

**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

**Special Joint Board & Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 28, 2026, 6:30 PM**

1. **Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call** – *this meeting is to prepare for the General Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 in person at the Elks Lodge.*
 - Lydia Grant called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
 - **Present:** Lydia Grant, Cindy Cleghorn, Melissa Sagastume, Karen Moran, Barry Glover.
Absent: Carol Hutchinson and Armen Miradousi. **Member of the Community:** Sherry McCoy
2. **Public Comments** - none
3. **Committee Member Comments/Calendar & Other Updates.** Comments from Cindy, Lydia and Karen
 - Status of Board members attendance and required City trainings. Victoria Cerpa, and Barry Glover have outstanding trainings. It was noted that Jon Von Gunten has trainings that are up to date but not correctly reflected on the Empower LA website.
 - Interested candidates for Region 1, 2, 4, Education board positions. No one identified.
 - There was a discussion about future meetings – the County (Sanitation Dept and a rep for the Big Tujunga Dam/Restoration projet) will be invited. Melissa will work with them to see what their preference is. Lydia noted that the L.A. County Vector Control would also like to come and discuss the caurrent mosquito status.
4. **Discussion/Possible Action: Budget requests and STNC Budget updates.** Comments from Barry, Lydia, Cindy and Melissa.
 - Approve outstanding MERs for board to approve. A vote was taken and approved.
 - Karen will send Barry the BAC for the \$1,000 for National Night Out.
 - The Baseball League, was paid for with the STNC credit card; the logo was sent to them.
 - Money for the Elk’s Lodge meeting was already voted for (*ref January 14, 2026 Item 3: Motion to approve up to \$300 for in person meeting costs at the February 11, 2026 board meeting to cover cost of Elks room and refreshments*)
 - Melissa discussed the status of SWAG purchases which are in process at this times.
 - We have approval for the in-person February meeting at the Elks’ Lodge.
 - There will be a MER for the February meeting per Cindy.
5. **Discussion: Update regarding STNC Bylaws and Standing Rules if necessary with deadline to submit to DONE / City is April 2026.**

- Discussion included comments from Lydia, Lindy and Melissa. Right now the STARC Committee may be disbanded; Joe De Cenzo was Chair and now that he is leaving, no one has stepped up to take his position. Discontinuing the Committee will put us in violation of the current By-Laws. This could potentially impact other Committees if they were discontinued. This can be changed, with a vote, to remove Committees from the By-Laws and add to the Standing Rules - with the exception of Outreach. Lydia noted that committees don't have to meet every month. Cindy said can ask for public input with the vote taken during the March General Board meeting, and submit in April. Lydia noted that if seats are not changed, BONC approval would not be needed. Changes would be made to the Standing Rules at this time.
6. **Discussion/Possible Action: Update regarding STNC Storage** changes as to reduce size of space, move to different location or closure.
- Discussions included comments from Lydia, Melissa, Cindy and Barry. Pat Kramer would like to see her STAT committee's water equipment stored in the STNC storage area. Melissa sent an email to Jose Galdamez (Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA)) with a list of questions about the process of changing storage facility locations. Melissa is concerned about the potential for storage costs to impact future planned events (e.g. National Night Out, etc.) Melissa and Barry agreed to do a forecast for up-coming expenses to ensure that funds are available.
7. **Discussion/Possible Action: Updates from first STNC Emergency Preparedness / Public Safety meeting.**
- Discussions included comments from Lydia, Melissa and Cindy. Lydia reported on Sunday's meeting, the first meeting for the new Committee. Lydia would like to continue meetings on weekends to encourage more community participation. The City was responsible for egress routes but this was never done; egress routes are an essential focus for the committee. Potential acronyms for the committee might be (1) Preparedness Emergency Evacuation and Public Safety, PEEPS, or from Melissa in CHAT - Sunland-Tujunga Emergency & Evacuation Preparedness (STEPP). The minutes for the first meeting are in the STNC website under the General Board January meeting.
8. **Discussion/Possible Action regarding upcoming Administrative & Budget items.** Discussions included comments from Barry, Lydia, Cindy and Melissa.
- The Budget Committee now has a full roster of members and can review expenditures. Funding was discussed for future events including the General Board meeting at the Elks' Lodge (and refreshments), the Earth Day event on April 18th. Lydia reminded that we have to ensure that the money is appropriated in the right budget category.
 - Specifics of future events were discussed. Earth Day may include demonstrations, recycling, representatives from the Sanitation Dept talking about how to sort trash, a demo on downloading the 311 app, information on poisons and information on removing oak trees, potential raffle prizes, offering a walkable tour around Sunland Tujunga; the event still in the formative stage per Melissa who is brainstorming with Pat Kramer and Ricardo Flores, CD7, at this time, and will talk to Nelly Luboff also. The City's contribution needs to be understood also. Ricardo, per Melissa, was thinking of a family day theme with potentially a bounce-house. Cindy provided history where there was a

barbeque for hot dogs and hamburgers and Pina's Tacos provided \$800-900 that STNC paid for and served until it was gone – a big hit. Melissa suggested invited unincorporated areas to participate. Lydia reminded that we have to fill out event forms 2 months in advance and Cindy suggested it might be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting. If Ricardo is organizing events and we partner with him, we don't have to fill out the event form unless we provide food when permits from the vendor are required, etc. Melissa said has sent form for NNO already and the Earth Day event will spread out the events planned. Melissa asked if NNO could be at Sunland Park and Lydia noted that the event at Little Landers reached out to the apartment building tenants who are a big part of our community.

9. **Discussion/Action: Approve outstanding minutes.** A motion was made by Melissa, seconded by Cindy, a vote taken with passed.
10. **Discussion/Action: Approve February 11, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda.** Cindy put the draft minutes up for all to review. The meeting will be in person at the Elks' Lodge. With comments from Cindy, Lydia, Melissa, Barry, Sherry and Karen, the minutes were edited. Discussions included storage facility options and Board member participation on different committees. A vote was taken and the updated agenda approved.
11. Adjourn – 7:44pm