

**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Joint Board, Budget
&
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:30pm
(Virtual)**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

1. **Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call** (Lydia Grant). Called to order by Lydia Grant at 6:30 pm.
 - a. **Present:** Cindy Cleghorn, Lydia Grant, Karen Moran, Carol Hutchinson . **Absent:** Melissa Sagastume. **Also Present:** Sherry McCoy (Board member) and Karey Call, Member of the Community.
2. **Announcements.** *Note: Many of the items below were carried over to the draft Agenda for the General Board meeting for further discussion.*
 - a. Lydia commented on a few items:
 - During the recent storage unit move to a smaller unit, Lydia allowed items to be returned to the City to be stored in her personal storage unit. While the City was contacted to pick up the items, they have not done so and Lydia is not able to get a smaller unit herself, costing her money.
 - 2 speakers have been solicited for the October Board meeting – Assemblymember Nick Shultz for October meeting; Shultz and a rep from the United Firefighters Union who will talk about their ballot measure to expand and modernize the Fire Department.
 - Lydia plans to submit a letter of concern (*as an individual*) to the Grand Jury and would like to have STNC consider writing a letter of support on the issue. The issue concerns emergency preparedness and evacuation routes. California Assembly Bill 747 (AB 747) requires cities and counties to update the Safety Element of their general plans to identify and evaluate emergency evacuation routes; L.A. has not done so yet.
 - Lydia became aware of a person through Facebook who hired someone to trim her tree; the L.A. zoo came out to pick up branches to give to animals to eat. Lydia made contact with the person at the Zoo and they gave Lydia a list of the types of tree branches the animals would eat. Lydia would like to see an organized effort to support giving these branches to the zoo and would like to see if someone on the Board could be the Point of Contact to organize it.

Karen noted that local tree cutting services might cooperate, particularly if they were recognized in the Newsletter.

- A Council File was created that would make CERT Training mandatory for all Council leaders. The Fire Department works with NCs to make sure they get training so Board members can help in the event of an emergency.
- Lydia was at a meeting that discussed Zone Zero. *Zone Zero is a wildfire safety area that covers the first zero to five feet immediately surrounding a home or structure. Also known as the ember-resistant zone, these regulations were approved in August 2026 by the California Board of Forestry and Fire to help buildings survive wind-driven embers during wildfires.* Lydia said that at the meeting she discussed generating a flier with the FD Chief/Captain that would include critical information about Zone Zero requirements and actions in the event of a fire emergency for the community. The FD Captain said he could help to get information about who is CERT trained in the community.

b. Cindy comments:

- There are 2 Public Hearings coming up about projects discussed by the Land Use Committee. The first is about the 7921 Daneville Project. Cindy will send information about this September 17th meeting to Lydia who will try to attend. Cindy asked Lydia to personally visit the site for a better understanding. Karen noted info is also available in the LUC minutes. A member of the community, Karey Call, expressed an interest in the project from the perspective of someone who could be impacted. The other meeting involves Cannabis stores. Lydia reminded that NC can't take a position unless the items were discussed and voted on during a General Board meeting so they should be added to the agenda. The LUC needs more members; Karey expressed an interest in joining which was much appreciated.
- Verdugo Hills Golf Course is up for sale (again) and the interest is (again) putting in 223 homes on the property.
- The owner of the former Denny's site has an order to get rid of vehicles on the lot and this is in process.
- Lydia said that she talked to 3 men in charge of the Cravings Night Market in Tujunga (7636 Foothill Blvd) at National Night Out and afterwards; they expressed a desire to make sure that the neighbors and members of the community were not negatively impacted by their operations (Thursday through Sunday, 5-10:30pm) and asked if there was any negative feed-back to let them know. Music has now been lowered and one vendor asked to leave because the smells from the barbeque were impacting local neighbors and there was one complaint.
- Cindy said that at a recent Neighborhood Watch event, Ricardo Flores stated that he is reaching out to CDC to see about bringing in more businesses on Commerce Ave.

- The proposed Dog Park meeting was well attended; Sherry attended and said there were about 50 people (and one dog). Construction start is unknown, it may be a slow process.

3. Review Administrative items

4. Discussion/Action: Set Agenda for September 9, 2026 Board Meeting including any Community Impact Statements, Committee items.

- a. Cindy went over a draft of the next General Board meeting and added additional items, working with Carol, Lydia, Sherry. Many of the agenda items were discussed during the meeting already. A motion was made by Lydia, seconded by Carol, a vote was taken which passed with all yeses from members present.

5. Public comments. None.

6. Adjourn. 7:27PM