



Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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General Meeting Minutes-

December 12, 2018 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call & Board Introductions
Meeting Called to Order at 6:35 pm, Quorum Established & Roll Call Taken by Secretary,

Board Members Present: Dana Stangle, Charlie Bradley, Sevada Hemelians, Sandy Capps, Janelle Hussion, Amelia Anderson, Mark Siegel, Pati Potter, Jon Von Gunten, Lydia Grant, Pat Kramer, Ana Orudyan, Rick Ramirez, Oscar Alvarez, Chris Boyajian,

2. **Executive Committee Announcements (2)**

- a) Speaker Cards

- b) Secretary's Report:

- i. Election Committee Update

The EC Chair updated the outreach efforts this month, and candidate filing period starts 1.12.19. Additional meeting will be on Dec 19th at 6:30pm at the Library. Updates to be posted on STNC website.

3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: Board Member Group Representative Candidates (2)**

- a) *STNC Group Representative – Lallah Rowe, Toastmasters*

Statement read by Charlie Bradley

Questions from Board and Audience:

Roll Call Vote – 15 Ayes, Passed Unanimously and was inducted by Charlie Bradley

- b) *STNC Group Representative – Paul Armbruster, Entertainment Group Representative*

Statement read by Charlie Bradley

Questions from Board and Audience: Background in film and Special Education

Teaching, There was a previous Entertainment Group Representative

Both candidates were asked if they would be interested in running during the elections, Background strengths were asked for each candidate, their availability

Lydia and Janelle brought forth a request to verify these positions are in compliance with the By-Laws of the organization

As a recommendation, it was suggested by Lydia Grant that Paul bring a letter from the organization he is representing, to submit that and provide in advance of the January 9, 2019 Board Meeting.

4. **Event Announcements -**

Dawn Jenkins representing McGroatry Arts Center Winter Session is Open, inquire as to their opportunities on their website. STARC and Hanukkah in the Foothills recap

Lallah Rowe, Toastmasters Holiday Pot Luck Holiday Party

Rosalee Torres, Mission Hills College updates on available classes in winter and spring sessions.

Mark Seigel, Hanukkah in the Foothills was a great event
Ham Radio Classes in the spring,



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Sandy Capps (on behalf of Patee Colvin) 109 kids sponsored for Holiday gifts and the event is Saturday New Hope Church at 5:00pm holiday Party
Jan.22 Homeless Count 8 am – 11 am

Dana Stangle, Terranga Event, Free Hike

5. Public Comment - Non-Agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.

Amelia Anderson – Homeless Committee Meetings in January, February

Cindy Cleghorn, Reform Motions Meeting at City Council, The ability to roll-over NC Funds next meeting will be In January to continue NC Reform Motions

Nina Royal, Outreach meeting she attended for NC Elections.

Richard Stewart, Drug Education Booklets in ST stores and response has been great

Lydia Grant, clarifying comments on her disability status with Global Amnesia and she is stating that there are accusations of her employment status with Bridgegap, and she is refuting these statements.

6. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements with Q&A –

Jason from Sup. Bangers Office:

Update on LA-HOP, for reporting Homeless Encampments to report the ones we cant see, in alleyways, trails

Second point, investigative aerial firefighting resources motion passed by Supervisor Barger to have year round coverage and the Firefighters are getting the resources they need.

Arturo Garcia – Luz Rivas Field Rep:

Legislative Update: Homeless at Telfair Elementary, her alma matter, 24% of children are considered Homeless and as such she is proposing legislation to encourage Development of multi-family units and to adequately fund more homeless funding measures across our district.

Megan Maya, Case Worker at Luz Rivas office, contact their office for state issues, constituent services, and an event invitation – Holiday Mixer and Donation Drive, Dec 19th 5-7pm at her District Office...please see flyer for more details.

Question about any local plans for Sunland Tujunga, clarifying the Bill would benefit our region specifically

(Board Member Lydia Grant Stepped out of the meeting at 7:38 pm)

Eve St, Claire, CD7 Rep:

Happy to decorate the building, update of the remodel will commence in late summer and there will be more resources provided in the community room. Holiday party in Pacoima on Saturday 12-5 at Pacoima City Hall, Safe Parking Lot Pilot Program for people living in cars, Rvs, currently 39 people enrolled and 9 people assisted to find housing and they are working to introduce more Rv's to facilitate more families.

Foothill Blvd Safety: Left turn at SummitRose, will be lined with deliniators to block off the left turn, Repainting of 10 of the 12 signalized cross walks in town has been approved and work orders initiated, 2 left hand signals approved and never funded, and vision zero will be funding the two intersections for installation by 2020 and 2021 (Oro Vista and Mount Gleason)



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Mens Restroom is an abomination and there has been a possible Janitorial issue for the past two months there has been several incidents that the Council office is working to mitigate.

Pat Kramer had a question about Lit up cross-walks, and she will send over other suggestions from the STAT committee to review.

(Lydia grant returned at 7:51 pm)

- 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To approve November 2018 board meeting minutes.**
Dana moved and Rick seconded Passed with Roll Call Vote
- 8. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve the STNC Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2018** Dana moved, Sandy seconded, Passed with Roll Call Vote
- 9. DISCUSSION/ACTION: The STNC Safe Traffic and Transportation Committee confirm the following members to our committee:** ~~Nina Royal~~, Gerry Sherman, Hrant Vartzbedian, Jennifer Sonalia, John Clausen, Jon von Gunten, John Yard, ~~Cindy Cleghorn~~, and Barbara Rowe with a quorum set at three committee members.
Dana Moved, Pat Kramer Seconded, Lydia seconded the Amended Motion
Discussion: Amended Motion: Quorum must be amended to 4 with a committee of 7. Nina Royal will resign from the Committee, Cindy Cleghorn and Barbara Rowe are also resigning.
Roll Call Vote: 14 Ayes, 1 Absent)
- 10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: The 2019 Election Committee confirm the following members to our committee:** Sevada Hemelians, Charlie Bradley, Rick Ramirez, Sonia Tatoulian, Rock Swartz, Carol Hutchinson, with a quorum set at ~~three~~ Four members.
 - a) Approve Proposed STNC 2019 Election Budget: \$13,142
Dana Moves, Janelle Seconded
Modification: Change quorum to 4, and 2 bacs to approve members and budget
Budget tweaks will be made accordingly at the 12.19.18 Election Committee meeting and any subsequent Election Committee Meeting.
- 11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To modify the STNC 2018/2019 budget as proposed:**
Move allocated outreach expenditures of \$7,000 for 4th of July Fireworks, \$500 National Night out and \$500 from VANC/Congress to Community Improvement projects. Totaling \$8000.
Dana Moved, Charlie Seconded
Discussion: None
Roll call vote : Passed
- 12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve a new minute taker Apple One Employment Services or other approved City vendor up to \$25.74 an hour or not to exceed \$250 per meeting to be paid by credit card or check payment.**
Dana Moved – Janelle Seconded
Discussion: Sandy has been reviewing proposals from various vendors and we would like to engage the services of a new minute taker to assist with the Board Meeting Minutes starting in January.
Roll Call Vote, Passed



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- 13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Request to Add Internet to STNC Office with Spectrum Wifi: Service plan for up to \$140 monthly and setup charges and any equipment required up to \$300**
Dana Moved – Sevada Seconded
Discussion: Sevada mentioned that the initiative is to setup streaming camera for the various Board and committee Meetings, and as such, we as a “tenant” in the North Valley City Hall, need to provide Wifi and High Speed Internet in order to do this. The motion was considered a great idea and was put to a roll call vote.
Roll Call Vote, Passed
- 14. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vote on a Meevo Streaming Camera for STNC Board and Committee Meeting Streaming up to \$999**
Dana Moved, Janelle Seconded
Discussion: Sevada explained that this motion was on the agenda in the past, and while we had approved it previously, we are re-introducing the motions with updated equipment and budget request, in order to have a better more long term streaming solution for Board and Committee Meetings. We can take advantage of any Holiday promotions to seek better pricing in the.
Roll Call Vote: Passed
- 15. DISCUSSION/ACTION: STNC Board Member Attendance as per Bylaws**
President Dana brought up that Board members attendance is challenging and we need to re-up our individual commitments and really focus on the attendance at meetings. A letter was given to remind those Board Members who are having concerns around their attendance. The By-laws on attendance is read to record.
Public Comment: Rock Swartz, did a survey on attendance and our board had a 42% absenteeism over the past 11 months. Survey was turned in to the Exec Committee.
- 16. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Review of conduct and bylaws compliance for committee chairs and members and possible actions**
Dana Moved, Sevada Seconded
Discussion: Rick Ramirez stated that through various channels, and direct feedback from the audience on packets and submittal of letters on behalf of the board and we cant have committees acting outside of the Board approval and submittal procedures. There have been instances brought forth with Land Use Committee and Homeless Committee Representatives who have engaged in conduct that has been contrary to Board By-laws and Board acknowledgement and approval.
- Lydia Grant– LUC should present the process so people learn about it and are informed
Sevada Hemelians – process is inconsistent and arbitrary and Board is not kept in the loop on certain items, and as such when a violation occurs there must be an action/reaction.
Luke Vella – LUC chair has taken personal agenda with his projects in the past and he feels that there is not a fair effort on project approvals by the LUC.
Nina Royal – come to the LUC committee to learn about the information
Arnie Abrahamian - #1 critic of the LUC and the bias that LUC Chair shows towards certain projects and discrimination against certain projects is apparent and he feels that this should be stopped.
Mark Siegel: LUC has a lot of issues and volume of the work is tremendous
Vartan Keshish- LUC Committee Member – we want proactive members and we need to have training and availability to attend and participate.
Patti Potter– She has sent letters on certain projects to the community when appropriate and feasible. She has also engaged in door knocking activities to inform constituents of projects in their neighborhoods.



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Rick Ramierez– What is the role of the LUC and where is it stated they can do outreach

Janelle Hussion– Conduct of committee members and letters going out are not being brought to the board and there is no approval

Arnie Abramian– Recommend that the Region Reps be involved and brought into the discussion
Bettie Markowitz – Stakeholder – have difficulty knowing about a project and they would like to have notification letters sent out to neighbors surrounding a project. Setting up a group to discuss things in focused groups

Mark Siegel– Suggested to provide a list of different items and address them one at a time and brainstorm in a group to find transparency

Bill Skiles: LUC member, The LUC has a tremendous amount of work ahead of itself and must continue its efforts for the community. Suggests having a workshop/training for committee members to familiarize themselves with code of conduct.

Ana Orudjyan– Letters must be sent by board not the committee

Hrant Vartzbedian: Dissolve all committees as an executive board and
A poll of all board members recommendations was taken

Recommendation: Move to have a further discussion and action for another Board Meeting

17. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve LUC recommendations: - *Cindy Cleghorn*

a. Comment Letter: Remnant University at 7740-70 McGroarty - view

draft: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ood5wR7MDNWzE0j pzV9BHny5P2zHo1Do>

Representative from Remnant University present and the task at hand is the Pastor Richard Snyder, representative with Remnant. The University has addressed all of the five concerns raised by the LUC, they are happy to report they are good neighbors.

Chancellor is now a resident as well as a missionary is a member of the community as well. They've put over \$4M dollars into the property. And their request by CUP, is to change the number of students to 200, only 100 of which would be on campus at any time and available parking spots of 55.

Question about parking and carpooling generation forecasts, and the university is anticipating that there will be more virtual classes and enrollment, and carpooling

Question about Traffic Study and Parking and if there has been a study to determine trip generation times, and any potential impact to neighbors. Will there be a mechanism for neighbors to discuss and approach the University with Issues?

Question about Basketball playing on the facility. They don't intend to use the athletic facility of the property.

President Dana Stangel is going to read opposition letters presented by three constituents living nearby to her, and why they are not reflected in the LUC Recommendation Letter,

Mueller-Culberson Family

Judith E. Vida M.D., Opposing

Violet and Andranik Arzoumanian

Roll Call Vote taken: 10 Ayes, 1 No, 5 Abstains)

b. Comment Letter: 7656-60 Foothill Blvd. You can view draft STNC comment letter and the hearing notice

at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8SajXuNYs6YMjFmUzYzdW5rbDg>

Owner of the Property is here



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Question from Amelia: Can we have two 7-11s so close to each other

Randy Perez, neighbor on Apperson, opposing the Project

Georgia Brown, Letter deadline was 12/10/18 and now we have a post dated third letter to a different planner. The hearing has passed, and there is an 8 week gap when the ZA will be reviewing the letter. This process and timeline of the letter is not clear.

This is the first meeting during which this comment letter is being discussed by the STNC Board, and previous versions of this letter have been presented by the LUC Chair at the project Zoning Administrators hearing on November 19th, without Board Vote.

Roll Call Vote: Comment Letter Not Approved: 3 Aye Votes, 9 No Votes, 3 Abstains)

c. Update: Verdugo Hills Golf Course

presentations: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1SHJMFZr2EIRpxD8rlpu-cFC0s-AMP550>

Developers will like to present on the 1.9.19th STNC Board Meeting

d. Recommendation: STNC Board approve and submit the following Community Impact Statement: CF 18-1000

(approved at the 12/3/18 LUC meeting – unanimously)

Sunland Tujunga being a predominantly hillside community has been subject to increasingly dense development with ever increasing demands on an aging water and power infrastructure. As such, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports CF 18-1000 which is asking the DWP to report on the adequacy of and needed upgrades to the water and power infrastructure to meet current and future demands.

Roll Call Vote (15 Ayes)

e. Recommendation: The STNC board approve Arsen Karamians as an alternate on the Land Use Committee. Arsen is a former committee member and board member of the STNC. He took a break due to health issues. Arsen is a contractor by profession and a resident in Region 2. The LUC looks forward to having him back on the committee.

(approved at the 11/19/18 LUC meeting – with one opposed)

Roll Call Vote (12 Ayes)

18. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Comment Letter: Foothill Recycling 6360 Foothill Blvd

Patti Potter Presenting the comment letter regarding the Recycling Center

Maria Khachiyani and Georgiy Avetisov are present on behalf of the ownership. They explained that this is a members only recycling center. Strictly for the ST residents who have an id and they will be checked in M-S 8am -5pm and Sunday 8am-3pm

Discussion: Various questions were posed to the representatives about the hours of operation, process of verification of the members, what type of equipment will be used in the center and who will be responsible for cleaning and maintenance efforts at the facility. The ownership provided information on these questions as directed.

Roll Call Vote (14 Ayes, 1 No)

19. DISCUSSION: Region, Group, Committee, Alliances, Liaison reports:

a. Region & Group

Representatives:

i. Region 1, 2, 3, 4

b. Ham Radio

c. Homeless

d. Armenian Cultural Sasoon

e. Armenian National Committee

f. Business Watch

g. Neighborhood Watch

h. Verdugo Hills Minister's Assoc



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20. Outreach Committee - *Janelle Hussion* – 4th Thursday of the month
21. Youth Advisory Council / Education Committee - *Lydia Grant*
22. Sunland-Tujunga Arts, Recreation and Culture Committee (STARC) - *Joe DeCenzo*
23. Women Empowering Sunland-Tujunga (WEST) Committee - *Ana Orudyan* -
24. Sunland-Tujunga Emergency Preparedness (STEP) Committee - *Sandy Capps*
25. Beautification Committee - *Nayri Vartanian*
26. Animal Issues Committee - *Dana Stangel*
27. Alliances, Liaison reports, if any
28. Closing Comments, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment. (1)
29. Adjourn by 10:32 pm