



# Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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## General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 6:30 PM

North Valley City Hall

7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2) Krystee Clark, President Announcements (7)
  - There are 2 vacant alternate seats on the Land Use Committee. Contact [president@STNC.org](mailto:president@STNC.org) for details
  - Announcement of Parliamentary position vacancy (can be appointed by Board)
  - Reminder of protocol for public comments
  - Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, and Timekeeper
2. Event Announcements - 1 minute per speaker (10)
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction (10)
4. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements (10)
  - Questions/Comments from the Public (3)
5. **PRESENTATION: CalTrans staff presentation on the 210 Freeway project by Miguel Rodriguez (Construction Management) and Karina Vargas (Public Affairs) (20)**
  - **Question/Comments from the public (10)**
6. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve minutes of the March 8, 2017 Meeting
7. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Review and approve March 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Letter of support of the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project
9. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to change official mailing address of STNC from 8250 Foothill Blvd Suite A to 7747 Foothill Blvd
10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) on online voting for neighborhood councils regarding CF-15-1022-S2
11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Funding Request / NPG for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Sponsorship for up to \$10,000
12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to approve draft amendment to STNC Bylaws dated September, 2015 (Bylaws amendments require 15 votes)
13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Neighborhood Purpose Grant request from Operation Blankets of Love for \$500
14. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Rotary request for funding up to \$1,000 for golf cart rentals at 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
15. Board and Committee Reports including Discussion/Possible Action
  - a. Safe Streets Committee
    - i. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Funding request for up to \$4,500 for educational campaign to reduce vehicle speed and promote safety in neighborhood
  - b. Women's Issues Committee – STNC College Day, planning for attending college, 4/29/17 10 AM at NVCH
    - i. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Funding request for \$150 for refreshments for 4/29/17 event
  - c. Outreach –Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Debate at All Nations Church with City Council District 7 Candidates in the May 16, 2017 run-off.
    - i. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Funding request for up to \$500 for refreshments and outreach for 4/18/17
  - d. Land Use
    - i. 7101 Foothill Blvd. – Revised Letter to City Planning (approved at 4/3/17 LUC)
    - ii. 8150 McGroarty – Letter to CM Wesson requesting an EIR be required regarding the proposed subdivision at 8150 McGroarty. Approve letter and forward to CM Wesson. (approved at 4/3/17 LUC)
    - iii. 7179 Foothill – Letter to City Planning in support of remodel and addition for the Aurora Banquet Hall, former Flamingo. (approved at 3/20/17 LUC)
    - iv. The STNC Land Use Committee invites members of the STNC board to attend its meetings and be more informed regarding Land Use discussions in the community. (approved at 4/3/17 LUC)
    - v. The STNC Land Use Committee requests that the STNC Board recommend that City Council District 7 staff attend and participate in Land Use Committee meetings so they can be apprised of neighbor concerns and hear first-hand the discussions held. (approved at 4/3/17 LUC)
  - e. Region & Group Representatives



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- f. Report from Budget Advocates
  - g. Animal Issues
  - h. Beautification – Possible Earth Day event on 4/22/2017 partnering with the Animal issues Committee and the Howard Finn Community garden
    - i. Update on new mural on Foothill Blvd
  - i. Budget
  - j. Arts, Recreation and Culture
  - k. Youth Advisory Committee - Teen Dance Recap
  - l. Storage Inventory Committee – DISCUSSION: internet service at STNC office in NVCH
  - m. Safety Committee
  - n. Bylaws Committee
16. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **Appointment of New Board Member to Region Two Representative vacant seat.** To qualify for this seat, one must live (either homeowner, renter, or other fixed living arrangement) work, or own property in Region 2 which is North of Foothill Blvd, from Mount Gleason Avenue and Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Commerce Avenue and Seven Hills Drive.
- Candidate statements (2 minutes each)
  - Questions and answers from board and community (President discretion on time)
  - Board vote by show of hands.
17. Closing Comments by President, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment. (1)

Adjourn by 9:00 p.m.

Posted 4/7/17; Remove after 4/12/17

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STNC Board Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2017

Attendance:

Krystee Clark	Pati Potter	Eve Sinclair
Charlie Bradley	John Candler	Amelia Anderson
Dana Stangel	Jon von Gunten	Hrant Vartzbedian
Aris Hovasapian	Julie Cuddihy	Kat Juarez (Arrived 6:47 pm)
Shooshig Avakian	Marlene Hitt	Ana Orudyan (Arrived 7:02 pm)
Pat Kramer	Mark Siegel	Rick Ramirez (Arrived 7:15 pm)

Call to Order 6:45 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Item 4: Sunland SLO Cesar Contreras update on crime:

- surge in vehicle break-ins and thefts, increase possibly related to heavy rain
- new law that people cannot reside in vehicle from 9 pm to 6 am in residential neighborhoods; creating maps to identify areas/streets that need signage
- Question: can a resident stay/live in their own car in their own driveway? Answer: no

Item 2: Event Announcements

- Amelia Anderson - Sylmar homeless connect day March 16 10-1 at El Cariso
- April 8 Mobile health units at Chapel of the Hills Church
- Dana Stangel - April 22 is Earth Day, STNC various committees are participating in various ways, save the date for April 22
  - Animal Adoption Event in Berkshire Hathaway parking lot Saturday March 18 10-2
- Dawn Jenkins, McGroarty Arts Center - Art show this week, reception Saturday night 6-9 pm
- March 18 Art Show with Glendale Art Association 4-7 pm
- LADWP Pump Station design has been altered to match aesthetics of neighborhood
- April 30 trail hike
- Susan Podhoff - Plant Sale April 29
- Monique Reneaux, ST Chamber - Wed March 15, Mixer at YMCA on Lowell
- Noel Collins - St Patrick's dinner dance at Elks Club, big band music, 6:30 to 11 pm March 17
- Rene Chavez - Principal at Apperson ES - Family Fun Day, Thursday March 16
- School has applied for \$10,000 grant
- Town Hall Meeting with Deputy City Attorney 5-6 pm on March 18
- Claude De Leon - Relay for Life in the Foothills April 1 10 am to 10 pm at Clark Magnet
- Richard Stewart - Foothills Community Toastmasters every Monday night at Stewart Residence
- Saturday night March 11 Relationship Seminar 3 pm
- Ryan Howell - Community teen dance on March 30

Item 3: Public Comment

- Dana Stangel - we have come out of an election, congratulating and thanking all twenty candidates that ran for CD7
- John Candler - Love the Neighborhood Initiative on first Saturday of every month
- Nina Royal - Encouraging community to make sure that future elected officials keep their promises regarding potential housing on K-Mart property

Item 1: President's announcements:

- Recognition of Junior Youth Council outgoing executive board - Desiree Marquez, Vincent
- Announcing new executive board, introduced committee, and introduced co-chairs Karen von Gunten and John Candler

Item 4: Public Officials

- Tony Wilkinson for Herb Wesson - encouraging community to get involved with runoff candidates
- Question about Herb Wesson's pledge to remain neutral in CD7 election and a candidate that posted Herb Wesson's endorsement
- Comment that CD7 Field Office was locked and others have been unable to reach office via phone

Item 5: Mission College Satellite Campus Presentation

- Alejandro Guzman and Aura Garcia presenting; campus opening officially on April 10, including health, nutrition, computer, music, art, citizenship classes
- Ribbon cutting event Tuesday March 28 6:30 pm

Item 6: CLAW (Citizens for LA Wildlife) barn owl boxes, project to attract barn owls to neighborhoods, barn owls can keep rodent population down, do not go after pets; each box is \$200, plan is to install one box in each STNC region, region reps to identify locations

Item 8: Metro Brighton to Roxford double track project, closest stop is in Sun Valley on Sunland, would convert existing train line to double track line so trains may run in both directions, project has support from adjacent NCs and Burbank City Council

Item 7: Safe Streets Presentation

- Upcoming Town Hall and education campaign
- Vision Zero is a city-wide program to reduce/eliminate traffic deaths in LA, three methods to address problem: education, enforcement, design
- Street Survey will increase speed limit to 40 on Foothill b/w Lowell and Sunland
- Anti-speeding campaign could slow everyone down and cause a survey update to keep speed limit at same limit
- Town Hall is a good place for comments from community
- Valley Traffic Officer will be at town hall
- Town Hall is on April 1 at 10 am at NVCH

Item 10: Minutes

Krystee moves to approve minutes, Eve seconds  
15 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain

Item 11: MER

Krystee moves to approve, Charlie seconds  
17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 12: Amended Budget

Shooshig moves to approve, Krystee second  
Question about budget from one fiscal year for an event in next fiscal year  
17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 13: Motion for public posting

Krystee moves to approve, Dana seconds  
18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 14: STNC copier

No action

Item 16: Fireworks funding request

- Mark moves, Pati second
- Question if \$10,000 is too much to fund this event, noting that it nearly a quarter of STNC budget
- Event representative explained that fireworks alone cost \$18,000, and \$10,000 sponsorship includes STNC name in title and other perks
- Question: who will pay remaining \$8,000? Council District may sponsor for \$10,000
- Question on what happens with surplus funds coming out of each year's event. Answer: any surplus funds go back to Verdugo HS programs
- Comment that accounting is somewhat unclear
- Comment that there is a lack of transparency on this event's accounting, and answers being given are not providing clarity
- Suggestion to postpone funding request to next month
- Eve moves to table motion, Mark seconds

Item 17: Spring Carnival Sponsorship for \$1250

Krystee moves, Charlie second  
17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 19.c.i \$900 for Barn Owl Boxes

- Krystee moves, John Candler second
- Question if lower cost options are available - yes, but initial price includes literature and additional support to CLAW
- 11 yes, 3 no, 3 abstain

Item 19.f: \$200 for Passing of the Laurels event, from STARC committee

17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 19.h.ii: \$100 for Mission College Opening

Krystee moves, Julie second

16 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain

Item 19.i.i: \$3500 for teen dance

Krystee moves, Kat second

Question on what food is going to be served, food must be purchased from venue

Pat moves to change amount to up to \$2,000, Amelia second

16 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 19.g: Land Use letters

- Cindy Cleghorn presented recommendation letters
- On Item 19.g Comment from Arnold Mooradian, owner at 7101 Foothill Blvd, attempting to add drive in carwash, planning request was submitted to CD7 when Felipe Fuentes was in office, provided presentation at January 9, 2017 LUC meeting, and feels that he did not get a fair presentation at LUC; noted that he has filed a grievance on this issue and is requesting for letter to be tabled, and requesting time to present project at a board meeting
- Question: how time sensitive is item? Answer: not time sensitive
- Council office asked LUC for feedback, Cindy Cleghorn noted that LUC letter is advisory to City
- Krystee moves to table this letter, second by Mark Siegel
  
- Consideration of remaining four letters
  - Krystee moves to approve all four letters together, Jon von Gunten second
  - 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 19.c.ii: CIS on exotic animal usage

14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain

Pat comments on inventory: inventory is nearly complete, date will be set to move remaining items from Chamber office to NVCH

Adjourn 10:13

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*President:* **Krystee Clark**  
*Vice President of Community Improvement:* **Charlie Bradley**  
*Vice President of Outreach:* **Dana Stangel**  
*Secretary:* **Aris Hovasapian**  
*Treasurer:* **Shooshig Avakian**

**April 12, 2017**

Attn: Phillip A. Washington  
Chief Executive Officer

Metro  
One Gateway Plaza, M/S 99-25-01  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: Metro Regional Rail Safety Improvement Needs - Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project

At the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Board meeting on April 12, 2017, the STNC discussed the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project and voted to SUPPORT the following rail improvements in Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima and Sun Valley as presented by The Transit Coalition:

- Sealed Corridor Street Crossings to eliminate horn blowing
- Restroom facilities at the Sylmar/San Fernando and the Sun Valley Station
- Retain the existing Sun Valley Station that provides access for Sunland-Tujunga residents while upgrading the facility with directional signage and station lighting
- Double tracking between Control Point Roxford in Sylmar and CP Brighton in Burbank
- Ensure that double tracking over the Pacoima Wash is constructed to allow connectivity of the bike path beneath the tracks and to not create any type of barrier to the path
- Community gardens
- Improved pedestrian infrastructure such as crosswalks and sidewalks and additional local native street trees and plants
- Pedestrian Crossings to access schools and businesses between Sylmar and Burbank
- A new station in Pacoima at Van Nuys Boulevard to allow direct connections to the Van Nuys Blvd. Light Rail Project

As you may be aware, the track stretches from Sylmar to Burbank covering the territories of Sylmar, Pacoima and Sun Valley Neighborhood Councils and the City of San Fernando along the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line. Our Sunland-Tujunga residents will be using these facilities. With these improvements we are suggesting will benefit our communities by increased commuter rail service, rail crossing safety, as well as decreased sound pollution from trains and sounding of horns, along with diesel pollution from idling locomotives at Roxford and San Fernando Road, Sun Valley and CP Brighton in Burbank.

We respectfully request Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority include these improvements in planning for the double track upgrades.

Sincerely,

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

**president@stnc.org**

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Name: Pati Potter

Phone Number: 818-517-1511

Email: [patipstnc@ca.rr.com](mailto:patipstnc@ca.rr.com)

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea ( ) Nay ( ) Abstain ( ) Ineligible ( ) Recusal ( )

Date of NC Board Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Board Action: For

Impact Information:

Date: 4/12/17

Updated to a Previous Input: No

Directed to City Council and Committees

**Council File Number: 15-1022-S2**

Agenda Date: 4/12/2017

Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

Summary:

We agree that the Online Voting should be suspended at this time and until the City can show evidence that the online model is complete and secure.

Although we are not against Online Voting, we are opposed to only Online Voting and registration.

We are also opposed to other recommendations by DONE, such as self-affirmation only, mandating which age bracket we should adopt and the number of ballots allowed. DONE seem to want to take away our autonomy and individuality, which the Neighborhood Council was founded on.



**Request for Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Funds**

Please send this completed form to: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Involved Committee Heads

**General Information**

Date <b>2/22/17</b>	Applicant Name <b>SUNLAND-TUJUNGA SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY FUND</b>
Overview (Describe your project/funding request) <b>MAIN TITLE SPONSOR FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FAMILY FIREWORKS FESTIVAL. PAY DIRECT TO PYRO SPECTACULARS.</b>	

**Project Details**

New Project? <b>NO</b>	Contributing to an existing program? <b>YES</b>	Donation?	Other (explain) <b>SPONSOR</b>
What group(s) will benefit from this project? How will they benefit? <b>STAKEHOLDERS IN SUNLAND-TUJUNGA. 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS AT VERDUGO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL.</b>			
Project Start Date <b>3/15/17</b>	Project End Date <b>7/4/17</b>		
Will other entities be working/coordinating with you? If yes, please list and define all roles. <b>VERDUGO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL &amp; BOOSTERS, SUNLAND-TUJUNGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>			
Will STNC be publicized or benefit in another way? If yes, please list how and when (media, flyers, training, etc.) <b>ALL ADVANCE PROMOTION FOR THE EVENT INCLUDING BANNERS, FLYERS, BUSINESS STORE WINDOW FLYERS, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWS MEDIA, STAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS.</b>			

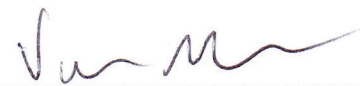
**Funding Details**

Amount requested <b>\$10,000.00</b>	If buying a tangible item(s), attach 2 or more written quotes/bids from vendors. If a donation, attach recipient's written request. <b>PYRO SPECTACULARS IS A SINGLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR FIREWORKS.</b>
Any other group contributing money to this project? If so, list their name and certainty/status of their funding. When do you expect all money to be available? <b>COUNCIL DISTRICT 7</b>	
Is this the first time requesting funds for this project? <b>NO</b>	If not, briefly explain why it was/wasn't funded before. <b>STNC HAS SUPPORTED FIREWORKS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AS THE MAIN TITLE SPONSOR BECAUSE THE OUTREACH COVERS SEVERAL WEEKS &amp; ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT</b>

Please add your final comments and "sales points" to get this funding (optional)

<b>DISPLAY TABLE AT THE EVENT, SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY DURING THE PRE-FIREWORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES.</b>
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I certify neither I nor my family are receiving any personal benefit from this.

Signed  Office SUNLAND TUJUNGA SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY FUND MEMBER Date 3/1/17

**Neighborhood Council Funding Program**  
**APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council (NC), upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

**SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1a) Operation Blankets of Love 80-0238786 California 3/25/2009  
**Organization Name** **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)**

1b) 16911 San Fernando Mission, PMB 187 Granada Hills CA 91344  
**Organization Mailing Address** **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1c)      
**Business Address (if different)** **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Eileen Smulson (818) 402-6586 obol@obol.info  
**Name** **Phone** **Email**

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**  
 Public School (not to include private schools) **or**  501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions)  
**Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead** **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3)      
**Name / Address of Affiliated Organization** **City** **State** **Zip Code**  
*(If applicable)*

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**  
 The grant is for the design and printing of public-at- large outreach materials, including information flyers and direct mail letters. We have an information booth at 20 pet related events and give out to several thousand attendees each time. During the year we send out five direct mail pieces to thousands of OBOL's contributors and potential donors to solicit for critical pet items for homeless animals at shelters and animal rescue groups. The community members donate gently used or new comfort and care items such as: blankets, towels, pet beds, leashes, collars, toys and dog and cat food. These items improve the lives of the animals and increase their chances of being adopted.

Operation Blankets of Love (OBOL) is a unique 501(c)(3) non- profit animal welfare advocacy and emergency relief organization based in Los Angeles County. OBOL promotes grassroots efforts to alleviate animal neglect, cruelty and homelessness by engaging individual community members and local businesses in collecting and distributing donated animal comfort and care items. This support, combined with OBOL's Humane Education, Pets of the Homeless outreach and Anti-Cruelty campaign, create greater community awareness about the plight of abused and neglected animals, while helping to save the lives of thousands of homeless dogs and cats each year.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**  
 OBOL's animal welfare outreach & direct services for animals in shelters/rescue groups has grown year after year. OBOL's cash budget for overhead and basic operating expenses such as every day operations to ensure we reach 1,000 animals a month, a new website, public outreach materials and fundraising remains underfunded.

OBOL's infrastructure has been stretched very thin. The number of animals served each year increases & with the expansion of OBOL's Homeless People's Pets Community Outreach Project and the increase of our Humane Education Learning Program to schools in the San Fernando Valley and the demands of the job have increased significantly the funds are needed.

It will benefit the public-at-large- because local schools and youth groups (K-high school students) families and communities will play an active role – many for the first time in their lives – in reducing animal homelessness, by collecting the critical pet supplies for their local animal shelter/ rescues



**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE**

6a) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
N/A	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
the printing of letters for spring direct mail campaign (3,000 letters, outside envelope).	\$ 500	\$ 1500
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?  
 No  Yes, please list names of NCs: North Hills West

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs)  No  Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 500

10a) Start date: 4/1/2017 10b) Date Funds Required: 3/1/2017

10c) Expected completion date: 6/29/17 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

**SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?  
 No  Yes - Please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant
Dana Stangel	OBOL donated pet supplies to her rescue and to the Wildlife Way Station when she was a volunteer.

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?  Yes  No \*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the Department will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

**SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED\*  
 Eileen Smulson Founder & Exeuctive Dir Eileen Smulson 2/2/17  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED\*  
 Susan Newman Board Secretary Susan Newman 2/2/17  
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

\* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the Department at (213) 978-1551 for instructions on completing this form

## Request for Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Funds

Please send this completed form to: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Involved Committee Heads

### General Information

Date 4-5-17	Applicant Name Sunland/Tujunga Rotary Club
Overview (Describe your project/funding request)  We are requesting \$1000 for the golf carts that are used for our annual fourth of July parade, as well as at the fireworks event.	

### Project Details

New Project? No	Contributing to an existing program? Yes	Donation? 1,000	Other (explain)
What group(s) will benefit from this project? How will they benefit? The Rotary Club, all of the community and participants of the parade and fireworks show at Verdugo High School.			
Project Start Date Now		Project End Date July 4, 2017	
Will other entities be working/coordinating with you? If yes, please list and define all roles. Yes all of the groups in the community, city officials, etc.			
Will STNC be publicized or benefit in another way? If yes, please list how and when (media, flyers, training, etc.) Yes-Flyers, newspaper articles, and banners			

### Funding Details

Amount requested 1,000	If buying a tangible item(s), attach 2 or more written quotes/bids from vendors. If a donation, attach recipient's written request.
Any other group contributing money to this project? If so, list their name and certainty/status of their funding. When do you expect all money to be available? No other groups, possible small community donations-Before July 4th	
Is this the first time requesting funds for this project? No	If not, briefly explain why it was/wasn't funded before. We were funded last year because it was agreed that this is the biggest event in our area, and it is necessary for safety.

### Please add your final comments and "sales points" to get this funding (optional)

We are a tiny group, but we are determined to uphold a long time tradition in our town! This 4 <sup>th</sup> of July parade is the largest in LA, and we have many important dignitaries participating, and all of the major organizations in our area. We fund raise through the year, but we do not raise enough to pay for the golf carts, which are necessary for us to do the event.
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I certify neither I nor my family are receiving any personal benefit from this.

Signed Sabrina Godinez Office Rotary Club Date 4-5-17



## **Safe Streets Committee –**

### **Funding Request for Education/Anti-Speeding Campaign**

At our recent town hall meeting, the head of the Vision Zero program, Nat Gale, presented to stakeholders the visionary plan to eliminate traffic deaths in LA by 2025 through engineering, enforcement, and education, and spoke about the reframing of traffic issues to center on the importance and prioritization of human life. DOT engineers presented on upcoming changes to the stretch of Foothill between Sunland Blvd and Wentworth, including repainting the street and converting a traffic lane to a protected bike lane set off by bollards. They also discussed possibilities for future changes to the larger segment of Foothill that runs through Sunland-Tujunga and provided aerial maps of the entire span of Foothill running through S-T in order to gather information from stakeholders about specifics (dangerous intersections, requested changes, etc). Valley Traffic Division talked about enforcement and how we will proceed, despite the fact that our recent speed survey update radar provided very disappointing results. More than 85% of our drivers were going at least 5mph over the speed limits, which would trigger a speed limit increase on Foothill, a lengthy process that has to go before City Council (up to 18 months and wouldn't start till end of 2017 most likely) and that means no laser enforcement any time soon. In order to prevent this speed limit increase, DOT is hoping to enact engineering changes, in conjunction with our education campaign, and will reshoot radar, hoping to get the number of speeders under 85%, thereby maintaining current speed limits and getting immediate speeding enforcement.

As far as education, Vision Zero is providing banners/benches/shelters for 10 of the most dangerous corridors in Los Angeles, where they are focusing their current efforts. Unfortunately, Foothill Blvd is not one of these 10 corridors and there are no current/pending education plans for our street. For this reason, our committee has been reaching out to various departments to try to get an education plan present on Foothill as well, in order to help reduce both our speeds and our fatality rate. Vision Zero will share their amazing artwork, which we can customize for our area. Part of the mission of NCs is to advocate for and to bring city resources to their stakeholders. Traffic fatalities and unsafe driving on Foothill are some of the very biggest problems this community faces, and our committee is doing all that we can to bring all of these disparate departments together, in front of our community, and to align them all to get us some help and stop the frighteningly frequent onslaught of collisions and deaths here.

Estimates for anti-speeding education campaign along Foothill Blvd:

- Street banners - 10 sets of double banners (VZ designs are two panels of 3'x6') = \$3000 - banners to be located at major intersections on both sides of Foothill, including Newhome, Oro Vista, Mt Gleason, Apperson, Commerce, Woodard, Tujunga Canyon, and Lowell

- Bus benches - no charge for actual bus benches - cost of printing - 6 benches at \$75/ea = \$450

- Bus shelter ad - printing costs - 2 for \$200

- 18" x 12" Yard signs - series of 4 (x5) - 20 signs = \$179.80

Examples: 'leave earlier', 'slow down', 'arrive alive', logo/ 'welcome home', 'slow down', 'you're almost there', logo

- Banners (4 3'x5' banners at \$30/ea - Sunland Printing) - \$120

- Facebook post boosting budget (20 posts boosted for \$10/ea to reach those not on community Fb pages) - \$200

**Total funding request - Up to \$4500**

# Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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March 8, 2017

Siam Pewsawang  
Department of City Planning  
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

**RE: Case No. ZA-2016-1217-CU-SPP  
ENV-2016-1218-MND  
Pinewood Petrol Inc. 7101 W. Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042**

Project Description: Construction of a new self-serve carwash with a new equipment room to an existing gas station with a mini-mart.

Requested Entitlement: Conditional use per sections 12.24.W.27 and 12.24.W.4 to allow a self-serve carwash use on a commercial corner and located within 100 t. from the face of the building containing vehicle entrance / exit or opening from an R zone. Proposed hours of operation from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M. daily; project permit compliance with Foothill Specific Plan for carwash, facade improvement and relocate an existing flag pole sign within the public right of way. Waiver request for Department of Engineering dedications and improvements.

Applicant: Arnold Mooradian [Company: Pinewood Petrol INC]

Representative: Company: Mailian & Associates

Dear Siam Pewsawang:

On December 14, 2016, Councilman Wesson's staff reached out to the STNC LUC regarding a draft motion to be presented to the City Council that would waive street dedications and street improvement requirements for this project. At that time we requested the project's representative Mailian & Associates to return to the LUC with an update and an opportunity to present their plans in more detail.

On January 7, 2017 the Land Use Committee visited the site and met with the property owner, Mr. Mooradian and his representative. On January 9, at a meeting of the LUC Mr. Mooradian and two of his associates from Mailian & Associates presented the project and answered questions from both the LUC and from the community regarding the project.

On January 30, 2017 the STNC LUC voted at its meeting to take no stand on the project as a whole and to withhold support for the request to have street dedications and street improvements requirements waived for this project. It was concluded that such a waiver would jeopardize the community's ability in the future to ever have sidewalks along the west side of Pinewood Avenue as it intersects with Foothill Blvd. This location is a busy pedestrian corridor because of the many apartment buildings along Pinewood, Pinewood

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Elementary School two blocks north, and the bus stop at Pinewood and Foothill. No sidewalk currently exists, but if a sidewalk did exist here it is inconceivable that anyone would seriously consider ripping it out to accommodate this project. Our community has lived with the hope that the city would someday install sidewalks along these busy pedestrian corridors, but we believe that the granting of this waiver would make that, for all future time, impossible.

**BACKGROUND**

The Property is located on the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Pinewood Avenue. The intersection is bounded by a strip mall on the northeast corner, C2-1VL retail stores on the southwest corner (a small market, a barber shop, a vacant store, and a bakery), and a closed produce and deli market on the southeast corner. Bus stops are located near northeast and south east corners.

The Property is also within the Foothill Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan area.

The owner seeks to make improvements at 7101 W. Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, 91042 (the "Property"). The Property currently consists of an 8-pump 76 gas station and convenience mart. The improvements include adding a self-service drive-through car wash behind the existing convenience mart at a 25' height, and façade improvements.

The LUC first learned of this application from the Early Notification of Case filings and from a presentation by Ms. Argineh Mailian at the May 2, 2016 LUC meeting. The presentation at that meeting emphasized the need for this accessory use in order to eliminate a space that had a history of people hanging out behind the mini-mart. She would return with more details at a future date. However, we received no further updates until we learned that a hearing was scheduled for early September, 2016.

**COMMENTS**

The STNC LUC submits the following comments received at its meetings of January 9, and January 30, 2017.

Specific concerns from neighbors immediately surrounding the project voiced concerns regarding noise, aesthetics, ingress, egress, onsite circulation and pedestrian safety if the loss of the sidewalk along Pinewood:

Sidewalks.

This issue sparked considerable discussion, and numerous concerns were voiced regarding the loss of the possibility for the future placement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters along the west side of Pinewood. Every community member expressed their concerns regarding the lack of sidewalks in this area. Concerns



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were voiced regarding possible danger to pedestrians along the west side of Pinewood if the space now being used for pedestrians and for parking were to be eliminated, as this project requests.

Ingress, Egress, and Traffic Flow. Two entrances currently exist along Foothill Boulevard. An entrance/exit also exists on Pinewood. Cars using the car wash will have access to all three of these entrances/exits. Pinewood Avenue is a narrow residential street. The section of Pinewood immediately adjacent to the Property (the west side of Pinewood) does not currently have a curb, gutter, or sidewalk while the east side does. Directly across from the Property's Pinewood entrance/exit is an entrance/exit to the strip mall on the east side. These two entrance/exits are very close to the Pinewood/Foothill intersection. Cross traffic between these entrance/exits combined with the traffic flow caused by cars entering or exiting the car wash may pose additional traffic jams and congestion. Added to this is the pedestrian traffic that is currently forced onto the roadway by the lack of a sidewalk on the west side of Pinewood.

Lighting: Community members have expressed concerns regarding the lighting at the project. Mr. Mooradian advised that lighting at the Property will be updated to promote safety, to deter transients and loiterers, and will be installed in such a way as to not be directed at or placed in a way that will present any inconvenience to neighboring residences. The LUC did not see any plans regarding lighting at the site.

Landscaping. Mr. Mooradian advised that significant landscaping upgrades will be implemented. The LUC did not see any plans regarding landscaping at the site.

Relocation of the existing pole sign to within the public right of way. The LUC continues to look to implementing the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan Design Guidelines regarding all signage for sites in the corridor.

Noise. This proposed drive-thru car wash at the rear of the property will add noise to the surrounding residential neighbors. If the City moves forward with this project, the City should require a specific not to exceed limit on the decibels produced by the car wash as a part of the conditions of approval.

Aesthetics. Because the applicant's representatives could not identify an architectural style and because the design proposed is not complimentary to the traditional and historic local aesthetics, the STNC LUC welcomes the opportunity to work with the owner and his representatives on a design that would include real river rock.

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Thank you for your thorough consideration of the issues addressed in this letter.  
Please provide updates regarding the Project to the STNC LUC as they become available including the public hearing notices.

Sincerely,



Cindy Cleghorn  
Past President  
Chair, Land Use Committee  
Council  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Krystee Clark  
President  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood

Attachments:

1. Draft Motion to waive street dedications and street improvement requirements
2. Neighbor / Community Letters - PRO (in favor of the car wash)
3. Neighbor / Community Letters - CON (opposed to the car wash)
4. Photos of the Site taken during LUC field trip/site visit 1-7-17

cc: Councilman Herb Wesson, representing Council District 7  
Marc Woerschling, Zoning Administrator  
Laura Frazin Steele, City Planning Associate  
Nelson Rodriguez, City Planning Associate  
Lisa Webber, Deputy Director, L.A. City Planning

April 4, 2017

Herb Wesson  
City Council President  
Council District 7  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Proposed subdivision at 8150 McGroarty, Sunland, CA (Case No. VTT-73957)**

Honorable City Council President Herb Wesson:

For the reasons explained below the Land Use Committee of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council is asking that an EIR, rather than an MND be required for the proposed subdivision at 8150 McGroarty Street. After several meetings with the community and a presentation by the developer of this property the following issues came to light:

- The subject property is located adjacent to a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor. It includes steep hillsides, native growth, and possibly a dry creek. During heavy rain the property drains onto McGroarty Street, and from there water, mud and sand from the property regularly washes down and additionally impacts Woodward, McVine Avenues and the surrounding neighborhood.
- The project requires significant grading, the removal of nearly 160 trees, 49 of which are large and mature protected oak trees and a remodeling of the topology of the almost 20 acre property. This number does not account for an additional 40 protected oaks that most likely will be affected by the development.
- The removal of the arboreal canopy provided by these trees will result in diminished air quality and higher temperatures during dry weather, and in the wet season increased erosion of the hillside and flooding along McGroarty, McVine, and Woodward. It also threatens the survival of the Toyon bushes that have a symbiotic relationship with the oaks. The Toyon bushes were not inventoried in the on-file tree report, as they were not protected when the report was compiled.
- It is unclear what, if any, landscaping designs will be used to mitigate these post construction changes.

- The community expressed its concern that the proposed intensive grading activities, and hauling of dirt through the neighborhood have not been addressed.
- The community expressed a desire to review proposal of retaining walls (which might not be allowed in this area) as well as a thorough exploration of flood control mitigation.
- The neighbors have asked that the STNC request an Environmental Impact Report study rather than an MND be conducted

The Land Use Committee believes that these concerns expressed by neighbors in the immediate and surrounding area of the proposed project are a fair argument that the project may include environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance.

Additionally, we understand that the Fernando Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Tribal Senate is concerned that their concerns would not be addressed in an MND and will, by separate cover, be requesting a study covering their specific issues; we support their concerns as well.

After many conversations with the developer, the immediate neighborhood and the community, we strongly request that you require an EIR study be conducted because an MND is insufficient on this particular site.

Sincerely,



Cindy Cleghorn  
Chair, Land Use Committee  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Nelson Rodriguez, LA City Planning



March 6, 2017

Laura Frazin-Steele  
Department of City Planning  
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

RE: Case No. DIR-2017-512-SPP at 7179 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA  
PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE FOR THE FOOTHILL BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW TENANT  
IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING NIGHT CLUB/BANQUET HALL WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE C2 ZONE.  
TENANT IMPROVEMENT INCLUDES 1,305.3 SF OF INTERIOR DEMOLITION. PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES AN ADDITION  
OF 1700 SF. TOTAL NET ADDITION OF 394.7 SF.  
Applicant: SAMVEL ZOGRABIAN [ Company:ZO. BROS, INC.]  
Representative: VAROOSH ABEDI [ Company:GA ENGINEERING INC.]

Dear Ms. Frazin-Steele:

Mr. Samuel Zograban came to two of our Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee meetings. His first meeting was on February 27, 2017, to introduce his project. His second meeting was on March 6, 2017 to present his plans in more detail and respond to questions from the community and Land Use Committee members.

The site is located in Major Activity Area 3 and Target Area 3, of the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan. The history of the site is, it was originally a red brick Bank of America building, located at the corner Foothill and Commerce Avenue. The entrance of the site is into Olde Towne Tujunga and two blocks from Historic Bolton Hall Museum which is designated as City of Los Angeles Historic Site No. 2.

Mr. Zograban proposes to retain the existing banquet hall known to the community as Flamingo Banquet Hall and change the name to Aurora Banquet Hall. As the new owner of the business and property, he intends to improve the entrance, located within the property on the east side of the building, by demolishing the existing entrance and building a new entrance to add an additional 394.7 square feet.

During the March 6, 2017 meeting, the Land Use Committee voted to support Mr. Zograban's proposal, which included his request to reposition the valet pickup/drop off further into the property. This will avoid the present stacking of cars on Foothill Blvd. Mr. Zograban also said he will request approval to open a rear gate along Greeley to allow exiting cars from his parking lot to turn left or right to exit during events.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Cleghorn at 818-429-6699. Please forward a copy of the City Planning Department's determination to us when it is ready. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this process.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cleghorn  
Past President  
Chair, Land Use Committee  
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cc: Councilman Herb Wesson, representing Council District 7  
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**Representative for Region 2**

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Linda Adran &lt;lindaadran@yahoo.com&gt;

Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 10:33 AM

To: secretary@stnc.org

Good Morning Aris,

I hope this email finds you well. I understand that there is an empty seat for Region 2 Representative, I'd like to be considered for the position please. My home address 7 [REDACTED] Kyle St. Tujunga, CA 91042. My contact number is 818 [REDACTED] and my email address is [lindaadran@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaadran@yahoo.com). I have owned my home and lived in Tujunga since 2013. I plan on raising my family here and want to help/ give back to the community. I have over 15 years of non profit, fundraising, event planning and community relations experience.

Please let me know what I need to do in order to present my qualification to the committee for consideration.

Thank you,  
Linda Adran.

Sent from my iPhone