

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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General Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2019 6:30pm

BOARD MEMBER	ROLL CALL	FUNDING VOTING ELIGIBILITY	BOARD APPOINTMENT
Dana Stangel	Yes	Yes	President
Charlie Bradley	Yes	Yes	First V.P.
Janelle Hussion	Yes	Yes	2nd. Vice President-
Sevada Hemelians	Yes	Yes	Secretary
Sandy Capps	Yes	Yes	Treasurer
Pat Kramer	Yes	Yes	Region 1 Rep.
Ana Orudyan	Yes	Yes	Region 1 Rep.
Chris Boyajian	No	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Vacant Seat	No	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Rick Ramirez	Yes	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Oscar Alvarez	Yes	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Pati Potter	Yes	Yes	Region 4 Rep.
Lydia Grant	Yes	Yes	Region 4 Rep.
Edwin Miranian	No	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Amelia Anderson	Yes	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Mark Seigel	No	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Lallah Rowe	Yes	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Jon Von Guten	Yes	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Rita Andonian	No	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Hrant Varzbedian	Yes	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Paul Armbruster	Yes	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Vacant Seat	No	No	Parliamentarian

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call & Board Introductions.
Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

2. Executive Committee Announcements (2)

A) Speaker Cards

B) Presidents report (agenda 11a is postponed, waiting on city attorney) I have spent the last 10 weeks with a migraine headache. Finally feeling better. Grateful to everyone that the team has

run smoothly.

C) Secretary's report: Getting caught up on committee level on the website. We are making progress on community website. Once election is over, we can continue that with more force. Tomorrow is our final elections candidate forum / meet n greet. We will begin closer to 6:30-7pm. 2 more election minute meetings left for this election. April 27 is Election Day. Thank you to all the election committee members. Seems like somethings always new that we are dealing with. You will get mailing sample ballots next week. It's a marketing piece for the candidates with information on positions.

D) Election Committee update

- i. Final Election Meet and Greet April 11, at NVCH 6:30-9:00pm
- li Election Committee Meetings April 16th and 23rd
- lii Election Day April 27, 2019 - 12pm - 6pm North Valley City Hall

3. Event Announcements.

1. Janelle Hussion Free Tree Giveaway with Love The Neighborhood and The Hub, April 13th Sat 8-2pm.
2. Dawn Jenkins McGroarty Community Art Center has a few spaces left for spring photography classes. The 16th Annual Ceramics Show. June 8th. June Art Fair Sat 22-23rd.
3. Jeri Smith, Bolton Hall Museum. Greg Durst is putting on a program this is about historical sites on Foothill Blvd. Places that you may drive by every day. We start at 1pm.
4. Rosalie Torres, Sunland Campus. Los Angeles Mission College in Sylmar. Theater arts program at campus. April 18th @ 7pm, explore dance. Theater Presentation May 9-18th Chavez, about Dodger Stadium early starts. \$20 for Orchestra seats.
GED classes as well are being offered. CPR first aid is being offered as a class. In fall, we will have multimedia classes. Sanitation and safety on Saturdays. August 26th also start citizenship classes.
5. Community Homeless Connect day. Thursday 16th. Collaboration between several agencies. We traditionally have about 100 people come through.
6. Ana Orudyan: The Victim Tanya is recovering now; we are requesting a collection to present it to her. This is from us the STNC.

- 4. Public Comment- Non-Agenda Items:**
1. Beiruy Neraissian, this is about what happened to Miss Tanya. We have witnessed some people doing drug sale as well as a gang activity. The Neighborhood got together to connect with LAPD to share information about the crime.
 2. Josephine Hancock, Stakeholder: Filed a grievance letter from an incident that happened where Lilliana Sanchez bullied me. DONE 60 days to resolve the issue or forward the issue. Bullying is unacceptable. We want more community involvement, not less because of bullying.
 3. Ginger Henry: I am here to acknowledge that Mrs. Hancock is correct.
 4. Luke Vella: The stabbing is unacceptable in our community. We should hold a rally. LAPD was called on me because I spoke out of turn. Lillian Sanchez came up with a camera to provoke me.
 5. Census Count is coming, they are hiring 1000s of people for that.

5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements: Officer Caloca and Contreras, LAPD Senior Leads in the area. 25% crime reduction in the area down from last year. We have had some out of normal, high priority incidents. The information you have on the

stabbing is everything that's been released. We know what happened, who did it, everyone's in custody. Our issue is what ties them back to this community and how do we get rid of that. Aside from that, we haven't had any other issues. Community input helped wrap this up very quick. Question: Was that MS13? A: No, it was Hazzard game, they operate elsewhere normally. Question: Last week I was told there was no gang activity and I refute that... Council Interjected: Dana, this is not the time for this....

Officer's answer: If there's any time to call us, please call 911. If it's an ongoing issue that requires long term assistance call me personally. Send photos of any vandalism to 311. Neighborhood watch 3rd Monday of every Monday at Starbucks on Sunland. We have all day to answer questions.

