



Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

North Valley Neighborhood City Hall 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mark Seigel, Charlie Bradley, Brenda Fortune, Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal; **Region Representatives:** Region 1: Pat Kramer, Jorge Martinez, Region 2: Gail Carlson, Region 3: David Barron, Jim Moore, Region 4: Maureen O'Byrne, Susan Mona; **Group Representatives:** Youth: Janet Paz; Entertainment Industry: Krystee Clark, Environmental: John Laue, Feemasons Masonic Lodge: Sergio Soto, Verdugo Hills High School: Julie Cuddihy, Animal Issues: Dana Stangel, Neighborhood Watch: Jon vonGunten, Little Landers Historical Society: Marlene Hitt, one vacancy.

Our meetings rely on input from the stakeholders of Sunland-Tujunga. All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible action, including Community Impact Statement submittal by the board. Please note the President may take items out of order. All Speaker Cards must be submitted to the secretary before the meeting begins. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Public Comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless waived or additionally restricted by the Presiding Officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at stnc.org, City Council District 7 Field Office, Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce. Internet users can sign up to receive agendas via the city's Early Notification System at http://www.lacity.org/government/subscriptions/Neighborhood_Councils/index.htm

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6:30 p.m. – **Meeting will start on time.** *Items that we are unable to complete will be held over to the June 10 meeting*

1. Call to Order – Mark Seigel, President & Introduction of STNC Board
2. Reports from LAPD, LAFD, State, CD7, BONC + Q&A (15)
3. **Discussion/Possible Action:** California High Speed Rail - *Jarrod Degonia representing LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich.* CAHSRA Board Meeting will be on June 9 (Q&A 10+5)
4. **Discussion/Possible Action:** To approve Community Impact Statement and Letter regarding CF-15-0002-S59 High Speed Rail noise, groundwater quality, seismic and tunneling impacts independent studies for proposed routes through our communities.
5. **Discussion:** Progress Report regarding Mission College interest in a satellite location in Sunland-Tujunga – *Louis Lopez, Education Rep for Assemblywoman Patty Lopez.* (Q&A 5+5)
6. President's Report
 - Board Retreat; Reminder: Committee Chairs Minutes & Agendas
7. **Discussion/Possible Action:** to fill vacant Region 2 Representative position – *Arsen Karamians* (3)
8. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Approve members of the CUB Committee: Nelly Luboff, Nairyi Vartanian and Gerald Sherman.
9. **CONSENT ITEMS:** *[the following items were requested at the Executive Committee meeting and will pass as a group of items via unanimous consent; any pulled items from this list will be discussed individually]* (3)
 - a. Approve MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - c. Motion to approve draft CIS CF- 15-0389 - Neighborhood Council time at hearings and council meetings
 - d. Motion to approve letter to LAPD Captain Eskridge regarding support of Volunteer Surveillance Team (VST) program
 - e. Approve up to \$2,000 for STNC Microphone Equipment upgrades
 - f. Approve up to \$350 for new tables for the NVCH auditorium
10. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** –*please fill event announcement form (1)*
Budget Day – June 27 • Rotary Club 4th of July Parade sign up now • Summerfest June 26-28 • July 4th Fireworks
11. **COMMITTEE, GROUP & REGION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** *from board members w/ reports*
 - a. **Land Use Committee Report: Recommendation to Approve 710 Comment Letter for official STNC comments to DEIR and support Beyond 710 Committee.**
 - b. **Budget Day at City Hall on June 27**
12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Adjourn.

Posted 6/6/15; Remove after 6/10/15



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Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 13, 2015 -- DRAFT
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Meeting called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Mark Seigel, president. 86 total in attendance: 17 board, 69 audience.

Board members present: Mark Seigel, Brenda Fortune, Nina Royal, Cindy Cleghorn, Sergio Soto, Dana Stangel, Marlene Hitt, Jim Moore, Jorge, Martinez, Julie Cuddihy, Gail Carlson, Susan Mona, Maureen O'Byrne, Jon vonGuten, Pat Kramer, David Barron. Absent: Brenda Fortune (illness), Maureen O'Byrne (work) John Laue (vacation).

