



# Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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## General Meeting Special Agenda

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 - 6:31 PM

North Valley City Hall

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2) Krystee Clark, President Announcements (7)
  - A moment of silence for the victims of the violence in Las Vegas
  - Announcements – Cemetery Tour on Saturday Oct 14th, Armenian Cultural Festival Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunland-Tujunga Open Studios October 21-22<sup>nd</sup> 2017
  - Housekeeping, Speaker Cards, Timekeeper and Note keeper/ Recorder for meeting minutes (?)
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 (20)
  - Presentation from **California State Senator Anthony Portantino** to **Matt Cuddihy** for his bravery during the Las Vegas tragedy
  - Questions/Comments from the Public (10)
5. **PRESENTATION: Cindy Sower from Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council speaks on ways to help strengthen laws in regards to illegal fireworks. Support letter to be discussed. (10)**
  - Question/Comments from the public (5)
6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: Voting on open board seat vacancies for Region 4 Representative and Secretary.** Any stakeholders or board members interested in filling the vacant positions must submit a statement announcing their desire to fill the vacancy and their qualifications to do so to [secretary@stnc.org](mailto:secretary@stnc.org) and [president@stnc.org](mailto:president@stnc.org) at least 24 hours prior to our general meeting on October 11, 2017. Letters from each candidate will be read aloud and a chance for questions from the board and stakeholders will be given. Deciding vote will be by show of hands according to our Bylaws. (30)
  - **Appointment of Region 4 Representative to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council** – shall be considered from stakeholders who live (either homeowner, renter, or other fixed living arrangement), work or own property South of Foothill Blvd.
  - **Appointment of Secretary to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council** – shall be considered from stakeholders who live (either homeowner, renter, or other fixed living arrangement), work or own property in Sunland-Tujunga and will fulfill correspondence duties at the direction of the President, including, but not limited to, correspondence with other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils and the various Los Angeles City government agencies. He/She will be responsible for maintaining the contact lists of STNC Board and committee members and community stakeholders, and shall coordinate with the staff Logistics Manager to ensure the timely posting of notices of Board meetings, committee meetings, elections, and other items of interest to the STNC community. He/She shall take minutes at the Agenda and Board meetings in the absence of the appointed Recorder.
7. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve minutes from the August 9, 2017 Meeting and September 13, 2017 Special Meeting
8. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Review and approve September 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
9. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to approve \$200 for refreshments and water for an all day Emergency Preparedness workshop to be held in January to be thrown by the STNC in conjunction with a newly formed STNC safety committee



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10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to reimburse Shooshig Avakian for \$205.73 for refreshments and promotional materials used for our September 21, 2017 STNC local recognition event
11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to hire Apple One or similar service for up to \$150 per meeting to take minutes for our General Board meetings relieving any future secretary or board member of this requirement
12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to Pay \$1000 for the golf cart expenses that were previously promised to the Rotary Club for the July Fourth Parade
13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion for up to \$200 to re-set computer password and connect computer to copy machine in our Neighborhood Council office
14. Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Reports including Discussion/Possible Action
  - a. Report from Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates by Rick Ramirez, Budget Advocate for the North East Valley
  - b. Report from representatives of VANC, LANCC or other NC Coalitions or Alliances
  - c. Region & Group Representatives
  - d. Youth Advisory Council
  - e. Land Use Committee
    - DISCUSSION /ACTION: To send letter to the Department of City Planning in support of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council in opposition to the Draft Cannabis Zoning Regulations, CPC-2017-2260-CA as it relates to Cannabis Cultivation.
    - ANNOUNCEMENT: LUC Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> will focus on the recirculation of a portion of the draft environmental impact report regarding the Verdugo Hills Golf Course
    - ANNOUNCEMENT: Cannabis Regulation COMMUNITY MEETING on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at North Valley City Hall with Cat Packer, Executive Director, Department of Cannabis Regulation
  - f. Outreach
    - DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to purchase \$300 of art, craft and holiday supplies from Oriental Trading Company to help with free Halloween Festival sponsored by Sunland Park
    - DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion for \$500 to sponsor two upcoming VANC events
    - DISCUSSION: STNC volunteers for booth at the Armenian Cultural Festival on Sunday October 15th
  - g. Women Empowering Sunland-Tujunga (WEST) Committee
    - DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to spend up to \$700 on refreshments and promotional materials needed for upcoming public tea event
  - h. Beautification
    - DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to spend up to \$1200 for a waste disposal event to be held in December including disposal costs and advertising banners
  - i. Animal Issues Committee
  - j. Sunland-Tujunga Arts, Recreation and Culture Committee (STARC)
  - k. Bylaws Committee – Bylaws will be voted on at an upcoming meeting and submitted before the next deadline
  - l. Safety Committee
    - DISCUSSION/ACTION: Interest has been voiced to restore the Safety Committee to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. Please contact the following interested parties Pat Kramer ([patkramerstnc@gmail.com](mailto:patkramerstnc@gmail.com)) Nina Royal ([nroyal9259@aol.com](mailto:nroyal9259@aol.com)), Lydia Grant ([lydiajeangrant@gmail.com](mailto:lydiajeangrant@gmail.com)) and Sandy Capps ([sacapps@icloud.com](mailto:sacapps@icloud.com)) with ideas and to volunteer with upcoming events. Permanent committee members needed.
  - m. Homeless Committee
    - DISCUSSION/ACTION: Interest has been voiced to create a Homeless Committee to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. Please contact Amelia Anderson ([sparcky33@gmail.com](mailto:sparcky33@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming a permanent committee member.
15. Closing Comments by President, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment. (1)

