

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
Safe Traffic and Transportation (STAT) Committee  
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 6:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** and welcome by STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer  
Meeting at 5:58PM.

**ROLL CALL** – Pat Kramer, Chair

Jon von Gunten, Cochair

Natalie Cruz, member

Susan Denning, member

George Arakel, member

Bill Andrews, prospect

Lionel Mares, arrived later

**2. Motion to approve minutes from Sept. 17, 2024 meeting.**

Pat recaps that meeting and our plans to keep trees healthy.

The 5 Oct tree watering. Lefthand turn land hasn't happened yet!

Jon moves to approve, Susan seconds. All approve.

**3. Chairperson's Message:** Update on last tree watering event, October 5, 2024 and efforts to water with Ralphs property mgmt. co., Our Lady of Lourdes volunteers. Set date for final tree watering event.

We watered nearly 130 trees! Many also got tilled.

**4. LAPD Traffic Stats – Recent fatality in Tujunga?**

Officer Sal Venegas says we are improving, but stats are otherwise.

Fatalities are down 100% July 21 to August 18, as had ZERO.

Many fatalities in Foothill area. Four in S-T.

5 DUI-related incidents: no fatals

10 H&R felonies

4 bicycle accidents, no fatals.

Four fatals around our area in 2023

**5. Updates from CD7, LADOT, CA High Speed Rail.**

Ricardo Flores MAY be able to set up an evening watering at NVCH. Jon, Susan prefer not evenings. Bill prefers days; cannot do Wednesdays. Pat says evenings less safe for traffic.

**6. Interactive Tree Adoption chart and postcards. How to get the word out there?**

Jon, Pat, George report very little interest from employees/managers to water the trees in front of their businesses.

Hamlet, owner of dinner club called Pat back and said he thinks DWP trimmed his trees for reasons of electrical wiring. Said he's planted over 100 trees. We plan a committee visit en masse.

Nothing new on HSR.

Ricardo offered us 5 rain barrels for our tree-watering use, which were left over from his giveaway event. These do have spigots toward the bottom for easy water access.

### **7. End of year holiday potluck party.**

Last two years we had holiday parties, but can't get \$\$ for food, as it won't be a public meeting. It will be held at Jon & Karen's house, date, TBD.

### **8. Public Comments:**

Bill Andrews: Tomorrow Joselito's doing a fundraiser for Verdugo Hills Cemetery, 11AM to 9:30 PM. Money goes to plaques, veteran grave wreaths by American Legion. Set up by Craig Durst.

Durst will also open up the gates to the cemetery for trick-or-treating.

Jon said we need to police Facebook and Nextdoor remarks, and require verification where relevant. While on vacation, Pat got disturbing and false reports of an alleged teenage traffic death on Mt. Gleason.

### **9. Committee Reports:**

George has no news from Ricardo about new stop sign.

Jon reports on SevenHills Neighborhood Watch meeting following 3-4 robberies there.

### **10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

### **11. Adjourn by 7:30 p.m.**