

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2021 at 7:15 PM - ZOOM meeting

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1. Call to Order 7:19 p.m. by Liliana Sanchez, President

2. Roll Call: Liliana Sanchez, Lydia Grant, Nina Royal, Sandy Capps, Cindy Cleghorn.

Also present [as appeared on Zoom list]: Arsen Karamians, Bill Skiles, Pati Potter, Natalie Babayan, Claire Gordon, Evelyn Serrano, Hunter Garrett, Jessa, Marjorie Maxon, Michelle Wadler, Judith Quinones, Wendy Otto, Carol Hutchinson, Oscar Alvarez.

3. Cindy read the protocols for the meeting. Meeting recorded for record purposes. Liliana read that disruptive behavior would be given two warnings. Sandy timekeeper.

4. Motion [Lydia/Sandy] to approve the Executive Committee meeting agenda for March 24, 2021. In an effort to keep to our time schedule Cindy presented the order and time limit for each of the items posted on tonight's agenda. Lydia/Nina amended the motion to include the recommended time limits for each item. A total of 62 minutes for tonight's meeting. Public Comments: Judith Quinones. Board comments: Liliana. Passed unanimous, roll call vote.

5. Introductions of nine candidates running for the STNC Board (name and position): Evelyn Serrano, Region 4; Claire Gordon, Region 2; Michelle Wadler, Apperson PTA Rep; Nina Royal, ST SERVS Rep; Carol Hutchinson, Region 4; Arsen Karamians, Treasurer; Liliana Sanchez, President; Lydia Grant, President; Cindy Cleghorn, Stakeholder Group Rep.

6. Brief Updates from DONE staff - None

7. Announcements from Committees: Land Use: Pati Potter has two items for the GBM. Outreach: Nina announced next meeting would cover planning for National Night Out. Community Improvement: Will schedule. Elections: Evelyn gave brief updates.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Hunter Garrett, Brenda Smith, Jessa

Liliana gave a warning to Oscar Alvarez for disrupting the meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MOTION: (Cindy/Sandy) to discuss plans for transition of the 2019 board to the 2021 board including all administrative tasks and responsibilities, timeline. Cindy requested that we confirm a date for a special meeting regarding administrative tasks. Next EC meeting is April 28 and we could do this at that time. Without objection the date is set for 4/28, public comments none, passed unanimous.
- B. MOTION: (Lydia/Sandy) to approve Executive Committee minutes for prior meetings. Approved without objection, public comments Judith Quinones, passed unanimous.
- C. MOTION: (Lydia/Nina) That Executive Committee recommends changes to the 2-10-21 board meeting minutes as revised by Marjorie Maxon. Liliana then moved to amend to also recommend this change but with the added written transcript from that meeting that Liliana submitted. Point of order by Sandy that Liliana restate her amendment and to call for a second. Liliana's amendment was then seconded by Sandy. Point of Order by Lydia that the chair should relinquish the gavel now that she has presented an amendment on this item. Liliana continued to chair this item. Cindy requested clarification of Liliana's amendment. Liliana read through it on the screen. Public Comments: Marjorie stated that Liliana's request is already in the first draft of the minutes. Judith Quinones asked for transparency in the minutes, Pati Potter stated that this has been an attack on the minutetaker that is not kind, Lydia Grant stated that minutes are a synopsis of the actions of the board. Roll call vote on the amendment: Liliana = Yes, Cindy= Yes, Sandy = Yes, Lydia = No. Nina present but muted. Lydia asked for clarification on the vote. The correction that Marjorie has is all that we're adding to the minutes.
- D. MOTION: (Lydia/Cindy) Executive Committee recommends Sandy Capps to the Regional Grievance Panel. Comments, passed unanimous, roll call vote.
- E. Discussion / Action MOTION: Approve Stakeholder Agenda Requests for boardmember or committee support; determine which items go onto the April 14, 2021 agenda or a future agenda or are referred to STNC committee or other recommendation; that the items are complete; how much time should be set on the board agenda;

speakers. **NOTE: Details of the items will not be discussed. Also see draft agenda with these items as placeholder.** **Motion:** (Cindy/Sandy) that all four items move forward onto the April 14, 2021 General Board Meeting agenda. Comments: Cindy asked about the City Attorney guidance update regarding these items and who was and when were they notified by the City Attorney. Sandy as the liaison to the City Attorney for the board said she only emailed Evelyn Serrano up til now. Comments from: Lydia Grant, Hunter Garret, Jessa, Brenda Smith, Judith Quinones, Eric Santistevan, Claire Gordon, Oscar Alvarez. Roll Call Vote: Passed unanimous,