Adjourn by 9:00 p.m.

Posted 10/9/17; Remove after 6/12/17



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## ITEM #7

### STNC Board Meeting Minutes August 9, 2017

Call to Order 6:40 pm

#### Item 2: Event Announcements

Dawn Jenkins – McGroary Arts Center – Burger Beer and Band Night, 8/26 6-10 pm

ST Open Studios, October 21-22, accepting 10 artists to exhibit at McGroarty

Dana Stangel – Animal Issues Committee Tuesday at 7:30, topic is coyotes in your backyard  
Series of wildlife workshops Teranga Ranch is offering in the community, three Thursdays in August at Sunland Foursquare Church

Regina Clark – Bolton Hall – September 9 at 1 pm, Lt Colonel Robert Friend (Tuskegee Airman) to talk about his career – 97 years old, submit questions via email

Pacoima Beautiful – Gardening workshops monthly, fourth Saturday of the month at Lopez Canyon Park

Marlene Hitt – Exhibit at Bolton Hall, in-depth study, Tuna Canyon Detention Center, exhibit currently on display through Sunday

Patty Colvin – Making it Happen – Dental and Optical Clinic on 9/9/17 at Chapel of the Hills

Amelia Anderson – Dental and Optical Clinic on 9/9/17 at Chapel of the Hills

Cindy Cleghorn – 9/9/17 Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall for all NCs citywide

Nina Royal – November disaster response training drill

Mark Siegel – class to teach HAM Radio starting 9/7/17, eight week course every Thursday night including FCC test at end of course

#### Item 3 Public Comments

Nina Royal – Thanked community for participation in National Night Out, recognized band that played at event, thanked Herrold Egger and Little Landers Historical Society

Lisa Kincaid – has concerns with homeless population in area and drugs; had an incident two nights ago near her home; takes her child to Sunland Park Skate Park, homeless person tried to grab her son at park, neighbor was stabbed at park; concern is safety of community, can't go out at night or walk dog

#### Item 4 Comments from Public Officials



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Officer Contreras – crime trends are flat in Sunland-Tujunga, addressed homelessness issues brought up during public comment; is having meetings with retail locations that may attract homeless customers; new council office has hired rapid response team

Question: why can't we have a law that says they have to do drug courses/classes? Answer: There was a law but more lenient sentencing laws don't encourage people to attend treatment

Question: How do we reach rapid response team? Answer: team is run through CD7 office; better to start with 311

Comment about HOPE teams available through LAPD

Question: what about mentally ill or threatening people encountered on street? Answer: Mentally ill by itself is not a crime, but if they are a danger to themselves or others, can be brought in for an evaluation

Question: People are living at Little Landers Park for several months. Answer: most parks in LA are like this, if they are not breaking laws they cannot be stopped

Question: how are La Crescenta and La Canada keeping homeless out. Answer: there are homeless everywhere, that is a misconception (maybe not at same level)

Question: if you ask someone at a park to move elsewhere, is it tracked, or are citations tracked? Answer: 2-3 years ago 20% of calls were homeless related, today, 90% of calls are homeless related

Question: level of violent crime is low compared to rest of city, has not encountered homeless persons in park in La Crescenta, but does not go to Sunland Park any more, what is difference between here and there? Answer: could be any of several reasons

William Pond (Field Rep for Assemblymember Bocanegra) – has recently taken over the ST and Lakeview Terrace areas

Eve Sinclair (Area Director for Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez) – reopened field office this month, office hours are M-F 9-5

Jared Degonia (Field Deputy for Supervisor Barger) – had a small community meeting recently with Supervisor on issues impacting city; LAPD and Foothill Division are primary law enforcement here, but encouraged NC to pay attention to what Sheriff is doing; Supervisor Barger is calling for formation of a commission to look into how county is implement AB109, Prop 47, and Prop 57; arrests are down after Prop 47 but enrollment in rehabilitation programs has also gone down

Question: if enrollment in mental health programs are down, are there vacancies now? Yes, in drug and alcohol programs, but not in overnight programs

County passed measure H and City passed measure HHH, County's role is the service component, anticipating \$360 million for services

Law enforcement can hold someone for 72 hours on a "5150" to determine if they are a risk, but criteria is open-ended; Supervisor wants to look at process to dig into mental health services with a focus on homelessness

Question: After marijuana becoming legal, why not roll back Prop 47? Prop 47 was passed by referendum, and would need another referendum

Question: when organizing a homeless connect day, tried to contact some 501c3s but had trouble getting in touch with them, how will measure H be able to avoid non-profits taking advantage or not be accountable?

Measure H will have accountability criteria

Vanessa Serrano (DONE rep)

September 9 Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall

Have not heard back if elections will be held in 2018 or 2019



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Asking NCs to keep all receipts from purchases and reimbursements  
Department cannot give a computer to NC, but are available for use at DONE office  
Question: can we get internet service in office. Answer: might be an issue for CD7 office

## Item 5: Minutes

Krystee moves to approve, Dana second  
Mark Seigel noted correction to spelling of his last name  
Pat Kramer requested that her previous request to have “no” votes named in minutes to be included in minutes  
Passes with 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

## Item 6: MER

No MER for June or July due to no transactions because STNC did not have access to account from June 8,  
Treasurer is awaiting receipt of bank statements

## Item 7: Tujunga Library Literacy Program

Brian Basler – Literacy Coordinator from Pacoima Library, represents ST, LVT, Sun Valley, and Sylmar;  
organizing literacy services in branches  
Walk in Tutoring every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 at Tujunga Library  
There is still a need for volunteers [pacoimaliteracy@lapl.org](mailto:pacoimaliteracy@lapl.org)

Question: is there an age limit for students. Answer: Literacy program is for 18 and over  
Question: is there a limit on how often student can come in and receive tutoring? Answer: program is first come first served, students can come every day or every week  
Question: is literacy program for English speakers or non-native English speakers? Answer: students should probably have some English speaking skills before participating in literacy program  
Question: will days/hours for program expand if volunteers become available? Answer: Yes  
Question: some high school students would make good volunteer instructors, program should consider taking volunteers under 18. Answer: age limit is for safety, but may be able to accept high school seniors that are already 18

## Item 8: Local Movie Night at Sunland Park on Friday, August 18, 7:30 pm

Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra’s office organizing a movie night at Sunland Park to show “Sing”  
Partnering with CD7 office  
Part of a “take back the park” effort for Sunland Park  
Question: is this an indoor or outdoor event? Answer: Outdoor event, with an inflatable screen  
Question: have had problems with parking in the area, could it be possible to park at the Ralph’s plaza? Answer: office will look into issue  
Question: what are the security measures? Answer: LAPD will be present, will do a sweep of the park before the event  
Community members expressed additional concerns about security  
Question: what is policy about alcohol? Answer: no alcohol in park, per city ordinance

## Item 9: Little Landers Historical Society Cemetery Tour Presentation

There is a cemetery in Sunland-Tujunga, no longer in use and now state-owned  
LLHS is requesting funding for cemetery tour in October  
Marlene makes the motion, Dana second



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\$20 per person to attend tour

Tour groups will be divided into five smaller groups to interact with actors/performers

Supervisor Barger's office will donate \$500

Question: is \$3275 all of the cost or just the requested amount? Answer: all of the cost

Question: if CD7 or other offices donate to event, will \$3275 request to STNC be reduced? Answer: Yes

