

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special General Board Online Meeting
Meeting date: November 9th, 2020 6:45pm
ZOOM Meeting Online or by Telephone

Called to Order: 6:46 pm by Liliana Sanchez, President.

| Board Member | Roll Call | Funding Voting Eligibility | Board Appointment |
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| Liliana Sanchez | Present | Yes | President |
| Lydia Grant | Present | Yes | 1st Vice President |
| Nina Royal | Present (at 7:09) | Yes | 2nd Vice President - Outreach |
| Sandy Capps | Present | Yes | Treasurer |
| Cindy Cleghorn | Present | Yes | Secretary |
| Lallah Rowe | Absent | Yes | At-Large Group Representative |
| Vartan Keshish | Present | Yes | Region 1 Representative |
| Mark Norling | Present | Yes | Region 1 Representative |
| Glen Belt | Absent | Yes | Region 2 Representative |
| Arsen Karamians | Absent | No | Region 2 Representative |
| Oscar Alvarez | Present | 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 at 7:10, absent for portions of meeting left early | Yes | Stakeholder Group |
| Kresse Armour | Present | Yes | Stakeholder Group |
| Garbis Khanjian | Present (until 7:00) | Yes | Stakeholder Group |
| Jon von Gunten | Present | Yes | Stakeholder Group |
| Shirley Kim | Present | Yes | Stakeholder Group |
| Vacant | | | Stakeholder Group |
| Vacant | | | Stakeholder Group |
| Vacant | Not Applicable | Not Applicable non-voting consultant | Parliamentarian |
| Quorum: 11 16 Present for Roll 14 for most of meeting | | | |

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Item 1.

A-B. **Call to Order and Welcome, President Sanchez**—Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call --Meeting quorum met.

C. **Meeting Protocols Reminder by Secretary Cindy Cleghorn** – Welcome. This meeting will be recorded for records purposes. Treasurer Capps will be the timer. Meeting attendees will be muted, use raise hand feature to comment on Zoom or dial *9 on phone. Comments by public limited to two minutes. We are transitioning into this new environment. Please provide grace and follow code of civility. Please address comments to Board and not to individual members. Board members should mute if not speaking or voting.

D. **Board Members Eligible to Vote** - Member Alvarez has updated his training. Member Norling confirms he has completed his training although he is having a hard time getting DONE to update their records. DONE Representative Semee Park confirms DONE is having problems with updating records so it is fine for now to go with honor system re member training.

E. **Board Member Conflicts** – none disclosed.

Item 2. President's Report:

- A. There are 2 Group Representative Vacancies on the STNC board. Qualifications for seat read into record. Anyone interested in these positions should apply by November 25th.
- B. Jean Morrison, a self-defense instructor and author is offering a free 2 hour stress management online course on Monday, December 7th from 7-9 pm. More information at: diyresilience.com.

Item 3. Committee/Liaison Announcements & Reports

- A. L.A. City COVID-19 Resources <https://corona-virus.la/>
- B. Bylaws/Standing Rules – November 30, 2020 @ 7 PM (tentative)
- C. Beautification – November 18 @ 5:30 PM - via Zoom – by Marjorie Maxon, Committee Member: There is going to be a planting/clean up at the Welcome Garden on Nov.14, social distancing and masks required; the Monument Sign at Foothill and Wentworth has been repaired; the committee has a funding/event approval for the Pinewood Elementary Mural, the LAUSD will not let volunteers on the property without city insurance.
- D. Budget & Finance – November 18 @ 6 PM - via Zoom
- E. RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) Update – Treasurer Capps notes there are no training sessions due to the Covid 19 precautions; but there are some great videos on their website. Some are shared on the STNC website.
- F. Emergency Preparedness – Mark Norling-- went to the last meeting which was very informative. We do need to start organizing our neighborhoods to respond in case of emergency.
- G. Neighborhood Watch – meetings via Zoom 3rd Tuesday – Jon von Gunten -- 4 volunteers went to all 9 local polling places on Election Day, everything went pleasantly with no disturbances or problems.
- H. Land Use – Pati Potter - Next Meetings Nov 16 and Dec 7 @ 7 PM - via Zoom – Land use Chair Potter will give her report when Item 10 of the agenda is called.
- I. STAT - Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee next meeting Nov 24th @ 6 PM - via Zoom.
- J. Outreach & Community Improvement Committee – Next Meeting Nov 19 @ 6:00 PM - via Zoom – By VP Royal – she has been contacting former board members hoping some would be willing to serve on the elections committee.
- K. STARC – Arts, Culture & Recreation Committee, Nov 24 @ 7:30 PM - via Zoom – no report.
- L. Executive Committee – Dec 2, 2020 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom – no additional report.
- M. STNC Board Elections April 20, 2021—vote by mail Registration begins Feb. 19, ends April 19

Candidate Filing Opens Dec. 19, 2020 and ends Feb 2, 2021.

