

SUNLAND TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
STAT MEETING of 2/28/2023

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER at 6:09 p.m. by** STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer. Quorum of four met with STAT Committee Members: chair, Pat Kramer; co-chair, Jon von Gunten; Roger Swart; George Arakel, Leny Freeman, and Barbara Rowe. Also attending was Cindy Cleghorn, STNC's Secretary. Pat welcomed attendees and explained the vision and goals of the STAT committee.
- 2) **CHAIR REPORT:** Chair report with updates from CD7, LAPD, LADOT. Update on letters sent to Ricardo Flores of CD7. Pat has received the green light to hold STAT in-person meetings at the S-T branch library when we go back to in-person meetings in April. It's ADA-compliant as required by LA City's requirements. Pat also shared that STAT committee member Glen Klatte has left the STAT Committee as he felt he had done "enough free work."
- 3) **Announcements by City Representatives:**

Ricardo Flores, CD7, was invited to our meeting tonight but did not respond or attend. Pat has been speaking to Ricardo about our October 2022 letter to CM Rodriguez, asking for \$100K funding for additional Valley Traffic Officers, but he hasn't responded yet. We did not have LAPD at this meeting but George Arakel reported on fatal accident on Tujunga Canyon Blvd. where a car went through barrier into the flood-control channel. It was covered on the TV news.
- 4) **Next Tree Care Event:** Pat announced a tentative event for May or June 2023. She is looking at a location for us to host this event. Potential locations named were: Sunland Park Rec Center; Ralph's Shopping Center; and DIY Home Center.
- 5) **Tree Adoption Campaign:** Jon & Cindy agreed to collaborate on language for signage that could credit businesses or individuals with caring for trees. Discussion to include: signs' intent and wording, material, method of attachment, or pole stuck into the ground. Jon agreed to create wording for a flyer merchants: "Are you interested in watering a nearby tree on Foothill Blvd.? Based on a rough estimate, there are approximately 126 trees along Foothill Boulevard in Sunland. It was noted that we need new, fresh and young volunteers to make the tree care work successful
- 6) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: (Leny/Swart) moved approval of the STAT Meeting Minutes for January 2023. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 7) **General Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items:**

Cindy Cleghorn announced that the City has extended the time allowed for virtual meetings until March 29, 2023. STAT is okay for a virtual meeting on 28 March.

 - Check www.stnc.org for many upcoming public events.
 - Election Day is in-person on June 3, 2023, plus earlier with by-mail voting.
 - STNC Board candidate filing is through March 20, 2023.
- 8) **Committee Member Reports:** There were no reports on billboards as Leny has not received callbacks with pricing and availability. George has not been able to get an answer from CD7 on a stop sign for Elmhurst. Roger reported that the northbound lane at about 9636 Tujunga

Canyon Blvd. has a large pothole, opposite Summit Church. He will call 311 or use MyLA311 to report it.

9) **NEW BUSINESS - LAPD Retirement Party**

LAPD and Traffic Officer Flores' Retirement Party is tomorrow, March 1, 2023, 11:00 AM, at 7870 Nollan Pl. Panorama City. George, Pat, Leny, Barbara will leave jointly from Pat's in civic shirts.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2023.

- **Minutes taken by Jon von Gunten**