Question: Where will \$20 per person income go? Answer: event is a fundraiser for Little Landers Historical Society

Comment: Easier for STNC to pay specific costs to specific vendors rather than fund entire event

Comment: one of most unique and important events in this community

Aris moves to amend motion to say up to \$3,275, Mark seconds

Amendment to motion passes with 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Funding motion passes with 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Item 10: Support letter for letter to limit hunting near residential areas, hiking paths, and horse trails

Dana read the letter included in the packet

Krystee moves, Dana seconds

Jan Owen and Sheri Thompson spoke in favor of the support letter, equestrians that encountered hunters last year, some hunters were intoxicated, were on ATVs tearing up the trails/roads

Question: is the area inside the city? Answer: area crosses public/private land and goes across jurisdictions

Question: has firearm and bow an arrow discharge always been illegal? Answer: Yes, but there were many more hunters last year, hunters probably don't know which areas are off-limits, asking for whole area to be closed to hunting

Lydia Grant – investigated this issue at length during CD7 election; Haines Canyon area is part of the City, issue has happened due to lack of leadership, suggests that STNC put forward a discussion through wildlife committee with relevant agencies

Kimberly Harris noted that CD7 office has brought together Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, and other agencies

Motion passes with 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Item 11: Support letter for NC Sustainability Alliance letter for a buffer zone between oil/gas extraction sites and residential neighborhoods

Pat makes motion, Marlene second

Comment: if 80% of 1000 wells are closed, isn't that in effect a taking of the rights of the well owners? Answer:

NCSA is more concerned with health and safety of residents

Motion passes with 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Item 12: NPG for Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair for \$500

Krystee moves, Pati second

Krystee noted that event is held outside of NC boundaries

Mark Seigel noted that event is for all of Valley, not necessarily just the area where event is held, many NCs in north valley have an outreach booth, STNC has been invited to have one there

Pati said that we did not vote for it because it was far and STNC was low on funds last year

Amelia said she would be happy to write on it in her community article

Jon von Gunten noted that the request is for \$500 from a total \$29,000 budget

Pat Kramer did not think it was a good outreach event, most attendees were only looking for free items, and threw away any NC fliers or other NC items



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Lydia Grant noted that over 26 NCs participated last year including some from south LA and the Harbor, could participate in other ways like putting logo on giveaway items or branded water bottles  
 Motion does not pass 4 yes, 9 no

## Item 13: National Night Out Reimbursement

Krystee moves, Pati second

David Barron recused himself

Motion passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 1 recusal

## Item 14: Fireworks balance payment

Shooshig moves to pay balance of \$4,500 to Pyro Spectaculars, Rick second

Motion passes with 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, 1 recusal

## Item 16a WEST Committee Recognition Event

Secretary asked DONE about guidance for funding request that was submitted on revised agenda but was not posted publicly by the City; DONE recommended that board postpone funding request agenda item to September

Adjourned 9:32 pm

	Attendance 8/9/17	Funding Training	Ethics	M ER	LLHS Ceme tery Tour \$3275	NPG Disaster Prepare dness \$500	National Night Out Reimburs ement \$494.41	Te a Pa rty \$5 00	Firew orks \$4500				
Krystee Clark	Present				y	n	y		y				
Charlie Bradley	Present; departed 8:10 pm												
Dana Stangel	Present				y	n	y		abstain				
Aris Hovaspian	Present				y	n	y		y				
Shooshig Avakian	Present				abstain	n	y		abstain				
Pat Kramer	Present				y	n	y		A				
Kat Juarez													





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Pati Potter	Present				y	y	y		y				
John Candler													
Edwin Miranian													
Jon von Gunten	Present				y	n	y		y				
Julie Cuddy	Present; departed 9:18 pm				y								
Marlene Hitt	Present				y	n	abstain		y				
Rick Ramirez	arrived 7:19 pm				y	n	y		y				
Mark Siegel	arrived 6:48 pm				y	y	y		recuse				
David Barron	Present				y	y	recused		y				
Ana Orudyan	Present				y	n	y		y				
Eve Sinclair	Present; departed 7:55												
Amelia Anderson	Present				y	y	y		y				
Linda Adran													
Hrant Vartzbe													
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Present	11	Yes	0	13	4	11	0	9	0	0	0	0
Absent	0	No	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Abstain	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
		Absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Ineligible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0