

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 15, 2024
Sunland Tujunga Library

Roll Call: 6:03	
KT Travers*	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present (at 6:19)
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Matt Walker	Present
Committee Quorum: 4	Quorum met at 6:03
	*STNC Board Member

Additional Attendees: STNC Board Member Ross Herman, Stakeholders Craig Durst and Marjorie Maxon

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Klemm calls meeting to order at 6:03 meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items— Co-Chair Luboff — She and Member Nordhagen attended a Fire Awareness event at the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center. The Fire Chief said that it is appropriate to call 911 if you see an illegal barbecue in the wash.
 Member Walker— Craig Durst, local historian and caretaker of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery is here.
 Craig Durst— He is going to be writing bi-weekly articles on local history in the Crescenta Valley Weekly for a while. The articles will be every other week
 Board Member Herman — everyone is invited to the Outreach Meeting via Zoom at 7:30 tonight.
 Board Member Travers— 1) Her first book of poetry is going to be published on Sept 6th, it is called *All We Have and What Remains*. 2) The Village Poets are going to have a reading at Bolton Hall on August 25th, 4:30 to 6:30.
3. Motion: Approve July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes — No corrections noted. Member Nordhagen moves to approve, Board Member Travers seconds, all vote in favor. No objections, abstentions. Minutes approved
4. Update on Big Tujunga Canyon / Possible Clean Up— Co Chair Luboff —This event will be on Sept. 14th, at 8am with CD 7 providing a dumpster. She is going to get Volunteers Cleaning Communities, Lake View Terrace volunteers and everyone else she can find to help. The Clean up will be from Mt. Gleason to the City/County line. Board Member Travers notes that STNC Board Member Leny Freeman went to see the illegal dams and he noticed they are becoming breeding spots for mosquitos. Discussion on how to make public officials and illegal campers aware of the damage

littering and illegal dam construction is causing in this ecologically sensitive area.

5. Update on Pinewood Mural — Member Walker spoke with the company the STNC purchased the graffiti coating from and they provided some cleaner for the dirt stains. The coating will need to be re applied after cleaning, taking care not to let any dirt come in contact with the coating until it dries.

Co-Chair Luboff notes that the company also gave the committee some gel that will remove the flaked graffiti coating that is on many of the existing DOT boxes. These boxes are now 10 years old and will need new graffiti coating. She notes the STNC needs to pay for this because it will cost around \$500. Board member Ross agrees to help her find funding through the Outreach Committee

6. Sunland Welcome Nature Garden — Co-Chair Klemm — the water is still turned off. The City is aware of the problem and will fix it when they find time.
7. Design of repainted DOT box at Foothill and Fenwick — Member Barrientos — he forgot to bring the hard copy of his design. He will email it to the committee. Board Member Travers — Board Member Cleghorn mentioned at the last STNC Board meeting this DOT box had been primed and was wondering what was going on. Member Travers told the board that the design was one that was already suggested when the STNC did the DOT art project 10 years ago. She was informed that now Councilwoman Rodriguez has taken responsibility for the DOT boxes and she will need to approve the new design. The committee should send the proposed design to Ricardo Flores.

Motion: Upon receipt of the email from Member Barrientos showing the proposed design for the LADOT box at Foothill and Fenwick, it will be considered approved by the Beautification Committee after a majority of the committee members signify their approval by return email. Board Member Travers moves, Member Barrientos seconds. Motion approved.

8. Suggestions for Future Beautification Projects — postponed
9. Update on Trimming of 4 Oak Trees in the Sunland Welcome Nature Garden by Golden Oak Tree Service — Board Member Herman — The STNC Board approved sending a letter to Hector Banuelos, Street Tree Superintendent at the Department of Urban Forestry, asking the City to trim the trees. STNC President Grant will follow up with other City officials if she receives no response. He will email the letter to the committee.
10. Possible coordination with NGO's and Non Profit Organizations — postponed

Next meeting: Thursday, September 19th, 2024, 6pm at the Sunland Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon