Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Special Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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. 6:05pm, Carol Hutchinson.
    - Present: Carol Hutchinson, Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Moran, Sherry McCoy. Absent: Lydia Grant. Present (non-Budget Board members): Melissa Sagastume (Member of the Board), Lionel Mares (MC).
2. Announcements. None.
3. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve August 2026 MER. Motion made by Karen and seconded by Sherry. Comments from Cindy, Carol. Carol showed the MER, which is after roll-over funds included. A vote was taken which passed.
4. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve updated Neighborhood Council Funding Program (NCFP.) A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Karen. Carol went over items in the NCFP. Cindy noted some changes that (*e.g*. Webcorner rates are expected to increase, etc.) NNO cannot be included in this period. Melissa asked about maintaining STNC email addresses; Melissa knows someone who could maintain it (her husband); Melissa will follow up with Webcorner. Sherry noted that storage shed expenses were not included ($303/month at this time, up from $224/month); Carol will adjust projected expenses. Sherry asked about the viability of the 4th of July Parade in 2027 and Tree watering expenses. A Motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Shery to approve the amended NCFP. A vote was taken which passed.
5. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Replace Tote bags. Order up to 500 bags with a cost up to $2,000. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Sherry. Carol noted that there would be a design available to show the Board. A vote was taken which passed.
6. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve License plate holders up to $500. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Karen. The items will cost about $2/each. A vote was taken which passed.
7. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Pet Bag Dispensers up to $500. A motion was made by Melissa and seconded by Cindy. These items are clipped on to leashes typically (from CHAT: https://www.4allpromos.com/product/bag-dispenser-pet-waste-disposal). Cindy noted that they might already be offered by the Dept of Sanitation for free; Melissa will check it out. A vote was taken which passed.

8. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve STNC Shirts up to $750. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Sherry. These are regular t-shirts, per Melissa. They will cost around $25/each. Logos are TBD; there are different logos available. A vote was taken which passed.
9. Discussion/Action: Motion to sponsor Verdugo Hills Pool - Movie Night drinks and snacks up to $300. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Sherry. The event is now postponed to December. A vote was taken which passed.
10. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Chili Bowl Festival sponsorship at McGroarty for $1000. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Cindy. A vote was taken which passed.
11. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Sunland Park Halloween Event up to $500 in October. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Sherry. A vote was taken which passed.
12. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Hanukkah in the Hills sponsorship of $500. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Cindy. Cindy noted that they need to know sooner than later in order to include STNC on their promotion material. A vote was taken which passed.
13. Public Comments on any non-agenda items.
    - From Lionel:
        - Raphe Sonenshein shared valuable insights into the history of Charter reform and provided an informative overview of city government. Lionel expressed gratitude to Sonenshein and also to Councilmember McOsker and committee members for making this possible and is optimistic and hopeful that this process will lead to meaningful, progressive change. Lionel recommended watching a video, and putting in a letter about Charter Reform. Coun. 26-1239 Council file. The Committee will solicit public testimony across L.A.

        - 3 council files with suggestion to follow up on (from CHAT):
            - https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=26-1199
            - https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=26-1238
            - https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=26-1330
14. Final Committee comments.
    - Cindy noted a meeting tomorrow night: October 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., Los Angeles City Planning is hosting a Virtual Public Hearing to gather testimony on the proposed "Missing Middle LA" draft ordinances. The "fill-in" aspect is infill housing, which aims to maximize the use of vacant or underutilized lots across Los Angeles to construct multi-unit housing (like duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes) in neighborhoods traditionally restricted to single-family homes. Cindy will post links on website.
15. Adjourn. 6:52pm