

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Meeting date: February 12th, 2020 6:45pm
Meeting Location: Apperson Street Elementary School,
10233 Woodward Ave Sunland, CA 91040

Called to Order: 6:50 pm by Liliana Sanchez, President.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Liliana Sanchez	Present	Yes	President
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	1st Vice President
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Sandy Capps	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Secretary
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	At-Large Group Representative
Vartan Keshish	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
Vacant		N/A	Region 1 Representative
Glen Belt	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Arsen Karamians	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Oscar Alvarez	Present (at 8:05)	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Rafi Shaheenian	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Pati Potter	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Arnie Abramyan	Present	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Kresse Armour	Present	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Vacant			Stakeholder Group
Garbis Khanjian	Present	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Vacant			Stakeholder Group
Vicky Cerpa	Present (at 7:10)		Stakeholder Group
Jon von Gunten	Present (except for one vote at 8:15)	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Ivan Spiegel	Present	Not Applicable non-voting consultant	Parliamentarian
Quorum: 11 16 Present at Roll Call 18 Present for most votes			

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Before the meeting is called to order DONE advisor Nyambura notes there is an I-pad in the back sign in area where those interested can leave their email if they wish to receive a Neighborhood Council Newsletter.

Item 1. Call to Order and Welcome—Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call --Meeting quorum met. President Sanchez notes that some board members have been subjected to discrimination and sexism. She has brought this to BONC’s attention. She denounces racism, sexism and ageism which discourage participation. All volunteers should be embraced and welcome. Secretary Cleghorn notes all board members present are up to date on their training.

Item 2. Discussion / Possible Action to approve January 8th 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion approve January 8th 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
Motion: Lydia Grant , Second Nina Royal
No roll call vote, no corrections noted or objections stated. 15 yes, Belt abstain, 2 absent, motion passed

Item 3. STNC Board Updates / Announcement of Board Vacancies: Secretary Cleghorn announces there are 2 vacancies for a Stakeholder Group Representative and one vacancy for Region 1 Representative. She reads the qualifications for both offices.

Item 4. General Community Event Announcements

Jina Maleksarkissians – The Foothill Retirement Community is having an open house in conjunction with the La Crescenta Chamber of Commerce on February 20th from 6 to 8pm, 6720 St. Estaban St. Tujunga. All are welcome.

Mark Dutton – Toastmasters is having a speech contest on February 17th at 6:30 pm with competition for the best international and comic speeches. There is also going to be an open house on February 24th.

Sheri Smith, Little Landers Historical Society / Bolton Hall: The second Saturday event for March will be Why is Hollywood Here? It will give a history of film making in Los Angeles. Bolton Hall will be changing its hours starting in April to be on Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 4 pm.

Michelle Ramage, Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills Rotary the theme of this year’s 4th of July Parade will be Our Children Our Future. There are parade applications in the front, all are welcome.

Michelle Ramage, Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills Community Fund – The fireworks will need help with community support and sponsorships this year. The fund appreciates the STNC, but due to City rules the STNC will not be able to contribute funds to this event. The first fund raiser will be at Joselito’s on February 26th.

Item 5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Pat Kramer – Longtime community resident and volunteer John Yard passed away earlier this month. He was a statistician who was very helpful to the STAT committee in collecting data on traffic accidents in the area. He was also active in supporting conservation efforts.

Ivan Spiegel – Reminds everyone about the upcoming primary elections that will be using a different system with regional voting centers. The locations in our area are: Pinewood Elementary, Sunland Elementary, and the Sunland Senior Center. Voting starts on Saturday, February 29th. There will be same day registration and voting this election. There are also 11 day voting centers beginning February 22nd in La Crescenta and Burbank.

Claudia Akins – is embarrassed and ashamed that President Sanchez removed Ana Orudyan as Region 1 Representative for general board meeting absences that were due to the death of a family member. Representative Orudyan showed up at many neighborhood events.

Item 6. Presentation & Q&A Update On Homeless Crisis – Caroline Menjivar, MSW, East Valley Rep for Mayor Garcetti

To prevent homeless, there are new State and City programs underway: 1) Enforcing AB 1482 protects against rent gouging. This measure does not have guidelines, but they are working on this with the state. 2) The Solid Ground Program can assist families in getting up to 3 months financial assistance with rent and utilities, plus one year of wrap around services. 3) LA Enterprise helps people facing homelessness with skills and resources like business training, credit repair, and micro loans.

