



Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - 6:30 PM

Elks Lodge

10137 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga, CA 91042

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2) Krystee Clark, President Announcements
 - Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper
 - Code of Conduct, Ethics & Funding Training for STNC Board
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction (10)
3. Event Announcements - 1 minute per speaker (10)
4. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements (10)
 - Principals of local public schools introduce themselves.
 - Questions/Comments from the Public (3)
 - Presentation from Desiree P. Rabinov, Treasurer of the Crescenta Valley Council about participation in local 501 Gold Line Transportation survey. (5)
5. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve Minutes of the August 5, 2016 Meeting (5)
6. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Review and approve August 2016 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) (5)
7. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to hold STNC general monthly meetings and Land Use Committee meetings at Sunland Park auditorium, starting with October meeting.
 - Facility is available evenings until 9 pm, and does not require STNC to pay rent
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to send monthly STNC demand letter for reimbursement from CD7 to City Council President and to CD7 administrator as appointed by City Council
9. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to send monthly STNC demand letter for STNC to move meetings back to North Valley City Hall to City Council President and to CD7 administrator as appointed by City Council
10. DISCUSSION: STNC request for DONE to host a board retreat
11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: LANCC motion regarding safer streets
12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: LANCC motion in reference to Council File 16-0047 on homelessness
13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: LANCC motion regarding illegal dumping
14. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to create ah-hoc women's committee:
 - The committee will consist of 5 members with a quorum of 3 hold a meeting. The purpose of the committee will be to lead, develop and advocate for women and women's issues. The committee will work on empowering women in business and technology to achieve unimagined possibilities. The committee will fulfill this purpose through research, advocacy, community based services, and programs. The committee will provide connections, resources, opportunities, supportive environment, guidance, and career training. The committee will invite a group of doctors once a year to provide free medical services to community members in need. The committee will start meetings immediately and meetings will be held in accordance with Brown Act, held at a meeting location that is ADA compliant and in accordance with DONE/LA requirements.
15. Board and Committee Reports including Discussion/Possible Action: (30)
 - a. Region & Group Representatives
 - b. Animal Issues: Next meeting will be September 20th from 7-9pm. The topic will be local herps.
 - c. Arts, Recreation and Culture: "Only The Oaks Remain" story of Tuna Canyon Detention Station travelling exhibit debuts at San Fernando Japanese Community Center. <http://www.tunacanyon.org/>
 - d. Beautification
 - i. Clean Streets Challenge Community Clean Up – October 8, 9-11 AM, on Foothill between Scoville and Sherman Grove
 - e. Budget:
 - i. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to change STNC telephone service provider
 - ii. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion for Budget Committee to renegotiate rent for office space at Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Land Use



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- i. Next meeting will be Monday, 9/19/2016, 7 pm – Presentation by the applicant's representative regarding a proposed drive-thru car wash at Apperson & Foothill. The LUC has requested an extension of time for comments regarding the Redmont Pumping Station. The LUC is projecting that the STNC board will approve a comment letter at the 10/12/2016 STNC Board meeting.
 - g. Outreach
 - h. Safety
 - i. Youth Advisory Committee
 - i. DISCUSSION: Food Drive on September 24, 2016 at Vons.
 - j. Storage inventory committee
 - i. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to rent 8'x20' shipping container for \$129/month to be parked for free at Foursquare church gated parking lot (already approved by church council) including 24 hour access for our emergency supply bins and the ability to return items after late events.
 - ii. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to cancel storage spaces currently used by STNC (10 day notice from end of month) and move contents to shipping container and/or request that DONE salvage items that are no longer needed.
 - k. Transportation committee
 - i. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to change the name of the committee to “Safe Streets Committee”
 - ii. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to submit scavenger hunt event to be held on November 5, 2016 sponsored by the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council in partnership with Neighborhood Watch, CD7 Open Letter group, Foursquare's Love the Neighborhood Initiative, and the STNC Transportation Committee to the Clean Street grant challenge – (STNC can submit multiple entries for grant, and awards go back into NC budget)
 - l. Report from Budget Advocates meeting
 - m. Little Landers Representative Report
16. Closing Comments by President, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment. (1)

Adjourn 9:00 p.m.

Posted 9/9/16; Remove after 9/14/16

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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS – For information on the STNC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the STNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available on the STNC.org website or at EmpowerLA.org.