- N. NC Budget Advocates – Liliana Sanchez / Sandy Capps [1] – ncbala.org - via Zoom – Report by Glen Bailey, Region 2 Budget Rep. Since there is no budget rep from Region 1 here, he will give a brief report: The City budget deficit had risen to \$700 million, it has been growing at a pace of \$50 million a month. DONE and many other departments are being cut. The early separation incentive for City workers only resulted in 2.6 million in savings and since Prop 15 did not pass there will no money from the state. Federal funding is still stalled in Congress. The Equity Funding Town hall has been postponed but is still planned. They are restructuring the budget advocates committees to be based on topics / issues. More information is available at: budgetadvocates.org
- O. Homelessness – Date TBA
- P. VANC - Nov 12 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

Item 4. Representative Announcements and Reports

Vickere Murphy, State Senator Anthony Portantino’s Office – The EDD case overflow continues, there are fewer applications but it is still slow. If you applied and have not heard for months you should contact their offices because there is probably a problem. The State Legislature is on break, this is the time of year that state senators are in their districts and available for virtual meetings.

Eve Sinclair, Area Director for Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez –

Oro Vista Flood Control Project: Is very excited to announce that the community is going to get a Measure W project to improve flood control on Oro Vista Ave. from Foothill to Hillrose. This is a 10.5 million dollar project with new permeable sidewalks, catch basins and green space. The project is still in the planning stages, meetings will begin in 2021.

Traffic Safety 1) a new left turn phasing signal at Foothill/Apperson intersection was activated, one more is planned for Foothill at Tujung Canyon Blvd in April 2021; 2) new speed humps were installed on Apperson between Oro Vista and Parr, and on St. Esteban between Marcus and Walpole. The speed bump program is now on hold due to the current budget crisis.

Operation Bright Spot along Foothill Blvd is now completed, along with a 311 education campaign to try and maintain the improved conditions;

Business Webinars: The council office is presenting 3 webinars to help the business community deal with the Covid crisis: 1. Covid Relief and Business Regs.; 2. Commercial leases and legal resources; 3. Public Safety and Community Beautification (Nov. 16th). If you missed the first two webinars they are online on the Councilwoman’s Facebook Page.

Homeless outreach: The safe parking program just celebrated its second anniversary 186 families served many relocated to permanent housing. The Arroyo Bridge Home Women’s shelter in Sylmar offers immediate shelter for abused women; The Summit View supportive housing project in Lakeview Terrace is under construction, another project in Sylmar, Silva Crossing will be under construction soon. The Pacoima winter shelter is now open to service those at high risk for Covid 19. You can use LA-HOP to report people you see living on the street or in cars so outreach workers and contract them about available services. You can also use 311. For those who want to get personally involved, local charities such as Making It Happen and North Valley Caring Services and are always looking for volunteers.

Veteran’s Day: The Council Office is presenting a Veteran’s Resource webinar tomorrow at 6pm; there will be a drive through Veteran’s Day gift box drive through at Richie Valens Park on Veteran’s Day.

Q&A:

By President Sanchez: What is the status of reopening North Valley City Hall (“NVCH”)?

A: It is still under construction, she hopes it will be done by the end of the year

By VP Grant: Can we use NVCH as a location for the Neighborhood Council Elections ballot drop box?

A: Agrees to email VP Grant as soon as she can confirm availability.

By Secretary Cleghorn: Thanks for the update on the Oro Vista flood control street improvements. What would the community outreach meetings entail?

A: They have conceptual plans but want to get input from the businesses, the church and other impacted neighbors as well as everyone else in the neighborhood.

By Stakeholder Mark Dutton: Thanks for coming. I have sent you emails about the 5g issue any updates?

A: This is not an issue the City can weigh in on; contact your U.S. Representative Adam Schiff.

Seme Park, DONE Rep -- The City and DONE are undergoing reorganization due to the Covid and budget crisis. Our regular DONE Rep is out of the office. She does not have any news regarding Planning 101 training dates yet. The Board needs to ratify land use members so DONE knows who to notify about the required training.