LAPD Officer Potter (Tujunga) said she will continue as our SLO for at least one more month. There has been an increase in crime. The same issues: unlocked vehicles. Murder near Sherman Grove and Foothill possible domestic dispute. There was a recent bear sighting. Neighborhood Watch will include transient car presentation. Mr. Gonzales for LAUSD School Board Member Monica Ratliff will said they will be hosting show case of schools in Sun Valley on 5/18 at Stonehurst Elementary and the board voted that teachers will receive a 10% wage increase. LAFD Captain discussed annual brush clearance requirements are under way now. Rebecca Valdez, Chief of Staff for CM Felipe Fuentes introduced Laena Shakirian (laena.shakirian@lacity.org phone (818-252-3287) who will be working with Asatur at the Tujunga Field Office. 11 of the trees recently planted along Foothill Blvd. have been vandalized and will be fixed or replaced.

Presentations: Commissioner Kevin James newly appointed City Hall Film Liaison and Arturo Pina from FilmLA talked about new incentives to attract and retain filming production in the region. <http://filmla.com/> Rande Gallant, Asst. Vector Ecologist, GLACVCD- Sylmar Branch at Vector Control presented the new invasive mosquito species and basic services available from LA County Vector Control <http://www.glacvcd.org/>

Mark Seigel presented brief updates regarding board retreat to be scheduled and reminder for committee chairs to turn in their minutes from their meetings. Region 2 rep vacant position has an interested stakeholder but this position is still vacant. The STNC Microphone / Sound System needs a volunteer for set up and take down at STNC and LUC meetings. Those who volunteer now are very much appreciated. Would like someone to take on this responsibility in the future. Training will be provided.

Consent Items: The following items on the meeting agenda were approved by unanimous consent:

- a. MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)
- b. Minutes of 4-8-15
- c. Support \$1,800 additional amount for clear coating for DOT box art project for additional 13 DOT boxes. This will bring total commitment to \$3,500.00. – *Budget Category: Community Improvement*
- d. Approve \$500 for the NC Congress – *Budget Category: Outreach*
- e. Approve \$250 for the NC Budget Advocates – *Budget Category: Outreach*
- f. Approve \$750 for table covers and EZ Up printing. This will bring total commitment to \$950 – *Budget Category: Outreach*

Neighborhood Council Admin and 2016 Elections Procedures Stipulation Worksheet approved by unanimous consent.

Motion (Stangel/Royal) Approve members of the Great Streets Committee: Charlie Bradley, Krystee Clark, John Laue, Candace Laughlin, Erin Farrell, Berj Zadoian, Debby Beck, Janek Dombrowa, Marlene Hitt, Bill Skiles. Motion passed: unanimous.

Motion (Stangel/Royal) Approve comment letter, with revisions as discussed during the meeting, supporting Alternative D in the Rim of the Valley Resource Study. This is the only alternative that includes addition connecting Wildlife corridors. Comment deadline: June 30, 2015. <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley> - Email: pw_rimofthevalley@nps.gov Motion passed: unanimous.

STNC Budget Reps for 2015-16 to serve the next term. Motion (Bradley/Hitt) that Krystee Clark and Jim Moore as STNC Budget Reps. Budget Day is June 27, 2015. Motion passed: unanimous.

Tabled from April meeting: **recommendation from Arts, Culture, & Recreation committee that STNC send letter to CM Fuentes regarding CF 13-0336** neighborhood council support funding that he rescinded Motion passed: unanimous.

All Motions requiring Vote Count sheets are on file.

Land Use Committee Report: Cindy Cleghorn announced new application received for Beer/Wine license at 8005 Foothill (Jimmy Dean's). Reminder to come out to meetings for updates regarding the High Speed Rail and also participate in the CAHSRA hosted events.

Mark gave an update regarding traffic light changes at Mt. Gleason and Foothill and that he spoke with our DOT rep Brian Gallagher. Brian will be coming out to an STNC meeting when it can be scheduled. Pat Kramer left at 9 p.m.

