

**Special General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**  
**Living Stones Community Room (In Person)**  
**7156 Valmont Street, Tujunga 91042**

1. **Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President** - Meeting called to order 7:16pm

2. **STNC President's Updates**

- A. STNC In Person Board & Committee Meeting updates/meeting locations and update on SB411 (Portantino) regarding NC meetings on Zoom — SB411 was signed by the Governor. Next goes to L.A. City Council
- B. STNC has one Board Vacancy in Region 2
- C. STNC Land Use Committee has committee and alternate vacant seats.
- D. STNC Board approved Light Pole Banners – CD7 not present, no update.
- E. STNC Board & Committee Chair Planning Meeting held Aug. 26 - no report
- F. VANC is hosting an in person Housing Element Town Hall and all are encouraged to attend. Info/RSVP at [VANC34.org](http://VANC34.org)

3. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary**

- A. Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board - STNC has one board member needing funding training.
- B. Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance – none

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Funding Voting Eligibility</b>	<b>Board Appointment</b>
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st VP
Mapuana Moran	Absent	Absent	2nd VP
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Absent	Absent	Region 1 Rep
KT Travers	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Absent	Absent	Region 2 Rep

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	Region 2 Rep
Mike Goglio	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Peter Darakjian	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Belinda Woodruff	Absent	Absent	Region 4 Rep
Trevor Schmidt	Absent	Absent	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Ross Herman	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Education Rep
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Present	Yes	Comm Interest Rep
Quorum: 11 15 present at roll call, 5 absent			

**4. Pledge of Allegiance,** lead by L. Grant

**5. PRESENTATION / SPEAKERS / Q&A - Oro Vista Recreational Impacts on Surrounding Neighborhood - Lack of Enforcement - Public Safety Health / Diana Miner -** Diana Miner not present; will reschedule.

**6. Comments: LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments**

1. Ofcr Godoy, Sunland SLO LAPD
2. Ofcr Caloca, Tujunga SLO, LAPD
3. Chief Scott Hilton, LAFD
4. Declan Floyd (Portantino)
5. Diana Oganessian, Assistant Field Deputy for County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
6. Q&A: M Seigel, L Grant

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING) - MOTION:** The STNC Board approves the funding consent calendar: ***[Budget Committee approved 9/27/23]***

- A. Discussion/Action: Approve September 2023 MER

- B. Discussion/Action: Approve reimbursement to Karen Moran for September expenses paid when card not available: \$60.46 for Sept. Smart & Final (office) meeting refreshments
- C. Discussion/Action: Approve reimbursement to Karen Moran for Sept Domino's (office) meeting refreshments \$98.48

<b>Item 7A, B, C. Motion to approve Funding Consent Calendar items</b>					
<b>Motion: Seigel, Second: Keshish</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, K Moran, Goglio, Darakjian, von Gunten, Seigel, Herman, C Schmidt, C Rowe, Royal, Keshish 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent			Travers		M Moran, L Freeman, S McCoy, B Woodruff, T Schmidt

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING):**

- A. Motion to approve K.T. Travers as a member of the STNC Beautification Committee, recommended by the STNC Beautification Committee 9-20-23 pulled from consent and voted on after General Public Comments.
- B. Motion to Approve September 2023 STNC Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Item 8-B. Motion to approve September 2023 STNC Board Meeting Minutes</b>					
<b>Motion: Seigel, Second: Keshish</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, Travers, Goglio, Darakjian, von Gunten, Seigel, Herman, C Schmidt, C Rowe, Keshish 14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 5 absent	Royal				M Moran, L Freeman, S McCoy, B Woodruff, T Schmidt

**9. Discussion/Action:** Approve LUC support for **8041 Foothill Sunland** DIR-2023-5098-SPP Change of use from office building to Dentist office with interior remodel. Two-story building.

- Board Comment: C Cleghorn, P Darakjian

<b>Item 9. Motion to approve LUC support for 8041 Foothill Sunland DIR-2023-5098-SPP change of use from office building to Dentist office with interior remodel.</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn, Second: Keshish</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent

Grant, L Rowe, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, K Moran, Travers, Goglio, Darakjian, von Gunten, Seigel, Herman, C Schmidt, C Rowe, Royal, Keshish 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 5 absent					M Moran, L Freeman, S McCoy, B Woodruff, T Schmidt
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**10. Discussion/Action (Cleghorn/L Rowe):** Approve LUC support for **10176 Tujunga Canyon Blvd.** DIR-2023-5647-SPP and ENV-2023-5648-CE Construction of new two-story warehouse with a partial mezzanine area for office & warehouse uses. Zone M1-1. *Note: City has approved application with conditions. **Motion tabled [the city has already ]**.*

Comments: Cleghorn, C Schmidt, L Grant, M Seigel, P Darakjian, C Rowe

**11. UPCOMING Land Use Committee projects:** Brief updates on the following:

- A. 7665 Machrea – Subdivision into 7 single family dwelling lots, zoned RE3-1. Scheduled for 10/16/23 meeting – Cindy comment that people should see it; small lot for 7 units (currently 3 there now)
- B. 9604 Hillhaven - addition to two story home and relief from 20ft widening of street. - not scheduled yet.
- C. 10156-10158 Hillhaven – demolishing 4 single-family homes and replaced with new 3 story 19 unit apartment building with 21 parking spaces- not scheduled yet. KT question about ages of buildings
- D. 7557 Foothill - former Denny’s restaurant — approved for 46 apartments

Comments: C Cleghorn, L Grant, P Darakjian, L Rowe, K Travers, G Barrientos

**12. Discussion/Possible Action regarding holding STNC Board and Committee Meetings in accordance with Senate Bill 411, Zoom and/or In Person. [23 vote of the board required. Prior CFs 23-0002-S16 and 23-0002-S]**

<b>Item 12. Motion to approve that STNC and its committees be allowed to host meetings on Zoom and that this goes into effect when approved by the City Council.</b>					
<b>Motion: L Rowe / C Rowe</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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- Board Comments: P Darakjian, KT Travers, L Grant, C Schmidt, C Hutchinson
- Public comments: G Barrientos

**13. Discussion/Possible Action:** Review latest version of the proposed new Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct and consider submitting updated Community Impact Statement to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. *[Board previously submitted non support]*

**Motion made that we keep the Code of Conduct that we currently have and send a letter to BONC to include that we do not approve of adopting the L.A. Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct.**

- Board Comments: L Grant, K Travers, M Seigel, C Schmidt
- Public comments: Tony Rodriguez

<b>Item 13. Motion to approve that we keep the Code of Conduct that we currently have and send a letter to BONC to include that we do not approve of adopting the proposed new Code of Conduct.</b>					
<b>Motion: Grant, Second: Keshish</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
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**14. Discussion/Possible Action: Motion that the STNC Board will not hold a General Board Meeting on December 13, 2023.**

Board Comments: K Travers, L Grant

Public Comments: None

<b>Item 14. Approve that STNC will not hold a General Board Meeting December 13, 2023</b>					
<b>Motion: Hutchinson, Second: L Rowe</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, Travers, Goglio, Darakjian, von Gunten, Seigel, C Schmidt, C Rowe, Royal, Keshish 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible, 5 absent		Herman			M Moran, L Freeman, S McCoy, B Woodruff, T Schmidt

Board Comments: None

Public Comments: None

**15. Discussion/Possible Action:** Motion requesting DONE maintain a list of facilities suitable for NC meetings and that City departments support such pursuant to the instructions approved by the City Council under CF 02-0090 on October 29, 2002:

1. *INSTRUCT all City departments to offer meeting facilities to NCs free of charge for official City meetings.*
2. *INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to develop a listing of every meeting room in every City facility and make the list available to certified NCs.*

- Board Comments: P Darakjian, M Seigel, L Grant, C Hutchinson, J Von Gunten, K Travers

<b>Item 15 (1&amp;2). Motion to approve that the STNC and its committees be allowed to host mtgs on zoom if board choses, to go into affect when approved by the City Council</b>					
<b>Motion: Seigel, Second: L Rowe</b>					
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The following item was removed from the agenda as it was previously addressed.

3. Motion for Neighborhood Councils to support a letter to the acting GM Vanessa Serrano, cc: Jared Rivera Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement, for help in finding appropriate spaces to meet, and to immediately convene an open meeting to brainstorm ideas on addressing finding and securing facilities.

**16. Discussion/Action: Should the STNC take a position on SB423** regarding Ministerial approval process in very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones? Postponed until the next meeting.

**17. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present :**

- Monthly STNC Special General Board Meeting: 10/11 @ 7pm -- Living Stones SDA Community Room (in person \*\* location change) - 7156 Valmont Street, Tujunga 91042
- Land Use: 10/16 @ 7pm -- Elks Lodge
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs: 10/19 @ 10am -- McDonalds Tujunga
- Outreach: 10/19 @ 7pm -- Sunland Rec Center
- Youth & Adult Education: 10/19 @ 7pm @ McDonalds Tujunga – YEAC planning 2 Town Hall meetings in January (Fire Safety/evacuation routes, CERT Training) and February or March (Historical Land-use Town Hall to understand significance of different locales/buildings and provide history of community. Will work with Bolton Hall and Historical Society.) Need 2 more board members and 4 non-board members.
- Beautification: 10/19 @ 6pm @ ST Library - this is change of day/date.
- STAT: 10/24 @ 6pm @ ST Library
- STARC: 10/24 @ 7:30pm @ McGroarty Art Center
- Budget & Finance: 10/25 @ 6pm -- TBA
- Executive: 10/25 @ 6:45pm - TBA

**18. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

- Susan Armstrong, Living Stones Church. Welcome to STNC. Susan provided information about events that help the community
- Pastor John Aitkens, Living Stones Church. Welcome to STNC.
- Tony Rodriguez. We need a common sense approach to education and other citizen concerns.

- Lallah Rowe, Toastmaster awards event Oct. 28, a flyer will be out shortly
- Cindy Cleghorn, Sunday is ELKS Omellete breakfast (9-1pm). American Legion having a Halloween event.
- Dawn Jenkins: McGroarty Art Center 100th Anniversary event Saturday 1-4pm

<b>Item 8-A. Motion to approve K.T. Travers as a member of the STNC Beautification Committee</b>					
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- Board Comments: N Royal, M Seigel, M Seigel, L Grant, K Travers.

**19. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System - None**

- A. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- B. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statement
- C. NC Alliances, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities - NC Congress is 9/23 at L.A. City Hall - <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>

**20. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**21. ADJOURN 10:10 p.m.**