Item 5: Updated Bylaws

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| Motion: The STNC Board Has Reviewed and Approves v3.STNC Bylaws 110920 Dated 11/9/20 as Requested by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). | | | | |
| Motion: Sandy Capps; Second Patti Potter Roll call vote / BAC signed | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent |
| Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Keshish, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Abramyan, , Potter, Hutchinson, Armour, Kim | Norling, von Gunten | | | Rowe, Belt, Karamians, Khanjian |
| 13 yes, 2 no, 4 absent motion passed | | | | |

Discussion regarding changes mostly regarding the definition of community interest stakeholder and age of youth rep and voting age. Some discussion regarding what documentation would be needed to prove physical presence in NC boundaries. Bylaw language corrected to be consistent that a youth rep has to be 18 at the time they take office. Secretary Cleghorn inquires what date should be inserted; DONE Rep Park says it should be today since there was a correction.

Items 6 and 7 re Censure moved to end of agenda since they are going to take an hour.

Item 8: Public Comment

Samuel Kim—he is a student at CSUN and lives near Sunland Blvd. He appreciates the NC Sustainability Alliance’s efforts to improve sidewalks and trees. Glen Bailey notes that if Mr. Kim is interested this group is meeting on Nov 14th more information at NCSA.org

Item 9 – Consent Calendar – Non Funding Items

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: The STNC Board approves the October 14, 2020 minutes

B. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: The STNC Board approves the October 21, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes

C. MOTION: Board approves comment letter for 8152 Ellenbogen regarding zone change from RA-1-RFH to R1-1-RFA and subdivision 1 lot into 3 lots. *[Pati Potter on behalf of the Land Use Committee]*

D. MOTION: Board approves comment letter for 6555 Foothill (S&F) support with conditions to change alcohol hour of sale and remove the Beer & Wine container size restriction *[Pati Potter on behalf of the Land Use Committee]*

E. MOTION: Board supports letter regarding 7069 Foothill Blvd – DIR-2020-5246-SPP and ENV-2020-5247-CE- Change of Use to food retail store.
[Pati Potter on behalf of the Land Use Committee]

F. MOTION: Approve members of the Land Use Committee: Pati Potter, Bill Skiles, Richard Marshalian, Berj Zadoian, Vartan Keshish, Betty Markowitz, Debby Beck, Nina Royal, Liliana Sanchez, Cindy Cleghorn, Cathy Comras. Alternates: Arsen Karamians, Stephanie Mines, John Laue, 1 vacancy *[Pati Potter on behalf of the Land Use Committee]*

G. MOTION: Approve members of the Beautification Committee: STNC Board Member Carol Hutchinson and appoint Nelly LuBoff and Roger Klemm Beautification Committee co-chairs. *[Marjorie Maxon on behalf of the Beautification Committee]*

H. MOTION: Approve Camille Yiu, Homelessness Alliance Liaison for STNC.
[Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement/GA Committee approved 10-22-20]

I. STNC BOARD ELECTIONS - APRIL 20, 2021

- [STNC Board Elections](#) will be all Vote By Mail. Candidate Filing Opens Dec. 19
- Board [Elections Handbook & Attachments](#)
- STNC Election Administrator and [NC Election FAQs](#)
- Appoint ad-hoc Election Committee

J. MOTION: Approve 2021 Neighborhood Council [Election Information Worksheet](#) (due 11-13-20) and Election Drop Box Location for Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
[Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement/GA Committee approved 10-22-20]

K. MOTION: Approve 2021 Elections Committee

L. MOTION: Approve Sandy Capps as contact liaison to L.A. City Attorney for the STNC.
[Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement/GA Committee approved 10-22-20]

M. MOTION: Approve letter regarding STNC use of space at 7747 Foothill for office, storage and meetings once the facility is open and COVID restrictions are lifted by the City. *[Cindy Cleghorn on behalf of the Executive Committee approved 10-28-20]*

| Motion: Approve Non Funding Consent Items A, C-H, J, L-M | | | | |
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| Motion: Patti Potter; Second Nina Royal Roll call vote | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent |
| Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Keshish, Norling, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, von Gunten, Armour, Kim | | | | Rowe, Belt, Karamians, Khanjian, Abramyan, |
| 14 yes, 0 no, 5 absent motion passed | | | | |

Secretary Cleghorn requests that Item B be removed because the Special Board Meeting minutes are not done yet. Item I should be removed since it is just an announcement. Agrees with Treasurer Capps that Item K needs to be removed because the Elections Committee Members have not been selected.

Item 10 Discussion: STNC Land Use Committee Report - Pati Potter -- The signage was approved for the Sunhill Mall by the Area Planning Commission. The LUC supports Lichi's restaurant beer and wine permit and the change of use to a food retail store at 7069 Foothill. There are new applications for subdivisions at 10854 Woodward and 6456 Olcott. The Nov. 16th land use meeting will discuss the business on Foothill that has its dumpsters in plain sight. Please attend this meeting if you are concerned about this. It is located in the Harbor Freight / Pet Smart location.

Item 11 – Treasurer Report and Consent Calendar – Funding Items

- A. Discussion:** Update on City Funding approvals regarding events during COVID 19 Stay at Home. The City is still not approving events at this time.
- B. Discussion:** Welcome Monument Sign Repair Completion Report – the sign has been repaired and the report is in the board packet.
- C. Approval of October 2020 MER**
MOTION: The STNC Board approves the **October 2020** Monthly Expenditure Report
[Sandy Capps on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee approved 10-28-20]
- D. Discussion:** NC City Clerk Election Expenditures Funding Policy 2.3 Procedures. Election Expenditures, Payment and Provisions. STNC allocation is \$8,500.00 for Election Budget Category. *[Sandy Capps on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee approved 10-28-20]*
- E. Discussion/Action: MOTION:** Approve Beautification Committee request for up to \$3,000.00 for The Pinewood Elementary School Mural Project Event. Event Form. *[Sandy Capps on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee approved 10-28-20]*
- F. Discussion/Action: MOTION:** Approve Beautification Committee request for \$200 to replace ornaments for outdoor holiday tree at Little Landers Park. *[Sandy Capps on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee approved 10-28-20]*
- G. Discussion:** Update from Region Reps regarding Unsafe Homelessness Concern in Sunland-Tujunga mailed by anonymous stakeholder. *[Liliana Sanchez]*
- H. Discussion/Action:** Request to Not have a December STNC board meeting. Off for the Holidays. Unless there is an urgent funding request and we can hold an Emergency Special mtg. *[Liliana Sanchez]*

| Motion: Approve Funding Consent Items C, E, F | | | | |
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| Motion: Sandy Capps; Second Lydia Grant Roll call vote/ BACs signed | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent |
| Sanchez, Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Keshish, Norling, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Potter, Hutchinson, von Gunten, Armour, Kim | | | | Rowe, Belt, Karamians, Khanjian, Abramyan, |
| 14 yes, 0 no, 5 absent motion passed | | | | |

Treasurer Capps notes Item 11 D is informational and should not be a consent item. We have budgeted \$8,500 to conduct our NC elections. It would be very helpful if the Elections Committee could come up with a whole budget, that way each expenditure will not have to be individually approved. Member Hutchinson confirms she even though she is a member of the Beautification Committee she can vote for the committee's items and does not have to recuse herself.

Items 11G and 11H are non-funding items and will be discussed separately.

Item 11G – Letter from anonymous stakeholder regarding homeless in Tujunga – This letter was sent, as requested by President Sanchez to each of the 8 STNC Region representatives. Region Rep Carol Hutchinson forwarded the letter to Eve Sinclair and to SLO Contreras. It is difficult to respond to an anonymous letter and let them know who to contact. The City and State have been given vast resources to handle this

problem; it is not really something the Neighborhood Council has the tools to handle other than refer the stakeholder to the appropriate City entities.

Item 11 H – Request to Not Have A December STNC Meeting—

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| Motion: The STNC Should Not Have a General Board Meeting for December unless there is an urgent funding request | | | | |
| Motion: Sandy Capps; Second Patti Potter Roll call vote | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent |
| Sanchez, Norling, Alvarez 4 yes, 11 no, 4 absent motion did not pass | Grant, Cleghorn, Royal, Capps, Keshish, Shaheenian, Abramyan, , Potter, Hutchinson, von Gunten, Armour, Kim | | | Rowe, Belt, Karamians, Khanjian |

VP Royal would like to have a regular meeting since the elections are coming up and special meetings are so hard to schedule. VP Grant is trying to schedule U.S. Rep Adam Schiff for this meeting and does not want to call his office to reschedule again. She also notes the STNC is supposed to have 10 meetings a year and we’ve already missed 2 due to Covid. Member von Gunten notes that this year will have much less out of town travel so there is less reason than usual not to have a December meeting.

Item 6 – Motion to Censure #1

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| MOTION TO CENSURE President of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for continued violations of the Bylaws, Code of Conduct, Standing Rules, and the standard conduction of the orderly business of the Sunland -Tujunga Neighborhood Council dated 9-23-20 consisting of 8 separate items: 1) Changing Agendas that have already been approved. 2) Refusal to put an item on Agenda as required. 3) Failure to fulfill Duties of the President Position 4) Changing the Policies of the Executive Committee Meetings 5) Changing policies at Committee and Board Meetings. 6) Failure to hold the May Executive Committee and Board Meetings 7) Behavior at Executive Committee Meeting 8) On-going harassment of Board members using Technology: Private Messages, Emails and Social Media. | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Abstain | Absent |
| Grant, Royal, Alvarez, Hutchinson, von Gunten, 5 yes, 3 no, 5 Abstain, 5 absent Motion passed | Capps, Norling, Potter, | Sanchez | Cleghorn, Keshish, Shaheenian, Armour, Kim | Rowe, Belt, Abramyan, Karamians, Khanjian |

Since President Sanchez is the subject of the censure and VP Grant is one of the moving parties, VP Royal will be the chair for the Censure procedures. The time for the motions will be split into ½ hour for each motion: 5 minutes for the charges, 5 for rebuttal, 10 for public comment, and 10 for board comments. VP Royal notes this motion is to censure, not remove President Sanchez from the board

DONE Rep Park notes that the purpose of the censure motion is to put the member on notice of conduct that is contrary to the rules or to the orderly conduct of business. The motion is to be in writing and contain specific facts on conduct, not conclusions. When DONE received these motions they were concerned that they contained subjective opinions, and some materials that might embarrass and humiliate. Material the City Attorney found to be privileged was removed. It is the responsibility of those filing the motion, not DONE to make sure the content complies with DONE policies. If a Board member is not sure the motion

complies with DONE policy, they should not vote for the motion. She notes that policies should be uniformly applied to all board members. If a board member does not think the policy is being uniformly applied, they should not vote for the motion. If a board member abstains, it does not count as a vote.

Member Hutchinson reads the charges, summarizing from the motion included in board packet: 1) Changing agendas that have already been approved – the August 12, 2020 agenda was changed, the bylaws update was removed, elections were added and National Night Out was removed . 2) Refusal to put an item on agenda as required – Rock Swart’s request to put an item on the June General Board Meeting Agenda. 3) Failure to fulfill duties of the President position – Failure to timely sign letters approved at the July 8th Board meeting. Not attending the NC President’s Round Table meetings and not giving VP Grant the meeting info. Failure to send Board members letters re violation of attendance policy. 4) Changing the policies of the Executive Committee meetings-- refused to add an agenda item at the July 1 executive committee meeting, changing the date of the Executive Committee meeting 5) Changing policies at Committee and Board meetings – insisting that pro and con speakers be named 2 weeks before the July 8 board meeting, objecting to a substitute speaker when the original speaker could not attend. 6) Failure to hold the May Executive Committee and Board Meetings 7) Behavior at July 29th Executive Committee meeting – she left the Zoom meeting and at first resisted having VP Grant chair the meeting in her absence 8) On-going harassment of Board members using Technology: Private Messages, Emails and Social Media – Telephone call to VP Grant, social media posts related to the protests on Foothill Blvd.

President Sanchez responds that most of the administrative problems have been corrected since September 2020. She did not understand her communication with Roger Swart to be a request for an agenda item since the City Council had already passed their motion regarding police funding. This item was placed on a subsequent meeting agenda and was passed by the Board. She left the executive meeting because the power was out at her house and it was very hot in her car where she had parked to get Wi-Fi. The last charge pertains to material sent as a private citizen, not as part of STNC business, and was not intended to harass.

Public Comments

Roger Swart – he has been a loyal LAPD supporter since 1965. When he heard at a CPAB meeting that some NCs were taking a position to defend, not defund, the LAPD, he contacted President Sanchez and was not told how to put this on the agenda. At a later time had a nice conversation with Secretary Cleghorn who told him what to do.

Mark Dutton – It seems there is disputed evidence and not much proof. If Mr. Swart wanted to make his point did President Sanchez have the power to stop this?

John Welman – Attended the Rallies on Foothill. President Sanchez called all the Trump supporters white supremacists, which he found very offensive since is he half Latino. She was going along with all the Antifa and ABRA people.

Board Comments

Member von Gunten – Concerned that President Sanchez’ political opinions might impact her decision making. The fact that the City Council has already voted did not make the point moot. The STNC passed a motion from the STAT committee opposing defunding any traffic enforcement efforts in our area even after the Council passed their motion.

VP Grant – feels she has the documentation on her side. She has never made any other motion to censure or remove a board member. She is concerned about the Board’s reputation.

Member Norling – He was embarrassed by the way the meeting went for the community member who applied to be a Group Rep for a new organization in the community.

Item 7—Motion to Censure #2 –

Member Hutchinson reads the charges: 1) Calling Board Members out by name and using and directing profanity to Executive Committee members and a Board member at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 30, 2020. 2) Removal of Items from the Neighborhood Council Storage shed and giving away those items during Covid -19. 3) Refusal to acknowledge Point of Order at Executive and Board meetings. 4) Cancelling Adam Schiff from attending the October Board Meeting 5) Issues with Parliamentarian Position. Violation not allowing checks and balances and violating the Bylaws.

VP Grant notes that due to objections by the City Attorney, Item 2 was removed. Treasurer Capps notes she will not vote for this unless all the charges other than Item 1 are removed.

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| Motion: Amend Censure Motion #2 to include one charge: Calling Board Members out by name and using and directing profanity to Executive Committee members and a Board member at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 30, 2020 | | | | |
| Motion: Sandy Capps; Second Patti Potter Roll call vote | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Abstain | Absent |
| Capps, Cleghorn, Keshish, Norling, Alvarez, Potter, Kim 7 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain, 5 absent Motion passed | Grant, Royal, von Gunten, Hutchinson, | Sanchez | Shaheenian, Armour, | Rowe, Belt, Karamians, Khanjian, Abramyan |

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| MOTION TO CENSURE President of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for Calling Board Members out by name and using and directing profanity to Executive Committee members and a Board member at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 30 ,2020 | | | | |
| Yes | No | Ineligible | Abstain | Absent |
| Grant, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Keshish, Alvarez , Potter, Hutchinson, Armour, von Gunten, Kim 11 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, 5 absent Motion passed | Norling | Sanchez | Shaheenian | Rowe, Belt, Karamians, Khanjian, Abramyan, |

Public Comments

Mark Dutton – Regarding Item 1, President Sanchez is not an anomaly given some of the circuses he has seen at Neighborhood Council meetings. This seems like a waste of time and influenced by national politics.

Sharon Brewer – was in attendance at the Executive Committee where the comments were made. Understood that President Sanchez was under stress but still thinks the language was unacceptable.

Board Comments on Proposed Amendment

Jon von Gunten – Knows a cuss word may occasionally find its way into a board meeting but this was a barrage.

Mark Norling – thinks an apology was in order.

VP Grant and Member Kim want to know why Treasurer Capps wants only the first charge. Treasurer Capps responds that she does not think the other charges were misconduct.

VP Grant Moves to amend and eliminate all charges but 1 and 4. Motion to amend fails for lack of a second.

President Sanchez' response to Charge 1: The minutes of the last board meeting reflect that she apologized for her conduct during her opening comments. She was elected by many stakeholders and her conduct at that meeting let them down. It has been difficult to work with out of control board members. VP Grant seems to want things funneled through her committee. The former Parliamentarian saw this as a power grab. VP Grant could have spoken to her privately about these issues. She is a passionate person but recognizes this conduct was wrong. It happened at only one meeting. It will not happen again.

Board Comments on Motion as Amended

Treasurer Capps – there are only 6 months left, does not want this Board's legacy to be endless fighting. She had her problems with President Sanchez in the beginning, but managed to work through them.

Member Hutchinson – Does not want President Sanchez to get away with this kind of conduct, muting people and swearing at them.

VP Grant – President Sanchez did not apologize to the individuals she swore at, only for losing her temper.

Member von Gunten – did not think the first apology was sincere. Thinks this apology was.

Member Kim – agrees former apology more about being out of order vs. apologizing to those she swore at. Thinks the board should strive to be better elected officials and hopes this motion can bring closure.

VP Royal – was very angry and hurt that President Sanchez swore at her and called her a racist. Extremely upset the community was denied a voice on the defunding the LAPD issue.

Member Keshish - does not think this was a power grab by VP Grant. Does not think this board is racist. Was disappointed that some of his colleagues did not show up for the special meeting about the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Final Announcements:

The next STNC General Board Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2020.

Adjourn at: 10:14 pm

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon