



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.**

Roll Call at:5:32 pm	
*Carol Hutchinson	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present (at 6:00)
Marjorie Maxon	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Curtis Brown	Present
Matt Walker	Present (at 5:40)
	*STNC Board Member
Committee Quorum: 5	6 Present for entire meeting, quorum met.

Additional Attendees Cindy Cleghorn, unidentified caller

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Klemm calls meeting to order. Roll call-- meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items –

Cindy Cleghorn – Another Neighborhood Council is going to have a free zoom workshop on electric leaf blowers on September 27th from 6 to 8 pm. Feel free to contact her for more information if interested.

Co-Chair Luboff – 1) She received Member Maxon's email about leaving the Beautification Committee; she thanks her for her service. Co-Chair Klemm joins in thanking Member Maxon. 2) There is going to be wash cleanup on September 25th at 8:30. Anyone who wants to join is welcome.

Co-Chair Klemm – Suggests an agenda item for next month: Agendas and Minutes, formats going forward.

3. Approve August 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes – no proposed changes. Member Luboff moves to approve; Board Member Hutchinson seconds. No objections, abstentions or corrections. Minutes approved.
4. Update on Pinewood Mural - Co-Chair Luboff – she submitted the request for a 6 month extension to the Budget Committee and it was unanimously approved at this month's Board Meeting. Treasurer Babakhanian already mailed the premium check. Workdays at the mural can resume on October 1st.
5. Pinewood Back to School/ Grand Opening Event – Co-Chairs Luboff and Klemm both agree the event went well. There was an assembly of those attending the Open House and Member Barrientos was recognized for his work on the mural. The children attending had a scavenger hunt



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and got to pick their favorite part of the mural. Board Member Hutchinson notes that Pinewood School is going to have another event in April; hopefully the mural will be complete by then. She is glad to see the Beautification Committee get out there so they and get credit for all their good work.

6. Beautification Banner – After some discussion it was determined that the artwork had not yet been submitted to the STNC board for approval. Carol will check on the available funds and put this item on the portal for the next Executive Committee meeting. Member Maxon agrees to send the artwork to Board Member Hutchinson. Co-Chair Luboff hopes the new banner(s) are larger than the banners the committee is using now. Board Member Hutchinson thinks the banners are about 6 feet wide.
7. Beautification T-Shirts – Discussion about what the shirts should look like, and how to make the next ones cooler to wear in the summer. Member Barrientos agrees to work on a couple different designs for the new shirts.
8. Future Beautification Projects -- Co-Chair Luboff notes that Member Brown has been in contact with Mary MacAdam at the council office and she sent him an email about available grants. Member Brown agrees to forward the information to Board Member Hutchinson. Board Member Cleghorn notes the City has grants for all sorts of things, there are a lot of rules and you have to get the STNC Board to agree to the project. Member Brown says he is willing to put in the work.

Co- Chair Luboff notes that ST Forward is in the process of requesting a grant to replant the median just past Lowell on Foothill Blvd. Evelyn Serrano was in contact with Co-Chair Luboff who told her the Beautification Committee had their support because we had already decided that this project was too big for the Beautification Committee. Co-Chair Klemm adds that this project will cost in the tens of thousands. Member Barrientos adds the committee could help by volunteering labor.

Co-Chair Luboff – as for the project suggested at the last meeting, cutting the weeds at the corner of Wentworth and Foothill, Mary MacAdam is going to turn that over to the Operation Bright Spot crew. The committee can discuss maintenance at a later time. Co-Chair Klemm is concerned that some of the good plants like Buckwheat might be replaced with other weeds if they are cut too severely, but agrees Buckwheat is resilient. Member Nordhagen notes that the pedestrian / runner safety at that intersection is not good, and would like to explore how it could be improved. Other members agree and note that there is no legal safe way for a pedestrian to cross Foothill at that intersection; you have to walk all the way to the back of the Sunhill Mall in order to cross Foothill.

9. Update on Welcome Garden – Co Chair Klemm again thanks Member Walker, Co-Chair Luboff, Member Nordhagen and Member Brown for watering and maintaining the Welcome Garden. He thinks there should be a pruning workday in the near future.
10. Due to the scheduling conflicts of both chairs on the committee's regular day/time, there will be a Special Meeting next month: October 26th at 5:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon