

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Joint Board &
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Lydia Grant, President
Ross Herman, Second Vice President Outreach
Carol Hutchinson, Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn, Corresponding Secretary
Karen Moran, Recording Secretary

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

1. **Call to Order**, Lydia Grant 6:30pm
 - a. **Roll Call:** Present – Lydia Grant, Carol Hutchinson, Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Moran.
Absent – Ross Herman. Stakeholders present: Susan Denning, Nina Royal, Sherry McCoy and Armen Mardirousi.
2. **Opening Announcements**
 - a. Lydia noted with regrets the passings of two people who have been involved with STNC over many years: Marlene Hitt and Pati Potter.
3. **Discussion/Action: Review stakeholder applications for vacant board seats**
 - a. Application for Armen Mardirousi was received for the VP Community Improvement position. Armen read his statement from the application. Lydia asked what committee(s) Armen would be interested in; Armen said the Land Use Committee (LUC) would be of interest.
 - b. Application for Deborah Ramirez is applying for Education Representative. Lydia said that Deborah lives in Region 3 and can only apply for positions available in her Region which are filled. Therefore the open seat for Education Representative would be a good fit. Cindy read her statement in her absence. Carol read from the by-laws the Education representative position.
 - c. Both positions would be added to the General Board committee agenda for the board to vote.
4. Discussion **Community Issue items:** Cannabis Dispensary, Traffic accidents, Sidewalks, Haines Cyn Trail, Other.

- a. Lydia said the L.A.F.D. has decided to cancel the CERT program due to budget cuts and suggested we send a letter that this is unacceptable; Lydia is working on the letter at this time.
 - b. Lydia said Cannabis dispensaries are responsible for contacting the NC but the Bubblegum Dispensary on Foothill in Tujunga did not do so and the Dept. of Cannabis Regulation approved them anyway. In addition, they are operating near a school. The City did give them their permits, however. Lydia would like to send a letter recommending that their license be pulled the next time in consideration of these concerns. Dispensary permits are renewed each year.
 - c. Susan noted that the City is no longer repairing sidewalks and there are sidewalks in serious need of repair. She has had to walk around a buckled sidewalk and into the street to pass by the area near her. Lydia said this is what we are told the way it is for the entire city, there are no funds for sidewalk repairs available. Carol recalled a story about a person filling potholes who had his own asphalt equipment and the City went after the person to stop them.
 - d. Nina would like an item on the agenda for where the city is spending the money. Lydia said that in part the money was going towards paying off settlements for lawsuits.
 - e. Lydia asked that a motion to approve the items in the draft agenda as stated.
 - f. Cindy went over the General Board (draft) agenda for any additional items. The Executive Committee voted to add the following items to the draft agenda (for clarification):
 - i. Discussion and possible action regarding Land Use Committee recommendation to support CF21-1230-S5 Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) Draft #3 – without the options outlined in Exhibit D.
 - ii. Discussion and possible action regarding Land Use Committee recommendation to support CF24-1312 Before Certificate of Occupancy is issued, evidence required for the replacement of any protected trees removed or relocated as part of a development project [24-1312 \(CFMS\)](#)
5. Discussion/Action: **Approve Outstanding Minutes.** Minutes for November EC meeting were approved as written.
6. **General Public Comments on any non-agenda items.** None.
7. Discussion/Action **Outreach events** - McGroarty Chili Bowl Dec. 7-8
- a. Cindy said that Ross has circulated the list for people to sign up. Karen said that it appears people are not signing up and the event is very close. Karen will get an email list together for all – the Board and all Committees – to participate in this event as Cindy suggested. Public Comment: Susan said that the Committees often don't know what is going on and it would be good if they collaborated on their efforts; Cindy said its a great idea and will follow up on this concern.

8. Discussion/Action: **Approve December 11, 2024 General Board Meeting Agenda to be held on Zoom.** The entire Draft Agenda was reviewed. Motion: Carol/Karen to approve the Dec. 11, 2024 Board Meeting agenda approved unanimous.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:18pm