

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 9, 2014 7:00 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall - 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042
74 total attendance 59 audience and 15 board members

7:16 PM - Meeting called to order by president Mark Seigel with Pledge of Allegiance led by Charlie Bradley. Board members present: Mark Seigel, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Nina Royal, Pat Kramer, Jorge Martinez, Gail Carlson, Jim Moore, David Barron, Maureen O'Byrne, Sergio Soto, Dana Stangel, Krystee Clark, Cindy Cleghorn, Marlene Hitt. Absent: Sandra Baugus (illness), Arno Akobyan, Brenda Fortune (excused), Julie Cuddihy (illness), John Laue (vacation).

Mark reminded the board of the requirement to complete Ethics & Finance training. Introduction and Reports from Elected Officials and/or their staff Marco from Assy Bocanegra talked about letters of support for AB1839 regarding Film and Tax credits. D. Gonzalez from LAUSD Board member Ratliff said that they passed their budget with no cuts and that they are rebuilding programs that were cut during the recession. Wesly from CM Fuentes talked about Oro Vista Park and that bids accepted with decision expected in August. OV Park will be a low maintenance park. There will be a community garden clean up at Howard Finn Park with TDS volunteers on 7/10. Tools will be provided. Expect to see several street repairs over the next few weeks. Bulky item pick ups are every Tuesday. Call 818-352-3287 to report problem sites. Senior Lead Officer Contreras talked about the 60% drop in crime in the Foothill area that is due to the crime mapping capability LAPD has. They are continuing to address the homeless problems as best they can and ask the community to be patient. Two tons of garbage was removed some of which is very hazardous making the clean up effort a success. Two burglaries on Grenoble.

Minutes for June 11, 2014 approved as presented.

Motion to approve June 2014 STNC Financial Report - unanimous

PRESENTATION: Public Works Commissioner Monica Rodriguez talked about the services of the Public Works Commission and answered questions from the board and audience. View the presentation at: <http://vimeo.com/101030215> - Commissioner Rodriguez said that the commission oversees contracts for fundamental services that the City provides to improve service delivery. Current asphalt equipment is antiquated and they are working on a \$15 million improvement.

PRESENTATION: LA Animal Services RACO Program update and application process presented by Paul Darrigo.

Board Member Reports

Safety: Nina announced ongoing CERT classes, National Night Out Aug. 5 at Little Landers Park. She also talked about the Emergency Supply Bins on display at the meeting, a Community drill is planned for October to coincide with the Great American Shake-Out and will team with LAPD and LAFD.

Arts, Culture & Recreation - Krystee Clark said Joe DeCenzo nominated as LA Poet Laureate, Bench Ads for STNC. Little Landers needs water for dying plants and trees that the City has let go.

Outreach - 4th of July – Cindy reported that well attended and great board member participation. Thank you all NC Budget Representative report: Krystee Clark announced Budget Day will be Aug. 16 at City Hall.

Motion to appoint STNC Budget Representatives for FY July 2014-June 2015. Motion to appoint Krystee Clark and Charlie Bradley as STNC Budget Representatives for 2014-15. Motion passed 15-0-0.

Gateway Branding Initiative - Cindy Cleghorn distributed the new stickers with the new logo and announced expanded presentation at August 13 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following gave brief public comments: Roger Klemm, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Susan Stewart, Dana Stangel, Regina Clark, John Blue, Michelle, Nina Menart, Brian Cotton, Richard Stewart, Nina Royal, Charlie Bradley, Lydia Grant.

Reaffirm STNC Committees and their members - The STNC board will continue to reaffirm existing committees until all are completed.

DISCUSSION/ACTION to create Public Safety Committee (ad hoc) - Motion (Cleghorn/Bradley) that Public Safety committee be formed to address problems and give solutions, explore formalized ad hoc committee. Motion passed 15-0-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION organize Beautify & Cleanup our Community Committee - Gail Carlson presented her proposal for a Beautify & Clean Up committee. Recommendation passed 15-0-0.

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION explore motion that Energy & Environment Committee ask City Attorney to require DWP management transparency and hold public hearings - David Barron requested to postpone this item.

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION to designate Mark Seigel to pick up 2014 STNC Election materials from the City Clerk. Motion passed 14-0-0

12. Land Use Committee

i. Public Hearing notices announced for Sister Else appeal

ii. New Planning Applications announced.

iii. Vote to support LUC recommendation regarding Verizon Cell Tower application passed unanimous

v. Vote to support CM Fuentes motion regarding ground mounted solar installations. Motion passed unanimous.

13. Future Events:

a. Land Use Committee - July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

b. Neighborhood Watch - July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

c. Watermelon Festival at Santa Anita Park July 19-20

d. National Night Out - August 5, 2014

e. Outreach Committee - TBA

f. Next STNC meeting August 13, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.