

**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
February 9, 2022**

1. Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President
 - a. Call to Order at
 - b. Upcoming Dates: Homeless Count DATE CHANGED TO FEB 22 - Sign up here: https://www.theycountwillyou.org/tujunga_count_20220125
 - c. Volunteers still needed for STNC storage inventory contact Karen Perdue
 - d. "Water Talks" presentation with Tree People [Xiomara Duran] will be held during the Feb. 22 Town Hall
 - e. BONC to vote March 1 on the Neighborhood Council new Digital Media Policy

2. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Carol Hutchinson, Secretary

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st Vice President-CIGA
Karen Perdue	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Ed Babakhanian	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Secretary
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	At-Large Group Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
K.T. Travers	Present	Not on funding	Region 1 Representative
Trevor Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Claire Gordon	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Belinda Woodruff	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	STSERSVS
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	STSH Community Fund
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Toastmasters
Shirley Kim	Present	Yes	Shekinah Church
Michelle Wadler	Present	Yes	Apperson PTA
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Quorum: 11 19 present at roll call			

- a. Completion of Anti-Bias training by board members.
- b. Completion of other City required trainings

- c. Announcement of vacant board seats: Stakeholder Group Representative - Two Positions - Details at https://www.stnc.org/readpost.php?news_id=776

3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Leny Freeman

4. Comments: LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments

- a. LAPD- Violet Potter- Superbowl is affecting staffing being directed downtown- ST 16th overall in ranking for crimes in City, crime is up in ST. People are leaving cars unlocked making them easy victims. Shooting in LVT, suspect arrested.
- b. Julissa Hernandez, (Assemblymember Luz Rivas) contact- 818-504-3911
 - i. Vaccine popup in No Hollywood-and one Feb 25 at Red line station in No Ho
 - ii. Collaborated on homeless town hall. See the Assembly member's FB page for updates-
 - iii. AB 1690- Smoking reduction/hazard waste
 - iv. Please call her office if stakeholders wish to weigh in on items-
 - v. Lydia Grant asked that the Assemblymember help with issues with Mt Gleason?NVMI
- c. Eve Sinclair (Monica Rodriguez CD 7)
 - i. DOT – 13 new crosswalks being added-adding crosswalks at Foothill and Floralita and at Foothill and Whitegate (hybrid beacon)- Continental style
 - ii. Left turn signal at Foothill and Mt. Gleason
 - iii. Emergency beacon at Foothill and Wyngate for firestation
 - iv. Lighting completed at Finn Park
 - v. Operation Brightspot will from the 210 and Sunland Blvd to along Foothill to Tujunga and Commerce to Valmont
 - vi. The Department is still working on No Oversize parking on the street behind Auto Zone and at Sherman Grove and Forsythe. It has been approved- but it is still in Queue.
 - vii. Covid testing available at NVCH open 10- 5:30 pm- walk in or appt.
 - viii. There will be green hashmarks added at "conflict zones" where traffic crosses bike lanes
 - ix. DOT creating a web page in order to collect more information from public- Eve will let us know when it is available-
 - x. No Seniors Valentine Ball this year due to covid-
- d. Vanessa Serrano introduced the new DONE rep for the STNC- Raul Preciado.
 - i. Reminder that By law changes are due by Apr 1.
 - ii. Raul Preciado introduce himself to board-
 - 1. Re Conflict of interest- board members need to consult with City Atty. Item should be tabled until atty consulted.
 - 2. Due to issues with EmpowerLa email addresses between January 20 through Jan 28 emails sent to any EmpowerLa may not have been received
- e. Michelle Vergara (Mayor Garcetti) contact: Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org 213-400-9816
 - i. Metro has resumed fares but at a 50% reduced rate for next six months
 - ii. Metro has a program to give eligible individuals even more reduced rates
 - iii. Student to Student Success program- High School kids can apply for-work skills, and tutoring younger students at certain schools- East Valley, Van Nuys, Panorama City and Arleta High Schools. For more information, please email or call Michelle

- f. Declan Floyd (Sen. Portantino) Declan.Floyd@sen.ca.gov
- i. Mortgage relief meeting Feb 10 at 5 pm

5. Report from The Land Use Committee: Discussion/Possible Action that STNC board approves letter of non-support for proposed 46 unit apartment development at Plainview & Foothill (former Denny's).
 KT Travers asked that a paragraph be included referring to the air quality in Sunland Tujunga. She will send paragraph to Pati Potter for inclusion-
 LUC Representative Pati Potter commented on item

Public Comments: None
 Board Comments: Ed Babakhanian, KT Travers

Item 5 Motion to approve LUC letter of opposition to proposed apartment development at Plainview & Foothill					
Motion: Cleghorn Second: L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

KT Travers asked that a paragraph be included referring to the air quality in Sunland Tujunga. She will send paragraph to Pati Potter for inclusion-

Public Comment: None

Item 5 Motion to add comment regarding the impact on air quality be added to the letter- KT Travers to send comment for inclusion in letter					
Motion: KT Travers Second: Nina Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