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STNC General Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2016
Elk's Lodge

Call to Order 6:48

Board Members Present:

Krystee Clark	John Candler	Eve Sinclair
Charlie Bradley	Edwin Miranian	Amelia Anderson (arrived 6:59)
Dana Stengel	Jon von Gunten	David Barron (arrived 7:03)
Aris Hovasapian	Julie Cuddihy	Richard Stewart (arrived 7:20)
Shooshig Avakian (departed 7:49)	Marlene Hitt	
Gail Carlson	Rick Ramirez	
Pati Potter	Mark Siegel	

Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2: Public Comment

- Gail Carlson - wants to ask the board to speak with common decency and respect to each other and observe respect to each other; quoting Dana Stangel that we are all equal here
- Michael Guerra - Proposal for East Valley NCs to buy some meals for police department, between shifts to include both shifts - spoke to Captain Eskridge, asking for \$2,500, two NCs already have signed up
- Ed Novy - Announcements for NC Sustainability Alliance; Clean Streets Challenge workshops in Pacoima 8/25/16; 8/19/16 Net Zero Conference in Downey; NC Congress in September
- Michael Carpenter - Joselito's fund raiser 8/11/16 for Spirit of Johnny Carpenter award
- Julie Cuddihy - Watermelon festival 8/13 10 to 10 and 8/14 noon to 10
- Arlen Tehlirian - new manager of Sunland Tujunga Branch Library
- Dawn Jenkins - McGroarty Arts Center: Latin Jazz Concert 8/19; Open House; Summer Cookout
- Rick Ramirez - Recent gun laws passed by California, petition to veto bills passed by Governor
- Juan Salas - CD7 candidate - NC for six years at Panorama City and Pacoima
- Brian Cotton - requesting for anyone that has storage space and assistance with transportation

Item 5: Minutes

Changes suggested by Cindy Cleghorn, Gail Carlson, Pati Potter, Mark Seigel

Moved to approve by Krystee Clark, second by John Candler, passed by voice vote with changes

Item 6: MER

Shooshig says have to approve budget before approving MER

Item 10: Budget

Motion by Krystee Clark to approve, second by Dana Stangel

- Question from Gail about Beautification budget, if budget may be amended at a later date – yes, by board vote
- Shooshig detailed the items comprising \$13,410 amount of carryover debt from 2015-16

- Have submitted request to CD7 about reimbursement
- Charlie noted that documents are posted online
- Question from Sonia Tatoulian - was \$13,410 already taken out of \$37,000 budget?
 - Answer - no, but part of debt was already paid
- Gail Carlson - On October 5 there was a vote to relocate meetings to Elks from NVCH and a letter from CD7 to reimburse STNC for moving expenses, asks President and Executive Committee to pursue CD7 reimbursement
- Krystee Clark read a passage from CD7 letter from October 2015; STNC is demanding reimbursement
- Question from public - what is amount of total moving costs? Answer: \$13,440
- Question from Sonia - has Felipe Fuentes submitted reimbursement amount for a vote? Clarification that any amount over \$2,000 would need City Council vote

Budget passed 14 yes, 1 abstain, 4 absent, 2 ineligible

Item 7: DISCUSSION/ACTION: Required language for motion affirming that STNC is joining NC Sustainability alliance: "We the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council formally agree to be a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action."

- Ed Novy addressing meeting - discussing purpose of NC Sustainability Alliance and NC involvement, promote sustainability citywide
- Krystee moves item, second by Charlie
- Question about what is sustainability alliance
- Gail Carlson - Beautification Committee will have speaker from Tree People to discuss sustainability
- Ed Novy spoke about sustainability in Los Angeles
- David Barron spoke in opposition to Sustainability Alliance
- Jon von Gunten asked about financial impact
- Ed Novy: Sustainability Alliance is not asking for any funding, is already funded by sponsors, addressed comments by David Barron
- Jon von Gunten asked if analysis has been done about payback of Sustainability Alliance

15 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions

Item 6: MER

Krystee moved to approve MER, David Barron seconds

17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained

Item 8: Dog Waste Bags

Krystee moved to approve up to \$100, Mark seconds

Mark asked if bags are correct size, Gail Carlson provided history and confirmed correct size

Krystee's amended motion: The STNC approves up to \$100 for the purchase of dog waste bags to refill the dog waste stations as promised by our Council.

Passes with 15 yes, 2 ineligible

Item 11: DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Cash Request approved in July 2016 meeting and submitted to DONE for amount of \$13,410.41

- DONE will allow STNC to amend cash request to a lower amount
- Shooshig requests to amend cash request to \$10,217.72, includes Frontier \$82, Web Corner \$600, Pyro Spectaculars \$7112, Chamber \$600, Summerfest \$1250, Storage \$573
- Mark asked question about Web Corner invoice
- Shooshig made motion to amend cash request to \$10,217.72, second by Mark Siegel
- Question from Aris if money comes out of \$37K Budget – Yes