- a. **City Attorney advice: This item is back on the agenda because the board did not take public comment at 2-10-21. Recommend placing on the GBM to take public comment; the entire item.** **Discussion/Action/MOTION:** Stakeholder request for Equity and Inclusion Resolution postponed at 2-10-21 board meeting. The following wording would be placed on the Board meeting agenda: Equity and Inclusion Resolution MOTION: Discussion/Action to review and approve the proposed Equity and Inclusion Resolution of the Neighborhood Council of Sunland-Tujunga, California acknowledging Sunland-Tujunga's racially-exclusionary past and our community's commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging.
- b. **City Attorney advice: This item is back on the agenda because the item was not on the agenda pending City Attorney advice.** **Discussion/Action/MOTION:** Stakeholder request for Sunland-Tujunga Anti Racism Measure postponed at 2-24-21 Executive Committee meeting. The following wording would be placed on the Board meeting agenda: MOTION: Approve Anti-Racism Measure - The Board will allow thorough discussion and vote on the stakeholder initiative "Sunland Tujunga Anti-Racism Measure."
- c. **New stakeholder request item.** Message from Evelyn Serrano: Board Members, Given this new wave of anti-Asian violence I request for our elected representatives to craft a public statement in support of our Asian, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders residents of Sunland-Tujunga. Your leadership on this issue is welcome and appreciated and I am sure it will be reassuring. I have included below a potential place to start. "As a community, we denounce hate, racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all its forms and are committed to using our collective voice to exemplify values of social justice in all ways we can. We stand in solidarity with our Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander neighbors, and recognize that we all have an obligation to stand up against racism, exclusion, bigotry, and xenophobia, wherever and whenever we find it." Thank you in advance for your leadership on this issue. As representatives of AAPI individuals, your action on this will help renew our community's shared values of empathy, inclusivity, and social justice.
- d. **New stakeholder request item.** From Judith Quinones: SB 678: Unaccompanied Women Experiencing Homelessness Act of 2021. Honorable Mayor and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council is writing in SUPPORT of the City's resolution regarding SB 678. Homelessness has been on the rise in our local community, and we are concerned about all demographics of our unhoused neighbors, particularly women of color who are more vulnerable to violence on the streets. Many unhoused women are survivors of domestic abuse, and many suffer from mental illness. Focusing on these women as a subgroup will allow for more targeted services to meet their needs. The economic and financial hardship caused by the Covid-19 pandemic coupled with a lack of affordable housing in Los Angeles promises to increase the number of unhoused in the year(s) ahead. The additional data provided through enactment of this bill would support local agencies and non-profit organizations in developing programs that meet the diverse needs of various unhoused demographics.

11. MOTION: The Executive Committee approves the draft agenda for the General Board meeting on April 14, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. Cindy read through the Draft #3 of the April 14, 2021 agenda and the order of the items, consent items, presentation by City Attorney Mike Feuer. Motion to remove item #9 on the Draft agenda regarding Grievance #265. Comments: Sandy Capps, Lydia Grant, Liliana Sanchez, Judith Quinones, Eric Santistevan, Jessa. Vote: Liliana = Yes, Lydia = No, Sandy = Yes, Nina = muted, Cindy = No. Tied vote. Item #9 stays on the agenda.

9:15 p.m. - Cindy Cleghorn passed the Zoom hosting to Sandy Capps and announced that she would not be able to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

The committee then moved items around, adjusted the time for items, pulled items out of consent to allow for discussion. Executive Committee comments. Public comments had a technical issue. Motion (Lydia/Liliana) to accept the draft agenda as modified. Liliana = Yes, Sandy = Yes, Lydia = Yes, Nina = muted, Cindy = absent. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



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