Item 5 Motion to approve LUC letter of opposition with added statement regarding air quality					
Motion: Cleghorn Second: L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

5. Committee & Liaison Report

- a. Outreach: Karen Perdue
- b. Youth & Adult Education: Lallah Rowe

- c. STARC: KT Travers

Public Comment: Bart Trevino- Re YAEC, Evelyn Serrano

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -

- a. Discussion/ Motion to approve the December 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances (MER)
- b. Discussion/ Motion to approve the January 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances (MER)
- c. Discussion/Action/Motion to approve payment to Lloyd Staffing in the amount of \$111.80 for time keeping (funding is approved and set aside this only approve this expense)
- d. Discussion/Motion to approve the January 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- e. Discussion/Action Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of [CF 21-0002-s196](#) – legislation which would reinstate cash bail.
- f. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of [CF 22-0002-S5](#) which SUPPORTS Assembly Bill 1603 (Salas) which would decrease the threshold for value of property in thefts that can be charged as grand theft from \$950 to \$400.
- g. Discussion/Action: Motion to request the City to immediately return to full services in our animal shelters.
- h. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in opposition of CF 20-0963 regarding mail in ballots.

Claire Gordon requested Items E. F. and H. be pulled for discussion
Item D pulled- Minutes not available

Item 7 A. B. C. G. Motion to approve items a ,b, c, g					
Motion: Ed Babakhanian Second: Lallah Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Siegal		Travers			
18 yes, 0 no, 1 ineligible					

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. MOTION TO CENSURE in accordance with BONC Policy KT Travers, Region 1 Representative of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for violation of Code of Conduct.

Vanessa Serrano (DONE) read statement from DONE

Board Comment: Claire Gordon

Mark Siegal read statement

KT Travers read statement

Public Comment: Brenda McAlpine, Mary Soracco, Pati Potter, Marty Barrett, Denise Soto, Marjorie Maxon, Kathleen (Pierce), Evelyn Serrano, Jim.

Board Comments: Cheryl Schmidt, Mark Siegal, Claire Gordon, Ed Babakhanian, Karen Perdue, Jon von Gunten, Trevor Schmidt, KT Travers, Nina Royal

Item Motion to censure KT Travers for Code of Conduct and By-laws violations					
Motion: Cheryl Schmidt Second: Karen Perdue					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, Royal, Siegal, Cleghorn, C, Schmidt	Gordon Wadler	Travers	Kim, C Rowe		
14 yes, 2 no, 1 ineligible, 2 abstain					

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION/MOTION: To approve appointment of Judith Quinones as a Stakeholder Group Representative representing Against Bigotry, Responding with Action (ABRA)
 Questions from Board: Mark Siegal, Nina Royal, Belinda Woodruff, Shirley Kim, Karen Perdue

Public Comments: Mary Soracco, Liliana Sanchez, Wally, Brenda McAlpine, Marty Barrett, Jamie Penn, Jim, Caller 763, Hannah Murray, Evelyn Serrano, Eric Santestevan, Joel Patrick, Denise Soto, John Doe, Karen von Gunten

Board Comments: Mark Siegal, Trevor Schmidt, Claire Gordon, Cheryl Schmidt, Karen Perdue, Jon von Gunten, Nina Royal

Item: To Approve appointment of Judith Quinones as Stakeholder Group Rep for ABRA					
Motion: KT Travers Second: Michelle Wadler					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Travers, Gordon, Wadler	Grant, L Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Siegal				
3 yes, 16 no, 0 ineligible, 0, abstain, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION/MOTION: To approve letter to Chief Michel Moore, L.A. City Council, L.A. City Attorney in response to the removal of our Senior Lead Officers in Sunland-Tujunga.

Public comments: Steve Reilly, Pat Kramer

Board comments: KT Travers, J von Gunten, Freeman, Gordon, Royal, Wadler, Rowe

Item: 10 Motion to approve letter to Chief Moore, City Council, L.A. City Attorney					
Motion: Carol Hutchinson Second: Nina Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal	Wadler				

18 yes, 1 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					
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11. Item postponed

12. Discussion/Action: MOTION that STNC write a letter to the City Council, BONC, DONE, City Controller and Mayor demanding a full investigation regarding DONE Election monies spent for the 2021 NC elections - reference: Reseda NC letter.
 Public Comments: None
 Board Comments- von Gunten

Item 12 Motion to approve letter to the City Council, BONC, DONE, City Controller and Mayor-					
Motion: Mark Siegal Second: Nina Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, v Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Sieggal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain					

13. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System

- a. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- b. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- c. NC Alliances, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - One minute per speaker unless otherwise announced by the presiding officer – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, issues, announcements within the jurisdiction of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. The Brown Act prevents the Board from commenting on your comments. If you wish to speak, either raise your hand (on computer or tablet) or dial *9 (on your cell phone).

Public comment: Evelyn Serrano, Judith Quinones, Bart Trevino, Jim

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments: Mark Siegal, Cindy Cleghorn, T Schmidt, KT Travers, L Rowe, Gordon, Royal, Grant,

16. ADJOURN 10:54 pm