Passes with 15 yes, 2 ineligible

Item 4: Comments from public offices

- Patty Lopez office - bill pending to add two members to film commission; performing outreach to community currently via survey; animal cruelty and domestic violence forum 9/16 5-7 pm at Sunland Foursquare Church; Patty Lopez will be at Watermelon Festival
- Kathleen Quinn - DONE representative - best to contact over email; can be reached at 818-374-9898 or kathleen.quinn@lacity.org; has been checking in with Mike Fong who is assigned to negotiate with CD7

regarding STNC reimbursement from CD7; working on tools on parliamentary procedure; Attending VANC tomorrow

- Monica Ratliff's office - Board member interested in appointing members to LAUSD commissions or task forces; school starts August 16; LAUSD increased graduation rate to 75%; board member attended national night out
- Question from David Barron if there has been any litigation from iPad project
- Question from Vicky Cerpa if anyone can volunteer for LAUSD commissions - open to anyone

Item 9 - Equine safety letter – STNC support letter for Patty Lopez to add equine safety language to DMV materials
Krystee moves to approve letter, Pati Potter second

Voice vote, 16 yes, 5 absent

Item 13 - Outreach survey

Motion by Dana, second by Charlie

Voice vote, 16 yes, 5 absent

Item 13: Committee Reports

- Animal Issues - CIS on Coyote Management - shooting coyotes has resulted in increase of coyote population
 - Motion to approve from Dana, second from John Candler
 - Voice vote 16 yes, 5 absent
- Budget Committee
 - RingCentral discussion regarding options available
 - Charlie asking for recommendation that includes how the service is set up before the motion is presented to the board
- Land Use Committee
 - Motion to amend letter to correct name spelling and typo on second line from
 - Krystee moves to approve, second by Patti
 - 16 yes, 5 absent
- Outreach
 - STNC will be at Watermelon Festival with a table
 - Disaster Preparedness Fair - Committee recommending that STNC not participate/sponsor
- Youth Advisory
 - Next meeting 8/22/16 6 pm
- Budget Advocates Meeting Report
 - Rick Ramirez was elected with two others to represent region to the city budget process
- Storage Inventory Committee meeting
 - Eve Sinclair gave report - started to sort paperwork in storage
 - Disaster relief items are in storage but are not accessible 24/7
 - Can consolidate to a smaller space
 - Discussed renting a shipping container for storage
- Transportation Committee
 - First meeting August 27 noon at STNC office

Item 14: Reaffirm standing committee chairs

Motion by Krystee to reaffirm committee chairs for standing committee, second by Eve

16 yes, 5 absent

Item 15: Reaffirm ad-hoc committee chairs

Motion by Krystee to reaffirm ad-hoc committee chairs, second by Charlie

16 yes, 5 absent

Public Comment

- Patti Potter report on region 4 - new organic chicken restaurant next to burrito factory, thrift store moving during remodeling and moving back after remodeling
- Nina Royal - National Night Out was a huge success, would like to add Charlie and Mark to Safety Committee; will be doing total community disaster drill; would like to have committee meetings same night as Land Use Committee
- Terrence Gomes - president of LANCC - thanking Dana for speaking at LANCC meeting; three motions to NCs - asking CA to call state of emergency for homelessness, speed surveys,
- Lydia Grant - has resigned as NC Commissioner, is available as a resource for board during transition
- David Barron - City and state legislators have not identified cause of homelessness
- Amelia Anderson - WOWJAM was successful as a result of church participation
- Marlene Hitt - Saturday 9/10 10 AM event
- Dana Stangel - Thanking people and organizations that supported Summerfest
- Jon Von Gunten - Neighborhood Watch - drug houses in area are beginning to get fortified, will suggest motion for STNC to purchase diamond blade saw for police to use for approximately \$1200
- Nina Royal - North Valley Reporter is online
- Mark Siegel - Krystee ran good meeting, Kathleen Quinn is one of best field reps for DONE
- Karo Torossian - CD7 candidate – family playtime meet and greet at little sunshine playground 8/26 6-8 pm
- John Candler - Love the Neighborhood cleanup first Saturday every month, expanding to other community needs
- Krystee Clark - Spirit of Johnny Carpenter Award nominations are out, July Cuddihy and John Candler are nominated

Meeting adjourned 8:51 pm

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Reporting Month:	AUGUST	MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT
NC Name:	Sunland-Tujunga	Submitted: 9/8/2016 19:44:11
Budget Fiscal Year:	2016-2017	