As for the homeless on the street, there have been 2,532 outreach contacts, 1,033 people placed in housing, 8,939 service calls and 3,353 clean ups. The Care Teams have gone from 5 day a week service to 7 days a week to keep up with illegal dumping. They have also modified their LAPD policy with law enforcement doing a pre-cleanup visit to camps with a history of negative interactions with clean-up crews.

There will be 26 Bridge Home projects completed by July. There are 519 beds now plus 439 on the way for a total of 958. There are no current Bridge Home projects in the valley but there will be two one in North Hollywood and one in Van Nuys. There is also a Navigation Center under construction in North Hollywood. There is going to be a woman's shelter in Sylmar and another shelter in Canoga Park. The last two projects are re-using existing buildings.

There are 150 Permanent Supportive Housing Projects underway that will produce 10,564 supportive units. In our area there will be projects in Lake View Terrace and Sun Valley. Los Angeles County also has projects underway. The state has promised more money and the Mayor has had discussions with Ben Carson at HUD principally about underused federal properties that might be used for homeless housing.

Q&A:

Q: Lydia Grant-- I attended another NC meeting in Wilmington where someone from a non-profit said they were given a \$300,000 grant from neighboring cities such as Hermosa Beach to put their homeless on the list to get supportive housing in LA. A: There is a coordinated entry system for supportive housing; it is not first come first serve. No one can pay to prioritize their clients. Still would be interested in details about what was said at this meeting. There is a problem with people from other areas including other states claiming to be local because many homeless do not have IDs.

Q: Cindy Cleghorn: regarding bridge housing, how much is the Mayor pushing those who do not want to be housed? A: There is a waiting list for the 14 bridge houses already in operation.

Q: Vicky Cerpa: What about people with mental health and drug problems? A: All these facilities have wrap around drug and mental health services. Residents are not forced into treatment.

Q: Pat Kramer: What date will the women's shelter in Sylmar open / what about the many homeless men in this area? A: The women's shelter should be done by late spring, no later than July. 90% of bridge housing is dedicated to men. Since there is no bridge housing in the ST area, the bridge housing will not be serving them. It was very difficult getting any bridge housing in the valley.

Q: Mark Dutton: Are existing structures being used for homeless housing? A: All the supportive housing projects are new from the ground up. The mayor's office has also done outreach with the neighbors of the proposed housing to address their concerns.

Item 14c. ST Traffic and Transportation Report – (item out of order) Pat Kramer—As a result of discussions with State Senator Portantino's office, the Senator is proposing a \$80,000 budget item to cover more traffic enforcement in Sunland Tujunga. The committee continues emailing the council office about more funding for traffic enforcement but they do not seem interested funding more enforcement in the area. Captain Nyman says there is more money available if approved. The LAPD has committed to doing educational

traffic safety talks at local schools. There will be an assembly at Mountain View Elementary this month. They are also working on getting slow down yard signs.

Item 7. Representative Announcements and Reports:

Arturo Garcia, Office of Assembly Member Luz Rivas 1) AB 1482 extends tenant protections. If you have an eviction problem that you believe may be unlawful, call the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment at 1 (888) 428-7615 2) Assemblywoman Rivas is working on a new parks bill AB 2031 to allow local agencies like schools to dedicate unused land for open space. 3) There will be an Earned Income Tax Credit Clinic on Feb 22nd at the PUC Inspire Charter School in Pacoima.

Jason Maruca, Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger – 1) Voting season is here, if you have any problems at a polling place call (818) 993-5170. 2) As for homeless issues the Supervisor co-authored a review of LAHSA (Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority) to make sure it is meeting current needs. Supervisor Barger believes the priority should be immediate housing. 3) Regarding Camp Louis Roth, it is going to cost the County approx. \$300,000 to evaluate the property for mitigation. When President Sanchez asks if the land is going to be kept as open space she is told the County is still studying mitigation and what to do with the space. Stakeholder Mark Dutton: what is the status of the County purchasing the former St. Vincent’s Hospital property in the Westlake area of Los Angeles for homeless housing? Jason Maruca confirms that the County is interested in buying this property for County services. Board Member von Gunten wonders if there is going to be any federal aid for homeless housing. Deputy Maruca thinks discussions with the federal government mostly focused on excess federal land.

Item 8. DONE Updates

Gibson Nyambura, DONE Advisor – 1) gives a brief presentation on the Data Hub / Geo Hub application as a resource for neighborhood councils to obtain demographic data, address lists, locate census kiosks, voting centers, 311 requests, community impact statements etc. etc. 2) In response to stakeholder inquires, notes Section 7 of the STNC Bylaws covers resignation by absence from general board meetings. At present the bylaws do not provide for excused absences. Board member Abramyan asks about accepting or rejecting a resignation, Advisor Nyambura responds this is up to the STNC president. Anyone who resigns from the STNC board can come back.

Item 9. Consent Calendar

- a. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves Board member reimbursement to Sandy Capps in the amount of \$79 for payment of tune up to the STNC weed whacker from Leon’s Chainsaw and Lawnmower. (Outreach)
- b. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves up to \$400 for 1000 4x6 magnets from Sunland Printing. (Outreach)
- c. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves up to \$350 from Smart & Final for candy to fill eggs for Sunland Park Eggstravaganza Spring Carnival Free Egg Hunt. (Outreach)
- d. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves up to \$500 for a jumper from Aladdin Jumpers for Sunland Park Free Spring Carnival. (Outreach)
- e. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves STNC Polo shirts red with white letters on both sides up to \$600 (\$500 + preparation and tax) for 25 shirts from R & R T-Shirt Printing. (Outreach)
- f. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves up to \$50 for STNC Outreach Boxes. (Outreach)
- g. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves Kresse Armour to the STARC Committee

Treasurer Capps requests that item b be pulled for further discussion.

Motion: <u>Approve Consent Items a, c-g as stated in meeting agenda</u>				
Motion: Lydia Grant; Second: Lallah Rowe Roll call vote / BACS signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Abramyan, Khanjian, von Gunten, Cerpa Armour				
18 yes, 0 absent, motion passed				

Motion: Send Consent Item b (\$400 for 1000 4x6 magnets from Sunland Printing) to Budget Committee				
Motion: Sandy Capps; Second: Arnie Abramyan Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Abramyan, Khanjian, von Gunten, Cerpa Armour				
18 yes, 0 absent, motion passed				

Treasurer Capps would like to send this item back to the Budget Committee to get a specific price quote.

Item 10 (number not used)

Item 11. Treasurer Report. Treasurer Capps gives a report on current Monthly Cash Reconciliation balances per the Monthly Expenditure Report: Beginning Balance \$35,572.33, Total Spent \$930.97, Remaining Balance \$34,641.36.

Item 11A. Discussion/Possible Action approve January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion: <u>Approve January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report</u>				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn; Second: Arnie Abramyan Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Abramyan, Khanjian, Cerpa, Armour				von Gunten (for this vote only)
17 yes, 0 absent, motion passed				

Item 12. New Business

Item 12A. Discussion/Possible Action Community Impact Statement on Council File 19-1412

Motion: <u>Approve Community Impact Statement on Council File 19-1412</u>				
Motion: Lydia Grant; Second: Patti Potter Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Khanjian, von Gunten Cerpa, Armour		Abramyan		
17 yes, 0 absent, 1 Abstain motion passed				

VP Grant is concerned that this state of emergency motion gives the Mayor too much power to build homeless housing anywhere he wants regardless of existing zoning. VP Royal is also concerned this is too much like SB 50 where there is no public input.

Item 13. Land Use Cases

13A. Discussion/Possible Action STNC Board Supports 9745 Commerce ZAD (Zone Administrator Adjustment) for relief from widening street and abutting roadway requirements

Motion: Support 9745 Commerce ZAD (Zone Administrator Adjustment) for relief from widening street and abutting roadway requirements				
Motion: Patti Potter; Second: Lallah Rowe Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Abramyan, Khanjian, von Gunten Cerpa, Armour				
18 yes, 0 absent, motion passed				

Land use chair Potter notes this is a long, narrow dirt street that the neighbors do not want widened with 20 feet of paving because they will lose their front yards.

13B. Discussion/Possible Action STNC Board Supports 6201 Anderson ZA (Zoning Administration) to provide approval for filing a private street map

Motion: <u>Support 6201 Anderson ZA (Zoning Administration) to provide approval for filing a private street map</u>				
Motion: Patti Potter; Second: Vartan Keshish Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Abramyan, Khanjian, von Gunten Cerpa, Armour				
18 yes, 0 absent, motion passed				

Land Use Chair Patty Potter notes this will establish a short street off of Lowell near the City border in order to build two homes.

13C. Discussion/Possible Action STNC Board Supports 10455 Sunland Blvd., updated support letter to reflect updated case number regarding the Sunhill Shopping Center for public hearing set for 3/2/20

Motion: <u>Support 10455 Sunland Blvd., updated support letter to reflect updated case number regarding the Sunhill Market Place for public hearing set for 3/2/20</u>				
Motion: Patti Potter; Second: Lallah Rowe Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, Abramyan, Khanjian, von Gunten Cerpa, Armour				
18 yes, 0 absent, motion passed				

Land Use Chair Potter would like to correct motion to reflect proper name of the shopping center, Sunhill Market Place. There will be a new monument sign where the Ralphs / Rite Aid sign is now, plus and additional new monument sign on the Fenwick side of the mall.

Item 14. Committee / Alliances / Liaisons Updates: STNC Committee Reports

14a. Bylaws—Chairman Bill Skyles reports the committee has had two meetings, one lasting 4 hours. The goal is to have the suggestions done by the next board meeting. The deadline for Bylaw changes is April 15th. The next meeting of the Bylaws Committee will be February 24th at Apperson Elementary. If the meeting is small, it will be held in the room in back of the auditorium.

14b. Neighborhood Watch – Board Member Jon von Gunten gives report: Crime overall is down 17 to 18% overall. There has been an uptick in property crimes in the area. If STNC funding is approved there will be another tamper proof license plate screw event in our area.

14c. ST Traffic & Transportation Committee – Pat Kramer gave report earlier in mtg. (see pages 3-4.)

14d. NC Budget Advocates – report from Co-Chair Lallah Rowe – the white paper did not make its target date but should be available soon either on data stick or hard copy. Later in the Meeting Kevin Davis, President of the Foothill Trails NC notes that the white paper for this year has been completed and is fairly long. There are currently only two advocates for this area, so if anyone wants to volunteer for the position it is open. June 20th is the annual budget day at City Hall. He notes that the Budget Advocates receive no financial support from the City so if the STNC would consider using some of their funds to help support them, this would be appreciated.

14e. VANC (Valley Alliance of NC's, meeting 2nd Thurs. of Month) report from Secretary Cleghorn – there will be a meeting tomorrow night at Sherman Oaks Hospital in Van Nuys at 6:30. City Controller Ron Galperin will be there. VANC is working on a letter to City Attorney Feuer regarding the power of neighborhood councils to communicate directly with state and federal officials. There is also a best of NC's awards dinner coming up on March 12th.

14f. DWP MOU / DWP Committee – Meeting on March 7, 8:30 LADWP Headquarters, 111 North Hill St., Cafeteria Level

14g. LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) Meeting on March 7, 10am LADWP Headquarters, 111 North Hill St., Cafeteria Level. Secretary Cleghorn reports that one item being discussed is the possible removal of Cat Packer, head of the Department of Cannabis Regulation. VP Grant adds that there will also be discussion on DONE's refusal to provide security at NC meetings while not allowing NCs to pay for their own meeting security.

14h. Emergency Preparedness – the STNC needs a liaison to attend monthly meetings.

14i. Land Use – The next meetings will be March 2nd and 16th at Apperson Elementary. Chairperson Potter reports there will be a presentation regarding the 2 cell phone towers off the 210 freeway off-ramp. The proposal is to increase the height of the white tower from 40 to 65 feet.

14j. Community Improvement next meeting Feb. 19th at Apperson Elementary. Chairperson Grant notes members of the high school are here today. She intends to get them involved in this committee.

14k. Outreach – Nina Royal states a representative from each region must show up at the next meeting or there will be no outreach money for their area.

Item 15. Final Announcements the next two General Board Meetings will be at the Sunland Park Recreation Center on March 11th and April 8th. President Sanchez thanks those who attended the meeting and tells them to invite their friends next time.

Adjourn at: 8:40 pm

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon