARC: June 25 - Bus Bench Proposal approved by STARC & Outreach - none
- H. Youth & Adult Education: - Lallah said that the next YEAC meeting will be Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>, via zoom, 6:30pm.
- I. Budget & Finance: June 26<sup>th</sup>. Lydia reminded to submit needs early.
- J. Executive: June 26<sup>th</sup>

13. **PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System**

- A. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- B. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- C. NC Alliances (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

14. **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Cindy noted that there is an invitation for Board members to meet-and-greet at Artist Scott Froschauer's home studio June 22<sup>nd</sup> (11am-1pm). Ross noted that this should not conflict with Movie Night which starts set-up at 6:30pm the same day.
- Lydia gave a heads up, to be discussed during next month's meeting, that the City Clerk - due to the City Council decisions and the budget - has said that City Clerk cannot staff elections in person, but only via on-line/snail mail. Neighborhood Councils can change their standing rules to say that if City does not allow in-person elections, we can hold our own in-person election process. Jon asked if the votes will be counted by Dominion voting machines. Lydia said that other council members have counted ballots with results at end of evening in previous year's elections.
- Cindy - A sub-division of a lot on Olcott will be discussed during next LUC meeting, Monday night at the ELKs. The item will go before the North Valley Area Planning Commission on Aug. 1.
- Mark said that June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> is Ham Radio Field Day from 10am Saturday to 10am Sunday. Contact Mark at [mark.seigel@gmail.com](mailto:mark.seigel@gmail.com) or 818-430-5244 if interested. It will be at the Arts Center College of Design in Pasadena. There are other locations in the City that you can find by going to [aril.org/fieldday](http://aril.org/fieldday)

17. **ADJOURN, 8:30pm**