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	VENDOR	INVOICE NUMBER	APPROVAL CODE	DATE / DESCRIPTION	BUDGET CATEGORY	OUT OF STATE VENDOR	1099 Reportable	TOTAL
1	US Storage	64642		8/22/16 - US Storage / Storage	OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$672.08
2	Dog Waste Depot	116446		8/31/16 - Doggie Waste Bags for Dispensers	OUTREACH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$85.02
3						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SUBTOTAL: Expenditures by Line Item (May include totals on page 3, if entered)								\$757.10
B	CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR MONTHS (CURRENT FISCAL YR)							\$7,327.31
C	OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS (OBLIGATIONS)							
1	Webcorner	13368		Website Maintenance - May		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00
2	Webcorner	13498		Website Maintenance - June		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00
3	Webcorner	13655		Website Maintenance - July		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00
4	Webcorner	13787		Website Maintenance - August		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00
5	Pyro Spectacular	53769A		Fireworks at July 4th event		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7,112.00
6	ST Chamber of Commerce	67		Rent for office space - July		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$600.00
7	ST Chamber of Commerce	68		Rent for office space - August		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$600.00
8	Summerfest (NPG)	2016-001		Sponsorship of Summerfest		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,250.00
9	Frontier	Aug-Sept		Service bill		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$174.40
10						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SUBTOTAL: Outstanding Commitments (Includes total on page 3)								\$10,336.40
D	Total Expenditures & Commitments							\$18,420.81
E	Total Adjustments (such as use taxes assessed, prior fiscal years items, etc) (use '-' for credits, '+' for deductions)							\$0.00
F	Approved Budget 2016-2017							\$37,000.00
G	Balance of Budget 2016-2017							\$18,579.19

Reporting Month:	AUGUST
NC Name:	Sunland-Tujunga

MONTHLY CASH RECONCILIATION				
Beginning Balance (A)	Funds Deposited (B)	Total Available (C) = (A+B)	Cash Spent this Month (D)	Remaining Balance (E) = C - D
\$1,922.69	\$0.00	\$1,922.69	\$757.10	\$1,165.59

MONTHLY CASH FLOW ANALYSIS						
Category Identifier	Budget Category	Adopted Budget (A)	Total Spent this Month (B)	FY 2015-16 Expenses Cleared in FY 2016-17 (C)	Total Spent in Prior Months (D)	Unspent Budget Balance (E) = A - B - D
100	Operations	\$27,536.00	\$672.08	\$0.00	\$4,471.85	\$22,392.07
200	Outreach	\$5,414.00	\$85.02	\$0.00		\$5,328.98
300	Community Improvement	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,800.00
400	NPG	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,250.00
500	Elections	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,855.46	(\$2,855.46)
	TOTAL	\$37,000.00	\$757.10	\$0.00	\$7,327.31	\$28,915.59

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DECLARATION			
We, the Treasurer and Signer of the above indicated Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and will furnish additional documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment upon request.			
Treasurer Signature		Signer's Signature	
Print Name	Shooshig Susan Avakian	Print Name	Krystee Clark
Date		Date	
NC Additional Comments			

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September 15, 2016

Herb Wesson
Los Angeles City Council President
200 North Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Rebecca Valdes
Chief of Staff for Council District 7
200 North Spring Street, Room 455
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson & Interim Council District 7 Representative:

This letter requests that the City's debt be paid and is submitted to the Council President by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, as former-Councilmember Felipe Fuentes has abruptly resigned from his position.

Last October, Councilmember Fuentes promised the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council that the City would reimburse them for moving expenses and office rentals incurred in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, as they were unexpectedly forced to vacate the North Valley City Hall. This agreement was memorialized in writing by Councilmember Fuentes:

"I am eager to assist in offsetting any costs borne by moving the space staffed by Ed Rock, costs to change marketing material or office rental for the remainder of this fiscal year." (See Oct. 15, 2015 Letter from Councilmember Fuentes at page 2, attached hereto as **Attachment 1**)

The moving expenses totaled \$13,440.40 (See Spreadsheet attached hereto as **Attachment 2**). Inexplicably, the reimbursement of these expenses has yet to be paid.

The failure of the City to pay this debt owed to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council—for almost an entire year—has caused many bills to be left unpaid and late fees incurred. This has caused a great hardship for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and has hampered their ability to ensure constant service to the community.

We urge immediate attention be brought to this matter and that the City promptly pay its outstanding debt of \$13,440.40 to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council.

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

**The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
President, Krystee Clark**



FELIPE FUENTES

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October 15, 2015

President and Board Members
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
7747 Foothill Boulevard
Tujunga, CA 91042

Dear President and Board Members,

Connecting the City of Los Angeles with its residents is critical work. Thank you for being the link for our community. It is my hope you will include this communication in your discussion today so we may continue to work together to better our community and beloved City.

When it comes to issues facing our foothill communities, as well as the entire City of Los Angeles, the impact of homelessness is at the top. Recent studies, media attention *and* residential complaints have caused additional policy and budgetary attention by our County and City governments to this very important quality of life issue. New policy committees, budgetary commitments and partnerships with non-governmental service providers have been borne in the hopes of stemming and curing this unprecedented rise in homelessness.

The solutions to lasting stability for our homeless neighbors are complex. Additional permanent supportive housing is in short supply. Coordinated Entry Systems are at the earliest stages. Dedicated financial support and coordination by government - at all levels - are not swift relative to what we all experience on a daily basis in our commercial, residential and open space corridors. As a result, our community has demonstrated particularly high levels of engagement with this difficult issue. This neighborhood council's thoughtful debate on permanent supportive housing land use decisions and participation in the ad hoc *Homeless Working Group* are two examples of the generosity and focus you and your constituents demonstrate. Yet, we need to do more.

As you know, the City experienced budget deficits. Therefore, plans to utilize neighborhood city halls to deliver services to residents from the most requested City departments, were scratched, which left many buildings vacant. Most notably, two of these buildings serving Pacoima and Sunland/Tujunga were completely devoid of city personnel and service providers upon my election to the Los Angeles City Council. As such, I have sought partners who provide essential service delivery to our communities in order to leverage the public investment we made in these City facilities.

By the end of this year, the Sunland/Tujunga City facility will be fully utilized by providers who have extensive service histories and knowledge of the issues facing our communities. They are

Sylmar Office
14117 Hubbard Street, D1
Sylmar, CA 91342
(818) 756-8409
(818) 362-4857

Pacoima Office
13520 Van Nuys Blvd., Ste. 209
Pacoima, CA 91331
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(818) 896-9250

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STNC President and Board Members

October 5, 2015

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Los Angeles Family Housing, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, Valley Community Care Consortium, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Los Angeles City Council District Seven, and our food pantry.

As previously discussed, your general membership meetings will not be affected and may continue to be held in the city facility.

In addition to the meeting locations listed on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council website, I am happy to work with you to identify a meeting space at Sunland Park or the City library. I am eager to assist in offsetting any costs borne by moving the space staffed by Ed Rock, costs to change marketing material or office rental for the remainder of this fiscal year. Additionally, I would suggest that the foothill office remain an official posting location, with the City, since there is no need to move your membership meetings or equipment.

Thank you, in advance, of the continued stewardship your elected body, volunteers and residents will demonstrate in helping make our community more resilient to the challenges we face.

In service,



FELIPE FUENTES

Councilmember, 7th District

cc: Grayce Liu, General Manager, DONE

STNC Board Members:

Mr. Mark Siegel, President
Mr. Charlie A. Bradley, 1st Vice President
Ms. Brenda Fortune, 2nd Vice President
Ms. Nina Royal, Treasurer
Ms. Cindy Cleghorn, Secretary
Ms. Pat Kramer, Region 1 Representative
Mr. Jorge A. Martinez, Region 1 Representative
Ms. Gail Carlson, Region 2 Representative
Mr. Arsen Karamians, Region 2 Representative
Mr. Jim Moore, Region 3 Representative
Mr. David Barron, Region 3 Representative
Ms. Maureen O'Byrne, Region 4 Representative
Ms. Susan Mona, Region 4 Representative
Ms. Janet Paz, Youth Representative
Ms. Julie Cuddihy, Verdugo Hills High School Representative
Ms. Marlene Hitt, Little Landers Historical Society Representative
Mr. John Laue, Environmental Representative
Mr. Sergio Soto, Freemasons/Masonic Lodge Representative
Ms. Dana Stangel, Animal Issues Representative
Ms. Krystee Clark, Group Representative-Entertainment
Mr. Jon von Gunten, Neighborhood Watch Representative

STNC Moving from NVCH Expenses - 2015-2016

Date	Vendor	Amount	Comments	Purpose	
12/3/2015	Noteworthy Moving	1,919.00		Moving Company	
12/3/2015	Konica	263.00		Move Copier	
	Verizon	841.08		Move Phone Lines	
12/18/2015	Office Depot	42.50		Replace Cables	
11/21/2015	U.S. Storage	40.00		Storage	
	U.S. Storage	40.00		Storage	
1/1/2016	U.S. Storage	280.75		Storage	
12/4/2015	U.S. Storage	273.63		Storage	
	U.S. Storage	47.12		Storage	
2/1/2016	U.S. Storage	549.00		Storage	
3/1/2016	U.S. Storage	549.00		Storage	
4/1/2016	U.S. Storage	549.00		Storage	
	U.S. Storage	549.00		Storage	
	U.S. Storage	549.00		Storage	
	ST Chamber	600.00	For December 2015	Meeting	
3/9/2016	ST Chamber	600.00	For January	Meeting	
2/16/2016	ST Chamber	1,200.00	For Feb & March	Meeting	
	ST Chamber	600.00	For April	Meeting	
	St Chamber	600.00	For May	Meeting	
	St Chamber	600.00	For June	Meeting	
12/29/2015	Elks	160.00	For December 2015	Meeting	
	Elks	50.00	Land Use Committee mtg	Meeting	
2/10/2016	Elks	250.00	For Feb Board Meeting	Meeting	
2/22/2016	Elks	100.00	Land Use Committee mtg 2/22	Meeting	
4/4/2016	Elks	125.00	Land Use Committee 3/21	Meeting	
4/4/2016	Elks	100.00	Land Use Committee 4/4	Meeting	
5/11/2016	Elks	150.00	For April Board Meeting 4/13	Meeting	
5/11/2016	Elks	100.00	Land Use Committee 4/18	Meeting	
5/11/2016	Elks	100.00	Land Use Committee 5/2	Meeting	

STNC Moving from NVCH Expenses - 2015-2016

5/11/2016	Elks	150.00	For May Board Meeting 5/11	Meeting	
1/20/2016	Goodway	109.00		New STNC generic business cards	
12/30/2015	Apple One	1,354.32		Temporary Staff to pack and unpack	
TOTAL		13,440.40			

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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September 1, 2016

Herb Wesson
Los Angeles City Council President
200 North Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Rebecca Valdes
Chief of Staff for Council District 7
200 North Spring Street, Room 455
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson & Interim Council District 7 Representative:

This letter requests the use of the North Valley City Hall for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's monthly General meetings and Land Use Committee meetings.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council has met at the North Valley City Hall for over 11 years. In fact, there exists a memorandum of understanding from former-Councilmember Wendy Gruel that states that the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council may use the office space to hold monthly meetings for free.

In October of 2015, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council was given notice that the North Valley City Hall would be inhabited by non-profit organizations but was reassured by former-Councilmember Fuentes that this would not affect the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's use of the office space. (See attached Letter from Councilmember Fuentes at page 2.)

Unfortunately, former-Councilmember Fuentes' promises have not been kept. Inexplicably, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council was evicted from their office space and no longer granted access to a key for meetings. The North Valley City Hall is City property and a resource for the entire Sunland-Tujunga and Shadow Hills community. **The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council has been forced to spend taxpayer City funds, and more than one third of their budget, on office space, meeting space, and storage for almost a full year, when a City venue exists in the community that should remain free to our community members and taxpayers.**

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council requests that this issue be reconsidered now and that the **Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council be allowed use of the North Valley City Hall for (1) General meetings held the second Wednesday of every month, (2) for Land Use Committee meetings held the first and third Mondays of every month, and (3) a small storage area as was previously provided.** Of course this would also require access to a key.

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

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
President, Krystee Clark

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LANCC Motion on Safer Streets

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) motion of 8-6-16 to address safer streets across the City with the following:

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports safer streets. Due to a lack of current speed surveys on our city streets, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is unable to effectively enforce speeding infractions with proven and safe use of laser radar. LAPD has written 78,000 less citations to enforce the safety of our streets. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council requests:

- a. The Los Angeles City Council create a council file to immediately fund speed surveys on streets identified by LAPD, LADOT, and the communities that need immediate attention for public safety.
- b. The Mayor combines Great Streets and the Vision Zero Los Angeles programs so that the two programs can create mutual goals of safety and great streets.
- c. Foothill Blvd. has been identified as a High Injury Network street and will be given high priority.

LANCC Motion on Homelessness

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the following motion approved by LANCC on 8-6-16 in reference to Council File 16-0047:

Los Angeles is in a state of emergency and the resources of the City and County are unable to solve the crisis of homelessness. When the City of Los Angeles declared a state of emergency on homelessness on September 22, 2015 after the historic motion by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and supported by the Certified Neighborhood Councils on January 3, 2015 to declare a state of emergency, dedicate \$150,000,000 to combat the problem, and to utilize abated motels and vacated city buildings, the homeless population was at 35,000. According to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times, the homeless population hovers at 47,854 people on the streets and many experts feel that the population will swell to 50,000 husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters living in squalor on Los Angeles' streets by the end of the year. It is not the purpose of local population to solve a national problem. We need State and Federal help.

- a. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council demands that the Governor of California, Edmund G. Brown Jr. declare a state of emergency for the Los Angeles metro area for the purpose of combating the suffering of over 47,000 people living on the streets of Los Angeles. The Governor needs to understand that Los Angeles has more people living on the streets of Los Angeles than most towns in America have residents. He needs to act now.

- b. The City of Los Angeles and the County need to identify all vacant property currently owned by the City and County and all of its departments and agencies that can house temporary FEMA-style trailers for up to two years to start the housing process. All identified properties must also be large enough to have supportive services onsite. Any properties that have covenants placed on them by State or Federal agencies need to be negotiated to temporarily relieve those covenants during the crisis.
- c. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council does not support the proposed \$1.2 B bond on the November ballot (CF 16-0047). The residents of Los Angeles are shouldering a national problem and should not be burdened with the total costs. As a national problem, we need State and Federal funding to create low income and affordable housing solutions.

