



# SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**General Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
**6:30PM**  
**Approved**

**Meeting Location:**  
 North Valley City Hall  
 7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category	Seat
Adran, Linda	Present (6:55PM)	YES	Representative	R2
Anderson, Amelia	Absent	YES	Representative	SG
Avakian, Shooshig Treasurer	Absent	YES	Treasurer	T
Barron, David	Present	YES	Representative	R3
Bradley, Charlie 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Vice President	1st
Grant, Lydia	Present	YES	Representative	R4
Hemelians, Sevada	Present	YES	Secretary	S
Hitt, Marlene	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Hussion, Janelle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Vice President	2nd
Kramer, Pat	Present	YES	Representative	R1
McArdle-Potter, Pati	Present	YES	Representative	R4
Miranian, Edwin	Present (6:45PM)	YES	Representative	SG
Orudyan, Ana	Present	YES	Representative	R1
Petersen, Aaron	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Ramirez, Ricardo	Present	YES	Representative	R3
Seigel, Mark	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Stangel, Dana President	Present	YES	President	P
Vartzbedian, Hrant	Present (7:10PM)	YES	Representative	SG
Von Gunten, Jon	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Vacant			Representative	R2
Vacant			Parliament	P
Vacant			Representative	SG
<b>TOTAL: 19</b>	<b>14 PRESENT, 5 ABSENT</b>			

\*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired

\*\* Advance notice given for absence

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2) Meeting was called to order by STNC President Dana Stangel at 6:35PM. Forty-six stakeholders were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charley Bradley.
2. Announcements, Roll Cal, and Quorum- Ms. Stangel started the announcements stating that the Santa Monica Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation Conservancy had completed the purchase of land adjacent to The Rim of the Valley. The purchase was to preserve the area for the community's enjoyment.

Mr. Sevada Hemelians recited the oath of office and was sworn in as the new secretary. Mr. Hemelians proceeded to call roll. A quorum was established with 14 Boardmembers present.

3. Event Announcements- 1 min per speaker (10)

- Patti McArdle-Potter-Dedication of The La Tuna Canyon Detention Center sign at the corner of La Tuna & Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Ceremony starts at 11:00AM
- Regina, Museum Director- Bolton Hall Museum will be presenting No Boulder Unturned- Historical Aspects of our Community. Saturday, April 14, 2018 1:00PM.
- Mark Seigel- Ham radio class is forming, seats are still available.
- Dana Stangel-There are two upcoming events for the community to attend, one at Deukmejian Park on Friday, April 13, 2018 and the other at Oro Vista Park on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Edward Miranian arrived at 6:45PM.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. 2 min per speaker

- Cindy Cleghorn, Land Use Chair- Ms. Cleghorn gave an update on the cell tower application for the installation of a facility on Verdugo Crestline. If interested parties want to file an appeal to the decision, they have until April 19, 2018 to file an appeal.
- Shari Smith, Bolton Hall- asked several questions regarding the Neighborhood Purpose Grant that was approved months ago by the Board, but has not been funded.
- Art Miner, Sunland Tujunga Chamber- Mr. Miner apologized for the way that the Chamber of Commerce took over the fireworks show from the Community Grant Fund. He acknowledged the great job the Community Grant Fund has done in previous years on the fireworks show for the benefit of the community. Mr. Miner had asked for members of the community to put aside their bitterness and work together.
- Joie Hancock, community member- Wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that the cell tower facility known as the Oro Vista Cell Tower is being installed on the property of Sunland Neighborhood Church which is next door to Sunland Elementary School. Ms. Hancock asked for the community to fight against this installation and the Board to oppose.

Linda Adran arrived at 6:55PM.

Nina Royal, community member- National Night Out will be held this year at Little Lander's Park as it has been in previous years.

5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements (20)

Ranger Dave Acevas and an unidentified Ranger, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy- Ranger Acevas spoke about the recent purchase of a 110 acre parcel adjacent to The Rim of the Valley and how the land will be returned to its natural state. Prop A funds was used to make this purchase. Due to the illegal dumping at the site, fire gates will now be installed and laws enforced. The community will be asked to help with the cleanup of the area. Ms. Stangel thanked the Rangers on behalf of the community and the wildlife that will now be able to enjoy the open space. Lilliana Sanchez was recognized for her hard work in making this happen. Janelle Hussion was recognized for helping to put together cleanups on the site. All volunteers in the community that helped and supported these accomplishments were also thanked.

FD Esmeralda Marcial, LAUSD School Boardmember Kelly Gonez’s Office- Ms. Gonez has been keeping her promise to visit all the schools in her district and has now visited 110 of the 140 schools under her jurisdiction. The school district is still conducting a search for a new Superintendent and all parents, community partners, teachers, and students of the school district have been invited to provide input of the qualities they are looking for in a new Superintendent. There is an event on Saturday, April 14, 2018, that will be attended by School Board Kelly Gonez at San Fernando Park from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Hrant Vartzbedian arrived at 7:10PM.

FD Jason Maruca –Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Office- Ms. Barger is currently working on an ordinance to address the needs of the gravely disabled homeless community members. The intent of the new ordinance will help to provide food, clothing, shelter, and healthcare by amending provisions of existing state law. There will be an event at Arcadia County Park with Sky Divers and Military Vehicles on May 2, 2018 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM (Free Admission and Parking)

6. PRESENTATION: Local High Speed Train Update- David De Pinto and Kelly Decker (20)

A Video was presented that showed the plight of some of the homeowners in the Central Valley that have been taken advantage of by negotiators on behalf of The High Speed Rail Authority. Mr. De Pinto stated that we have to be diligent to protect our communities and open space. The S.A.F.E Coalition is inviting everyone to gather with them in the parking lot of the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center for a show of force and to create film. TBD

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appointment of Group Representative Position. (According to Bylaws: Any stakeholders or board members interested in filling the vacant position will be asked to submit a statement announcing their desire to fill the vacancy and their qualifications to do so. These may be submitted in person to the STNC office or by email to [secretary@stnc.org](mailto:secretary@stnc.org). They must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the next General Meeting. Stakeholders must provide proof of membership in a group that falls into the category they wish to represent. That group must possess a facility and/or hold regular meetings within the boundaries of the STNC, and the candidate must regularly attend meetings at that branch of the organization; and the candidate must live within the STNC boundaries. Furthermore, the Candidate must provide proof that the organization/group affirms that he/she is their representative.)

<b>STNC ITEM 8 Appoint Robert Ward to a Board Position Moved: Stangel Second: Vartzbedian</b>				
Item was postponed				

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABLE BOARD POSITION: We need a new Region 2 Group Representative. Region 3 is the North-East Tujunga Region: North of Foothill Boulevard, from the eastern STNC domain boundary west to Commerce Avenue and Seven Hills Drive. (Two (2) Geographical Representatives shall represent each region. Geographical Representatives shall represent the interests of the community stakeholders within their region. Geographical Representative shall maintain lines of communication with the various neighborhoods, businesses, and other organizations operating within their districts. Geographical Representative shall actively outreach to community stakeholder groups and individuals within their regions.) The position was announced and a request for community members to apply was made.

9. Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Reports including Discussion/Possible Action
- a. Report: Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates by Rick Ramirez, Budget Advocate: North East Valley Mr. Ramirez gave an update on the progress on the White Paper and that the Budget Advocates will be attending Budget meetings of the various departments. Budget Day will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.
  - b. Report from representatives of VANC, LANCC or other NC Coalitions or Alliances No report was given
  - c. Region & Group Representatives
    - Pat Kramer thanked Chuck Wolff for stepping up and helping with the dog bags.
    - Marlene Hitt gave an update on Bolton Hall.

Mark Seigel mentioned that Ham Radio Classes are available for those in the community wanting to obtain their Ham FCC technician license.

Aaron Peterson shared his experience at the 93<sup>rd</sup> year of services of the Easter Sunrise Service at The Cross of San Ysidro. The production of the event costs about \$2500 with many community groups helping to underwrite the costs. The event was attended by about three hundred worshipers and this was the first time in its 93 year history that the Scriptures were read by a woman.

- d. Land Use Committee No report was given
- e. Outreach Committee- No report was given
- f. Youth Advisory Council- No report was given
- g. Sunland-Tujunga Arts, Recreation and Culture Committee (STARC)- No report was given
- h. Women Empowering Sunland-Tujunga (WEST) Committee-There is an upcoming Resume Writing Workshop and Mock Interviews on Thursday April 26, 2018. There was a request for help from Boardmembers.
- i. Beautification Committee No Report Was Given
- j. Animal Issues Committee No Report Was Given
- k. Education Committee No Report Was Given
- l. Safe Streets Ad-Hoc Committee No Report Was Given
- m. Sunland-Tujunga Emergency Preparedness (STEP) Committee- Sandy Capps stated that The Stop the Bleed Event held on March 31, 2018 and was very successful.

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items:

- a. Committee Member Confirmations Safe Streets Ad Hoc Committee: Co-Chair Pat Kramer, Co-Chair Lydia Grant, Committee Members: Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal, Jon Von Guten, Karen Von Guten
- b. STEP Committee: Chair Sandy Capps, Committee Members: Janelle Hussion, Brenda, Georgia Brown, Claudia Akin, Sandy Shannon, Pati Ardle-Potter, Linda Adran, Ana Orudyan, Pat Kramer, Rick Ramirez.
- c. Outreach Committee: Chair Janelle Hussion, Committee Members: Pati Ardle-Potter, Linda Adran, Ana Orudyan, Pat Kramer, and Rick Ramirez

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items:

- a. Community Impact Statement 18-0036 - The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the motion re: Council File 18-0036 to expedite Building and Safety Permits and Grant Fee Waivers associated with reconstruction of homes and buildings damaged in the La Tuna Canyon and Creek Wildfires.
- b. Community Impact Statement 13-1357-S4 - Re: Affordable Housing Trust Fund - The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes the use of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as a source of funding for loan programs geared toward assisting property owners in fulfilling seismic retrofit requirements. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund should be used for what it was intended for and voted on by the voters, Affordable Housing. (copy of latest motion included)
- c. Support hardship regarding setback requirement for new single-family residence at 9739 Samoa, Tujunga.
- d. Comment letter to Dept. of City Planning regarding support for change of use and new signage at 9917 Commerce Ave., Tujunga.

Item numbers 10 and 11 were combined for one vote on the consent calendar.

<b>STNC ITEM 10 &amp; 11 Approve consent calendar Moved: Stangel Second: Hussion</b>				
<b>Yes – 17</b>	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible- 00	<b>Absent – 02</b>
Adran, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hemelians, Hitt, Hussion, Kramer, McArdle, Miranian, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Vartzbedian, Von Guten				Anderson, Avakian

12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve CIP- Community Improvement Project- STARC Committee and Scott Froschauer- Approve \$5,000 for a special art project “Word on the Street” for Sunland Tujunga.

<b>STNC ITEM 12 Approve \$5000 for NPG Moved: Stangel Second: Hitt</b>				
<b>Yes – 10</b>	<b>No – 04</b>	<b>Abstain– 03</b>	Not Eligible- 00	<b>Absent – 02</b>
Bradley, Grant, Hitt, Hussion, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Stangel, Von Guten	Adran, Barron, Ramirez, Vartzbedian	Hemelians, Seigel, Miranian		Anderson, Avakian

13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve NPG-Neighborhood Purposes Grant- ST Chamber 2018 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show- \$10,000

<b>STNC ITEM 13 Approve NPG for \$10000 Moved: Stangel Second: Ramirez</b>				
Item postponed	No – 00	Abstain – 00	Not Eligible- 00	Absent – 00

14. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve boundary adjustments to By Laws.  
Item postponed

Edwin Miranian left the meeting 9:14PM

15. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve CIS opposing the proposed Tree Replacement In-Lieu Fee; Council File 16-0461 Information was presented by Ed Novy, from the Sustainability Committee

<b>STNC ITEM 15 Approve CIS CF 16-0461 Moved: Stangel Second: Hussion</b>				
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No – 00	Recuse – 00	Not Eligible- 00	<b>Absent – 03</b>
Adran, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hemelians, Hitt, Hussion, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Vartzbedian, Von Guten				Anderson, Avakian, Miranian

16. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve minutes from February Board Meeting

<b>STNC ITEM 16 Approve February 2018 minutes Moved: Stangel Second: Bradley</b>				
<b>Yes – 15</b>	No – 00	<b>Abstain – 01</b>	Not Eligible- 00	<b>Absent – 03</b>
Adran, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hussion, Hemelians, Hitt, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Seigel, Stangel, Vartzbedian, Von Guten		Ramirez		Anderson, Avakian, Miranian

17. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve minutes from March Board Meeting

<b>STNC ITEM 17 Approve March 2018 minutes Moved: Stangel Second: Vartzbedian</b>				
<b>Yes – 16</b>	No – 00	Abstain – 00	Not Eligible- 00	<b>Absent – 03</b>
Adran, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hemelians, Hitt, Hussion, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Vartzbedian, Von Guten				Anderson, Avakian, Miranian

18. DISCUSSION: Current state of the STNC Budget  
Item postponed

19. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve February 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)  
Item postponed

20. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve March 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)  
Item postponed

21. Closing Comments, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

<b>STNC ITEM 21 Meeting adjourned Moved: Stangel Second: Seigel</b>				
<b>Yes - 16</b>	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible- 00	<b>Absent - 03</b>
Adran, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hemelians, Hitt, Hussion, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Vartzbedian, Von Guten				Anderson, Avakian, Miranian

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