

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, December 10, 2014  
Meet & Greet at 6:15 p.m.  
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall  
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Board members present: Mark Seigel, Brenda Fortune, Nina Royal, Cindy Cleghorn, Jorge Martinez, Julie Cuddihy, Gail Carlson, Krystee Clark, Charlie Bradley, Jim Moore, Dana Stangel, Pat Kramer, Jon vonGunten, David Barron, Marlene Hitt. Absent: Maureen O'Byrne, John Laue, Sergio Soto, Arno Akobyan.  
Presentation: Little Landers Historical Society

1. President's Report: STNC meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.; reminded board members about the Ethics and Funding training requirement.
2. Presentation by Little Landers Historical Society, Regina Clark with Sheri Smith for Cemetery Tour read a poem by Joe DeCenzo and then presented certificates of appreciation to Karen and Jon vonGunten who wrote the scripts, did research, recruited actors and held rehearsals; Councilman Fuentes and Staff for shuttle buses, pop up tents and chairs; STNC for water, snacks, portable restrooms. Very successful event.
3. Government Officials Reports & Q&A: Councilman Fuentes spoke about the Scoping meeting for 12400 Big Tujunga Cyn and that an additional Scoping Meeting has been scheduled. He thanked the STNC and the community and looks forward to working together in 2015 and wished everyone Happy Holidays and to slow down. Wesly Hernandez reported that the Scoping meeting will be Jan. 15 and comment deadline will be Feb. 6. Mr. Fuentes and Wesly encouraged all to participate. LA Family Housing has partnered regarding homeless with the help of LAPD on Wednesdays and Fridays. Send referrals to their office. Winter shelters open Dec. 15 located at the Sylmar Armory. Wesly confirmed that Oro Vista park will not have a public restroom. Question regarding safety when using N. Valley City Hall: When anyone uses the facility for a meeting, the public can use facility. City deficit is \$170 million. In July 2013 it was \$230 million deficit. Concern about getting a new floor at N. Valley City Hall and if private funding could be used? Mr. Fuentes said yes. Mr. Fuentes would like to discuss creative ways to better utilize N. Valley City Hall. Explore if STNC can be the liaison for access to the building. Question about acquiring more park areas in S-T. State of California has money to issue grants for more park space. Question about SB1 clarifying it as an infrastructure bill. Question regarding illegal building with permits pulled for interior and exterior work taking place also illegal grading. Trying to get them stopped is a challenge. Mr. Fuentes said if its truly illegal then the law needs to be enforced. Contact 311, LADBS, Housing and his office. It has to be brought to the attention of the City. We need to grow our economy and have jobs for our young people. Suggestion to have CM Fuentes at our meetings quarterly. Ricardo Benitez introduced himself as a new member of Assemblymember Patty Lopez' team. Darren Gonzales for School Board Member Monica Ratliff spoke about a resolution on adult mis-conduct of students and to increase security at our schools that she withdrew. LA Business Resource Center for Small Business Assistance is open. N. Valley Business Source Center. Counseling, Training and Financing. Also reminder about the Pacoima Christmas Parade. Elizabeth from LAHSA spoke about plan to fund homeless programs and Homeless Count. Three nights in our area Jan. 29 for homeless count. Volunteers are needed. ST chose for the opt-in program for 100% coverage and will receive an exact summary of homeless in our area. Specialized teams will go into the Wash areas. Churches and volunteers will be involved. Info: <http://www.lahsa.org/>. Senior Lead Contreras talked about Crime increasing and they are trying to bring resources up. Strategies for 2015 will involve the community more and expand Neighborhood Watch groups. Officer Violet Potter will cover Tujunga. She's been with Foothill for 13 yrs. Looking forward to working with our active community. Officer Potter (Tujunga SLO) phone: 818-634-0754 – email: [35464@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35464@lapd.lacity.org). Issues regarding speeding traffic brought to their attention. Next Neighborhood Watch Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Notice of Board Vacancy: Secretary & Region 4. Motion (Cleghorn/Bradley) to appoint Susan Mona to fill Region 4 vacancy on the STNC Board. Susan is a nine year resident and works in the entertainment industry. Recently participated and worked with the Clean Up days. Audience question regarding outreach. Susan referred to the branding and marketing and listening to the community stakeholders. Susan is interested in the CUB committee and marketing the community. Susan looks forward to paying attention to the diverse community's needs. Motion passed unanimous by voice vote.

Newly elected Assemblywoman Patty Lopez spoke briefly. Her campaign showed the people in the community that we can make a difference and have a voice in Sacramento. She is currently setting up staff and offices. She promises to represent the communities as best possible. Looking forward to getting to know the hot button issues in the community including the High Speed Rail, Big Tujunga Cyn and Housing. Office located at: 9300 Laurel Cyn, Arleta. Sacramento Phone: 916-319-2039.

4. Approval of Minutes – Motion (Fortune/Clark) to approve passed unanimously.

5. Motion to approve November 2014 STNC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS for local events regarding High Speed Rail, Big Tujunga Cyn proposed development, Little Landers Historical Society, Square Dancing.

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION (Laue/Carlson): Request that CM Fuentes provide letter of support for Bike Path connecting to LA River via Glendale. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION (Cleghorn/Fortune): Appoint authorized representatives Mark Seigel, Maureen O'Byrne, Jon vonGunten, Krystee Clark, Cindy Cleghorn for the STNC who may submit Community Impact Statements approved by the STNC board to the City Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 9. REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

a. Animal Issues - Dana Stangel reported last meeting was about animal abuse. Next meeting will be in January.

b. Arts, Culture & Recreation - Krystee Clark

i. APPROVE ARTS, CULTURE RECREATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Community Impact Statement re: CF13-0922 and 14-0464 regarding Arts Development (ADF) Fee Program. Committee recommendation passed unanimously.

ii. APPROVE ARTS, CULTURE RECREATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Community Impact Statement re: CF14-1500 regarding management and operation of The Greek Theatre supporting an independent and transparent overview of two proposals. Committee recommendation passed 13-0-4.

iii. APPROVE ARTS, CULTURE RECREATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Allocate up to \$1,300 for Permasield Graffiti Control that will protect DOT box mini murals for up to 10 years. Committee recommendation passed 15-0-0.

Future Arts, Culture, Recreation meetings will start at 5:30 p.m. and are held prior to the monthly STNC meeting.

c. Clean Up & Beautification - Gail Carlson – Free photos with Santa at Century 21 and Holiday Boutique. New ideas at CUB working with YMCA, next clean up Jan. 17 at Oro Vista and Big T from Mt. Gleason concentrating on picking up trash. 28 submissions so far on the Utility Box art contest. Voting will be at the YMCA and N. Valley City Hall on Jan. 24. Dana Complimented Gail and CUB for involving and improving the community.

d. Outreach: Brenda Fortune - Approve Winterfest outreach expenses of \$600.00 – this item removed from the agenda. Mr. Fuentes is funding the snow this year. Complement to Wesly at CD7 for recycling bin at our meeting.

e. NC Budget Advocate Kyrstee Clark reported that they are meeting with every General Manager in the City and preparing a White Paper that will be ready in about 45 days. Performance Based Budgeting is new. Meetings are first Monday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

John Laue left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

f. LAND USE COMMITTEE – Cindy Cleghorn reminded all to attend the Scoping meeting Big Tujunga Cyn Scoping Meeting 12-11-14 and 1-15-14. The efforts to get the additional date received much community support.

Motion (Cleghorn/Kramer) to approve Day St./Pali letter as grading has begun and that a full environmental evaluation should take place. 14 lot subdivision is being pursued but the application has not yet arrived. Motion passed with one abstention. Development of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course is still underway and the architect is present. Cindy encouraged board members to attend LUC meetings. David Barron announced a Town Hall is being arranged regarding the Big T development.

g. Neighborhood Watch - Jon vonGunten wrote an article and submitted to all 4 local papers on who to call at LAPD.

h. Safety - Nina Royal

i. Chamber of Commerce - Cindy Cleghorn reported that Small Business Saturday success, new 25 member board,

j. Region Rep Reports

Pat Kramer (Region 1) is drafting another newsletter and will submit to the local papers and include CUB clean up and scoping meeting and Oro Vista Park.

David Barron (Region 3) a Town Hall meeting being arranged regarding Big Tujunga Cyn.

Jim Moore (Region 3) expressed concern over lack of police patrol in Region 3.

Announcements/Future Events – Cindy distributed the Code of Conduct that will be on the agenda in January.

10. Future Events:

\* Land Use Committee 12/15/14 & 1/5/15

\* Outreach Committee 1/6/15

\* Next STNC meeting 1/14/15

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.