LANCC Motion on Illegal Dumping

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the following motion approved by LANCC on 8-6-16

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council encounters illegal dumping on the streets of Los Angeles on a daily basis. The current fine of \$1,000.00 for illegal dumping is a cost of doing business for the individuals that commit these crimes. The City Council needs to be proactive and enact similar laws as the County and State. California Penal Code 374.3 makes illegal dumping on public and private property punishable by a fine up to \$10,000. Also, pursuant to Section 117555 of the California Health and Safety Code, a person who dumps illegally is punishable by up to six months on jail. In addition in August 2005, the County of Los Angeles adopted an ordinance that would allow the Sheriff to seize a vehicle if it is used in the act of illegal dumping.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council) requests:

- a. That the City Council open a Council file to create an ordinance that mirrors the County and State law on illegal dumping.
- b. That the City Council incorporates a reward program to create incentives for residents to report illegal dumping based on a percentage of the fine collected

Frontier (current)

📄 Current Bill for 09/01/16 - 09/30/16

[▶ View Billing History](#)

● BASIC CHARGES \$40.28

2 Acc Rec Chrg Multi-Ln Ctx	\$2.64
2 Fed Interst Sub Ln Chg-CX	\$17.04
2 Centranet Express 3 Yr Te	\$7.30
Other Charges-Detailed Below	\$5.00
Federal Excise Tax	\$0.84
Federal USF Recovery Charge	\$3.54
CASF-High Cost Fund Surcharge B	\$0.04
Teleconnect Fund Surcharge	\$0.08
Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Surcharge	\$0.40
Deaf & Disabled Fund Surcharge	\$0.04
CA State High Cost Fund Surcharge - A	\$0.02
CA St Public Utilities Commission Fee	\$0.03
Local Utility Users Tax	\$3.25
CA State 911 Surcharge	\$0.06
Total Basic Charges	\$40.28

● TOLL/OTHER \$51.40

Minimum Usage Charge	\$40.00
FCA Long Distance - Federal USF Surcharge	\$7.16
Local Utility Users Tax	\$4.24
Total Toll/Other	\$51.40

New Charges **\$91.68**

Total for year: \$1100.16

RingCentral (proposed)

Info:

RingCentral revolutionizes the power of the cloud to help companies across the globe work smarter, radically improving the way businesses partner with customers and co-workers. We offer nimble business communication solutions, used in more than 350,000 organizations worldwide, that rapidly scale as enterprises grow. It's a capable platform that offers more than **VoIP** phone service or **cloud PBX**. We deliver complete **unified communications as a service** (UCaaS)—the kind of solutions that integrate seamlessly within your current application and framework, without expensive on-premise hardware or hassles. Bridging the divide across multiple devices—including smartphones, tablets, computers, and desk phones—RingCentral solutions provide today's mobile workforce with the flexible communication tools needed to get the job done right.

1 phone line with eFax, voicemail, voicemail to email, efax to email – possibility to add extensions.

Annual Prepay: \$34.99/month	Total for year: \$419.88 (plus taxes & fees)
No Contract: \$49.99 / month	Total for year: \$599.88 (plus taxes & fees) TOTAL with fees: \$786.84
Contract: \$42.99/month *we cannot have this	CITY DOES NOT ALLOW CONTRACTS

Charges:

08/20/2016 - 09/19/2016	Charges:
Subscription Fee - Monthly (RingCentral Office Standard 1 line)	\$49.99
Charges: \$49.99	

Taxes, Charges and Fees

Federal Universal Service Fund		\$4.38
<input type="checkbox"/> State and local taxes and fees		\$7.20
Tax/Fee	Jurisdiction	Amount
CA High Cost Fund A (VoIP)	CA	\$0.06
CA Teleconnect Fund (VoIP)	CA	\$0.20
CASF (VoIP)	CA	\$0.08
E911 (VoIP)	CA	\$0.14
TRS (VoIP)	CA	\$0.10
Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Charge (VoIP)	CA	\$1.05
Utility Users Tax (VoIP)	Los Angeles County, CA	\$5.57
e911 Service Fee		\$1.00
Compliance and Administrative Cost Recovery Fee		\$3.00
Taxes and Fees: \$15.58		

Total Charges:	\$49.99
Total Adjustments:	\$0.00
Total Taxes & Fees:	\$15.58
Sub-total:	\$65.57
Total charged to credit card:	\$65.57

US Storage (current)

US Storage Centers - La Crescenta

4454 Lowell Ave
La Crescenta, CA 91214
[818-957-0700](tel:818-957-0700) OFFICE
[818-248-4234](tel:818-248-4234) FAX
lacrescenta@usstorage.net

CUSTOMER NAME SUNLAND TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
UNIT NUMBER 0305X
DATE September 06, 2016
Your current amount due is:

Date	Description	Charge	Tax	Payment	Balance
09/01/2016	Rent	560.50	0.00	0.00	560.50
09/01/2016	KURE IT RECUR	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
09/01/2016	Protection Plan	12.00	0.00	0.00	12.00

Total Due **\$573.00 / month**

Yearly cost: \$6876

Access restricted to 6am – 9pm

Container (proposed)

Container for \$129/month, 2 month minimum, no contract, \$149 to deliver, \$149 to pick up and we need to buy lock - can park for free at Sunland Foursquare church (already approved by church council) - parking lot is gated so contents protected, but we can also have access afterhours if needed (returning chairs after late event, etc)

<https://westerncontainersales.com/rent-steel-storage-containers/>

Total Initial cost: \$427 (149+149+129 first month)

Monthly total cost: \$129

Yearly cost: \$1846 (129x12 + 149 + 149)

24/7 Access available



8'x20' Storage Container
\$129/mo.
Delivered in 3-5 Business Days
\$149/ea. Way for Trucking
Must Be Within 50 Miles
Pick-up Charged Up-Front
Grey or Beige Paint
2/Mo. Minimum
No Hidden Fees

'Love the Neighborhood Boulevard' Scavenger Hunt

Partnering entities: STNC/Safe Streets Committee, Foursquare Church 'Love the Neighborhood Initiative', S-T Neighborhood Watch, CD7 Open Letter Group

Event Plan:

Event will take place on November 5, 2016, from 8a-12. Everyone will meet at 8:00a at Sunland Foursquare Church for coffee, donuts, and conversation. Between 8a and 8:30, there will be a welcome area set up with a sign-in sheet, ready to install the Mobile MyLA311 app for any that do not currently have it loaded on their smartphones, and scavenger hunt lists will be handed out. At 8:30, we will have a 311 app training for all participants, followed by rules of the hunt and assignation of people to teams/locations (Foothill Blvd will be broken down into segments, running the length of Sunland-Tujunga). At 9a, participants will travel to their assigned areas. Until 11:15a, the teams will work on their assigned section of Foothill Blvd, completing the items on their scavenger hunt list. The list will be composed of a series of items to accomplish/check off, a mix of reporting to MyLA311 app (such as tagging bulky items for removal, reporting encampments, and reporting graffiti), removing physical trash and blight (litter, plant debris, overgrown weeds), and taking notes/observations on the most dangerous intersections in each area, as well as completing a Safe Streets survey. Volunteers will document along the way, taking before/after photos and completing their checklists. Everyone will return to Foursquare Church by 11:30a to turn in their lists, weigh their trash bags, and determine who has won the scavenger hunt! We will work with the LAPD to ask for increased traffic patrol during this day, as well as invite media representatives to cover this commUNITY effort to clean the main street in the town of Sunland-Tujunga, to train stakeholders in the use of MyLA311 app and give them practice time, and to provide quality feedback on effective methods to increase traffic safety along Foothill Blvd, on a block-by-block basis. We anticipate a minimum of 100 volunteers to attend.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Sept 30, 2016

- No costs associated to put on event, or to apply for Clean Street Challenge grant - neighborhood councils can submit multiple entries
- Grant funds (a total of \$25,000, minimum) will be provided to participating entries – amount of funds depends on final number of participants, but they anticipate somewhere around \$500 per entry, and awards up to \$1000 (or a couple of thousand) for most successful entries – to be awarded in December 2016

Little Landers Historical Society in Bolton Hall Museum Report

Why is Preservation Important?

Historical Societies struggle to preserve sites, buildings, artifacts, stories, news articles, books, and more, more, more. They are all old and dusty, why not throw them away?

Historians believe that the past is almost as important as the present and will inevitably shape the future.

It is also thought that if anyone, old or new becomes acquainted with the people and traditions, their events and places which show the development of an area they will feel a part of it and part of each other. We share the past of this place where we stand. We can learn so much from the settlers and those who came to this frontier through the decades.

Not only are the innovations of people and their character interesting, even amusing, we learn from the contrast of their lives and ours. How did we get where we are? How do we get to where we want to be?

In order to see with your own eyes, for instance, some of the homes made from indigenous materials, even neighborhoods with their history often saved by historians, we can be clear about all that had to be accomplished, how those accomplishments have occurred and how we can apply that knowledge to our own lives.

Preserved sites; monuments and HPOZs: the Stonehurst neighborhood, Stonehurst Recreation Center Building, Serulnic House, Oak Glen Ranch, Tuna Canyon Detention Station, Wetherwolde Castle, Bolton Hall, McGroarty House, Pasko Park (the Cross of San Ysidro), Verdugo Hills Cemetery and the Blarney Castle.