2. Arturo Garcia: Earth day LA tree planting event. You can get a free fruit shade and tree. There's going to be a home composting workshop with LA sanitation. Freeway service patrol, 511 a tow truck will get you into a safer location and give you a gallon of gas.

Brief Legislative update, AB 1313 Post secondary schools prohibited from withholding transcripts due to debt.

3. Kelly Gomez School Board, District 6: I have been to every single school I represent. I'm with 2 principles tonight. An upcoming measure could impact students. Measure EE will bring critical resources to our students. California is 44th in the nation in per pupil spending. EE will make critical investments in education. 16c tax per sf of building for the next 12 years. Presents certificate to the Sunland Tujunga neighborhood council for support. (Group photo takes place)

4. Principal Sosie Karlian: I am proud new principal of Mountain View Elementary. We are often making choices between funding a school nurse or a psychiatric worker. With Measure E, we would have all the additional support we need.

5. Principal Arturo Barcinas. Verdugo Hills principal for 4 years. Our best intervention for kids is to lower class sizes. That is the number 1 priority. Measure EE would be beneficial for this. We need more emotional help as well for our students. We need mental health and support services for our students.

Question: We've had a youth council in the past, is this something we can collaborate on to show students how neighborhood councils work. A: Absolutely. I'm all for it.

Dana Stangel: What we are missing is that parent/volunteer link, you find me that and we are golden.

Public Comment: Expressed concern about fixed incomes and more taxes.

Kelly Gomez: This measure cannot be used on anything wasteful such as paying off lawsuits. It's in the language of the measure. 65 older seniors are exempt. Based on state law, we must have 3 years of balanced budgets. If we are impacted by a recession and we don't plan for it, it could be devastating with thousands of layoffs like what happened in 2008.

5. Dominique Vitti from Councilman Monica Rodriguez office: 1st update is that city council voted yesterday for an additional \$500,000 in for CAL fire for damage. We are now hiring again giving priority to veterans and locals. Our office recently hosted a massive community clean up on La Tuna Canyon. It's a constant struggle with that street. Draining improvements at a local park. Homeless connect day on May 16th. We recently created a 1 pager for homeless, this handout has information on how to report encampments.

6. Discussion/Action: To Approve March 2019 Board meeting minutes: Dana Motions to

approve, Sevada Seconds. Open for discussion. Any amendments?

Proposed amendments for Typo's for people and places. Roll call Vote: Rick Abstain. Motion Passes.

YES	NO	RECUSE	NOT ELIGIBLE	ABSENT
13	0	1	0	4
Janelle Hussion Sevada Hemelians Sandy Capps Pat Kramer Ana Orudyan Oscar Alvarez Pati Potter Lydia Grant Amelia Anderson Lallah Rowe Jon Von Gunten Hrant Varzbedian Paul Armbruster		Rick Ramirez		Chris Boyajian Edwin Miranian Mark Seigel Rita Andonian

7. Discussion/Action: Approve the STNC Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2019 and March 2019: Dana Motions, Charlie will second.

February first: Dana Motions again, Charlie Seconds again. Roll Call vote: Amelia Abstain.

Motion Passes. Motion for MER for March 2019. Dana Motions, Sandy seconds.

Discussion: NA. Roll call vote. Rick abstains. Lydia Abstain. Amelia Abstain.

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8. Discussion/Action: Budget Finance Committee Items:

a. Discussion/Action: Provide breakfast refreshments up to \$300 for homeless connect day.

Sandy Motions. Does not need 2nd. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Pass.

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b. Provide LA Parks and rec for \$300 for bagged candy. Sandy Motions. Amelia's question: Q: Is this the only bagged candy provided or does parks and rec provide as well.
Sandy A: Parks and Rec provides baskets and asks for candy to fill. Roll call vote: Motion passes.

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c. Pay invoice #18225 \$17.50 for oldstnc.com name renewal. Old version goes back to 2013. Roll call Vote: Passes Unanimously.

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d. Discussion/Action: Motion up to \$475 for cordless electric weed whacker, strap and string trimmer. Sandy Motions. Dana Stangel Q: Is this a liability issue because it's a power tool? A. It's from the beautification committee. It's electric, rechargeable.

Lydia Grant: Q: Where is it stored? This is now city property? Has the city said it's ok for us to purchase it? A: If we vote on it, the city would approve it once we submit it. We just vote on it, yes or no. Its city property, it must be kept in office.

Roll call Vote: Passes. Unanimously

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e. \$250 for Find you Within & Team Pride Club 2997 Self Defense class. Sandy Motions. Instructor is 5th degree black belt. June 26th Sunland recreation center on a Saturday at 2pm. No limit on class size. \$250 fee is for the instructor. Inside the Rec center. Instructor has all proper credentials. Roll call vote: Motion passes. Unanimous Vote yes

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f. Amend BAC 3/13/19 #11c to reflect the dollar amount approved for \$250 for NPG Valley disaster preparedness. They applied for \$500, we voted for \$250. Sandy motions.
Roll call Vote: Motion Passes. Unanimously yes.

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g. Motion to allocate an unused 2019 Election funds and move up to \$1500 into the NPG for the 2018-2019 adopted budget. Sandy Motions. Currently right now we have \$11,278.06 left over. We are currently negative -1466 for the NPG. This is just to cover the NPG's for this fiscal year.
Roll call vote: Motion Passes Unanimously.

YES	NO	RECUSE	NOT ELIGIBLE	ABSENT
14	0	0	0	4
Janelle Hussion				Chris Boyajian
Sevada				Edwin Miranian
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Amelia Anderson				

9. Discussion/Action: WEST Committee Polo/T-Shirts up to \$450.00. Motion made by Ana O. Lydia: I recommend we postpone this until the communities have said. Q: is this for members, or is this for the public? How many? And what is the cost of the shirts? A: These shirts are about \$40 each.

Sandy: Can I make a suggestion Ana? Since we are at the end of the fiscal year, we should table this until the next year's budget since this is an election year and we are tight on funds.

Ana: I'll let you know what the committee wants. Item 9 Tabled.

YES	NO	RECUSE	NOT ELIGIBLE	ABSENT
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. Discussion/Action: WEST Committee Tea Party Event at Aurora Banquet Hall up to \$2500.00 Motion made by Ana Orudyan. This was a very successful event last year. This room is not available this year. We spoke to Mary, she was not able to do it. Aurora Banquet Hall was happy to do it this year and won't charge for the banquet hall, they will only charge for servers and food.

Dana: I have a concern. Last time we got taken for a ride, they said yeah you can have this for free, but then they up up upped the price of food and other things, I don't want to work with them again. In the end they charged us more than paying for the hall. Ana: A: That won't be the case this year it's at the Aurora. I believe it was \$900 for food last year for the other event, different venue.

Dana, I think this is the same date as the self-defense course. Sandy Capps: I think this was one of the great events of last year. I think we can put this over for next year's budget. We have to have to submit 30 days before an event.

Charlie Bradley: I think we need to do better with these kinds of requests.

This year, we can't serve the tea or touch food, we have to hire staff to serve the food. That's why the costs are different. We can't even bake cookies anymore.

11. Postponed, awaiting City Attorney

12. Discussion/Action: LUC Committee Items:

a. Council File 17-0981 Action "for if Amended" (Restaurant Beverage Ordinance). Fast tracks restaurants liquor license. This is geared for nice restaurants, nice sit downs. 2-3 months, as supposed to 2 years.

STNC is in favor to fast track. Pati Potter Motions. Sevada: These are just recommendations to the whole city council. Does not mean it will happen. The City ordinance for 11pm limit on alcohol means that if they want the 2am limit, they have to wait much longer for the license.

This is not for bars, just restaurants.

Public comment: 1. I would prefer not, that puts more alcohol into more people.

2. I think we need this, we spend our money on restaurants in Glendale, La Canada, and we need local restaurants.

Sevada: Roll call Vote. Amelia Vote No. Jon No. Motion Passes.

YES	NO	RECUSE	NOT ELIGIBLE	ABSENT
12	2	0	0	4
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b. Council File 19-0002-S38 "For" (SB-50): Pati Potter Motions:

Comment: If you own a single-family home, they can build a single-family home, they can build an 8 story apartment complexes next to any residence and there is nothing you can do about it. Let's fight this. John: There's a covert aspect about this. All they must do is run a bus line into an area and all the houses are within a 1/4 mile of the bus line.

Dana: When people talk about previously established traffic corridors is too flexible and chances all the time. Lydia: There is no local control the city will not be able to say, hey that's historic you can't build there: Roll call Vote. Passes Unanimous

YES	NO	RECUSE	NOT ELIGIBLE	ABSENT
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c. SB150 STNC supports the 19-002-S38 to oppose SB150. Roll call Vote: Passes Unanimously

YES	NO	RECUSE	NOT ELIGIBLE	ABSENT
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13. Discussion: Committee reports NONE except for 19.
(Skipped 13-18)

19. Safe Traffic and Transportation Committee STAT: Pat Kramer Motions. We have no enforcement for traffic. We would have to designate money from the council to pay for the officers as per told by LAPD.

Comment: Monica Rodriguez has never come here, we should invite her here to hear our needs. Lallah: I agree with this, but we should look at some other things. Even 2 full time traffic

cops would not catch everything.

Dana: Our issue is we don't have a letter to even vote on, so I suggest we postpone this until we know what we are sending or voting on. I feel like this would be a letter we could send to her to be taken seriously.

Sevada: Is there money asked for? Where is this coming from? I think we should indicate in this letter we should ask for a clear dollar amount, rather than make it more of a wish list.

Dana, we are adjourning.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51pm.

Meeting Cards:

1. Dawn Jenkins: McGroarty Arts Center
2. Janelle Hussion: Love the Neighborhood Initiative Group
3. Lydia Grant: No information
4. Luke Vella
5. Ginger Henry: Tujunganga CA
6. Beiruy Neraissian
7. Joie Hancock
8. Kathryn Ray