GROUP & REGION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS included brush clearance reminder in the hillside residential areas, 8668 Foothill burned out building to get remains removal is a slow process with the City and property owner. The board voted a letter outlining this eye sore and unsafe condition in Sunland. Animal issues committee attended the Animal Services Commission and found it to be an eye-opening experience, Neighborhood Watch – three new classes of 911 and 877 operators with 15-20 new people will be working in 3-4 months. Regarding drug dealers entrenched across L.A.: a meeting held resulted in “we can't do that”. Village Poets upcoming meeting and Little Landers, Art Gallery opening, McGroarty art events announced.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS included Relay for Life, Little Landers events, Summerfest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Reporting Month: **MAY** MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

NC Name: **SUNLAND-TUJUNGA** Submitted: 6/7/2015 10:51:48

Budget Fiscal Year: **2014-2015**



FILL IN ALL THE UNSHADED (WHITE) FIELDS (Must be submitted to the Department within 10 days of Board Approval along with documentation and hard copy)

EXPENDITURES BY LINE ITEM (for more than 12 expenditures, you may continue entering on page 3 of this worksheet - see below)							
A	Date / Item / Service Description	BUDGET CATEGORY	VENDOR	INVOICE NUMBER	OUT OF STATE VENDOR	1099 Reportable	TOTAL
1	5/12/15 WEED ABATEMENT	CIP	LOWES	5/12/15			\$97.90
2	5/14/15 - REFRESHMENTS FOR MONTHLY MEETING	OUTREACH	DOUBLE DEAL PIZZA	5/13/15			\$70.00
3	5/14/15 - 4TH OF JULY FLAGS	OUTREACH	OSI UNITED	5/14/15			\$102.04
4	5/15/15 - CAKE	OUTREACH	ANGEL'S BAKERY	5/13/15			\$50.00
5	6/1/15 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	OPERATIONS	OFFICE DEPOT	5/29/15			\$100.74
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12							
SUBTOTAL: Expenditures by Line Item (May include totals on page 3, if entered)							\$420.68
B	CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR MONTHS						\$17,373.18
C	OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS						
	C 1. Outstanding Checks (checks that have been issued, but have not yet cleared the account)						\$0.00
	C 2. Rent/Lease						\$0.00
	C 3. Contractual Services						\$0.00
	C 4. Large Purchases						\$7,000.00
	C 5. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (pending or in process)						
	C 6. Temporary Staffing Services						
	C 7. Storage						\$0.00
	C 8. Other Outstanding Commitments	==>	Description:	Doggie Waste bags, EZ Up ID, Gloves, Bus Bench Adv., Summerfest booth, 4th			\$13,494.49
SUBTOTAL: Outstanding Commitments							\$20,494.49
D	Total Expenditures & Commitments						\$38,288.35
E	Total Adjustments by Department (such as use taxes assessed, credits from prior fiscal years, etc)						\$0.00
F	Approved Budget 2014-2015						\$37,000.00
G	Balance of Budget						-\$1,288.35

May 31, 2015

STNC Board
Sunland/Tujunga

Dear Sir / Madam

My Family and I moved to California and settled in Tujunga in 2004 and we are resident in Tujunga since that time.

I have been elected previously as a member board of STNC. and I served more than two years, and still I serve as member of L.U.C. for more than 5 years to be help to my community as much as I can with my knowledge and experiences.

I am a licensed General Contractor in California by profession, with knowledge of building, road, bridges, knowledge of soil Morphology, wetland, ETC. and all aspects of construction.

I have been involved and worked with land use committee and STNC board. We review land use projects in open meeting and hold discussions with prospective developers and improvement of projects. I have spoken at hearings on-behalf of the LUC. and STNC. board.

As resident of region 2 I am familiar with my community issues, concerns of my neighbors in our area, about roads, streets, traffic, public safety and any other services in our community.

I am willing to respectfully make a contact with city as a representative of STNC and keep the community informed as well as hope that we work all together to improve the quality of life for better for everyone in our town and our area. These are my goals to continue working with our neighborhood council and I look forward to joining the board again. I hope you will consider me for this vacant position.

Respectfully
Arsen Karamians

June 6, 2015 – DRAFT

Regarding: Attached Resolution (Fuentes, Martinez) introduced on May 29th 2014.

Council File: 15-0002-S59

Dear Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Council, HSR Chairman, Board Members, and stakeholders of Los Angeles,

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council would like to thank Councilman Felipe Fuentes and Councilwoman Nury Martinez for bringing the High Speed Rail issue to the attention of our Los Angeles City Council. Our community has raised major concerns over the currently proposed High Speed Rail routes from Palmdale to Burbank that threaten our water supply, environment, wildlife, businesses, homes, churches, ecological resources, schools, recreational opportunities, equestrian zoning, murals, cultural hubs and overall quality of life for the District 7 communities and the City of Los Angeles. We have hosted community meetings with over 2000 in attendance to discuss this important issue.

The High Speed Rail project will have no benefit to the City of Los Angeles as currently proposed. The closest HSR station will be Burbank, or Palmdale. Neither is convenient to the Foothills, which will be desecrated by the currently proposed High Speed Rail construction.

Instead, we will suffer the burdens of destructive tunneling, communities divided and the desecration of our Angeles National Forest, which has recently been awarded the designation of National Monument. Our wildlife corridors are in jeopardy and are famously traveled by mountain lions and bobcats.

There is also a dire threat to the endangered wildlife in the Tujunga Wash.

Many of the proposed routes will bore deeply underground resulting in millions of tons of dirt to be hauled away through the San Gabriel National Monument using trucks and conveyor belts that will create a toxic atmosphere for our District 7 communities. One proposed route is threatening to divide a community in half with noise reducing walls. The High Speed Rail is jeopardizing one of the last equestrian neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Our entire city will suffer from the loss of water, traffic, dirt, noise and vibration for decades to come. There must be a better option.

The current routes proposed by High Speed Rail Authority run directly through our protected community and are not what California stakeholders voted for when the bond measure passed in 2008. Routes were to be located on "transportation corridors, utility easements, or where feasible". The current proposed routes are not feasible. The current routes run through wildlife corridors, will divide communities with 20 foot high "Death Walls", threaten our water supply, run

over dangerous seismic fault lines and will destroy our Angeles National Forest. None of the currently proposed Palmdale to Burbank options is acceptable.

We are recommending that the High Speed Rail Authority reconsider all of the Palmdale to Burbank routes before entering into the costly EIR process. This is not what the California stakeholders voted for in 2008 and the project has become dramatically cost prohibitive.

We are confident there is a way to solve this problem before more money is wasted and communities and forests are destroyed forever.

View HSR Community meetings from District 7: <https://vimeo.com/channels/safehsrinfo>

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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COUNCIL FILE 15-0389

Our Neighborhood Council strongly supports the motion for representatives of Neighborhood Councils, the Budget Advocates and Neighborhood Council Alliances to have ample time to address the City Council; it's committees, City commissions and boards.

One or two minutes do not give a sufficient amount of time to present and substantiate an official view. More time will help guarantee that Neighborhood Councils are included in the decision making process at an early level. It is imperative that NC's have a seat at the table during Commission meetings and board meetings to help clarify their views before items reach the City Council level. A minimum of five minutes seems like an appropriate amount of time to be guaranteed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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CF 15-0389

RULES ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MOTION

In 1999, the City Charter established the Neighborhood Council System, to connect government with the community and "to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs ..." (Charter Section 900). In recent years however, Neighborhood Councils have increasingly expressed dissatisfaction with how they are included in policy discussions and often feel left out of the decision making process entirely.

Community participation in City Council meetings in the form of public testimony is an important tool for constituents to voice their opinions regarding a wide variety of issues. For some members of the public, this is the best opportunity they have to speak directly to their Council member. Individuals are typically allowed one or two minute increments to give testimony, these time limits also apply to representatives from the City's Neighborhood Council system,

As stated in the Council Rules, "The Presiding Officer may exercise discretion in determining the duration of speakers' comments based upon factors such as the length of the agenda or substance of the agenda items, the number of public comment speaker cards submitted, the need for the Council to conclude its business as expeditiously as is practicable, and whether the Council is in danger of losing a quorum."

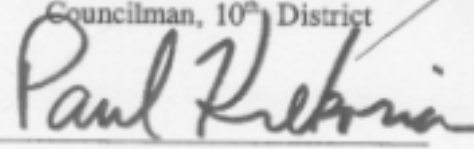
Nonetheless, Neighborhood Council representatives have expressed a need for more time when addressing the Council to fully explain their thoughts, ideas and opinions regarding decisions to be made on projects that directly affect their communities

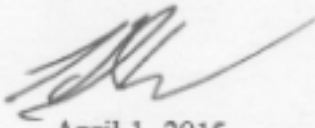
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and in consultation with interested Neighborhood Councils, be requested to report with options, including possible amendment to the Council Rules, allowing for official representatives of Neighborhood Councils or Neighborhood Council Alliances to address the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and boards with sufficient time to present the official view of their Neighborhood Council Boards or Alliances.

PRESENTED BY


HERB J. WESSON, Jr.
Councilman, 10th District

SECONDED BY





April 1, 2015

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