

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Joint Board &
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll call. Lydia Grant, 6:55 pm
 - Roll Call: Present: Lydia Grant, Ross Herman, Carol Hutchinson, Karen Moran.
Absent: Lallah Rowe, Cindy Cleghorn.
2. Opening Announcements
3. Presentation/Discussion: Offer to appear before STNC to address any questions regarding DCR (Dept. of Cannabis Regulation) application for both Weedway in Tujunga and Natural Aid Pharmacy in Sunland.
 - Arnie Abramyan, owner of two cannabis dispensaries in the area, gave a presentation about his businesses and addressed questions. This is required for annual licensing to give the community an opportunity to give feed-back if there are any concerns. Arnie said that when an inspection was done for Weed Way, minor technicalities/discrepancies were found and that it was considered a small operation and doing well overall. Arnie said that illegal dispensaries have tainted products; bad operators hurt the industry and the community. Arnie commented on other cannabis dispensaries in the area and how they are operating. There is apparently room for another cannabis store to come into the community based on population but to his knowledge no one has expressed an interest.
 - Cindy asked if there were concerns about showing identification and Arnie said they check every customer per law and there are no discrepancies. There is a Standard Operating Procedure and the staff are trained in security and know what to look for. Data is saved for 90 days as required by law. Parking, per Arnie, is more of a challenge in the Tujunga location than the Sunland location. There are 5 parking places in the back (one handicapped), but people park their cars on the street for the entire day and this limits street parking. Sunland has 6 places shared with a dental office. Cindy thanked Arnie for coming to report.
 - Jon asked about licensing; Arnie said it is per population with, as he was aware, one license given for every 10,000. Jon asked if there are any regulations that forbid a license store owner from owning a growing operation (a “grow”). Arnie said there are no regulations or restrictions to his knowledge but he does not have any ‘grows’ because the area for the grow would probably be in north California and he is focusing on his local businesses and his family. Jon asked what percentage come in for medical relief? Arni said a rough guess between

recreational and medical would be 50-50 with probably 10% having diagnosed medical conditions, and perhaps 20-40% might be for sleep or depression and the rest recreational. His stores are not opened after 10pm. Lydia thanked Arnie for coming and for answering questions.

4. Discussion/Action: Approve Outstanding Minutes – approved as edited.
5. General Public Comments on any non-agenda items – none.
6. Discussion/Action status on moving storage from US Storage to Public Storage.
 - Money has been approved to change storage locations; the storage facilities will send a contract to the City who will approve it. STNC will have to move the items, which may cost money. Lydia suggested Ross call General Services in the City; Ross will reach out to them.
7. Discussion/Action regarding Region 2 and Region 4 vacancies – Lydia encouraged people to reach out to any interested party to apply for the vacancies.
8. Discussion/Action regarding October Community Engagement Town Hall – Ross has been unsuccessful in contacting Ricardo recently. The date for the Town Hall, which may be virtual, may be a week or so after the General Board meeting in November. Ross will send out a notice to STN Committee chairs once the date is set.
9. Discussion/Action: Approve October 9, 2024 General Board Meeting Agenda.
 - The Draft agenda was reviewed by Lydia with minor edits made. The General Board Agenda approved as edited.
10. Adjourned at 7:43 pm