

STAT Meeting Notes

Feb 25, 2020, called to order at 6:10PM

18 people in attendance

Attendees:

Cindy Cleghorn, Jon von Gunten, Levon Parian, Pat Kramer, Janelle Hussion, Babz Rowe, Glen Belt, Jerry Sherman, Mark Dutton, Debbie Krause, Tenny Haroutounian, George Arakel, Bart Treviño, Liliana Sanchez, Dina Outlaw, Dernik Godinian, Greg Zawicki; Beverly DiLucia.

January 2020 meeting minutes approved with a few edits.

Discussion on Yard Signage: Bart Trevino brought three designs for yard signs that the group reviewed. The "Hand" design won with 6 votes. This was later revisited as Dutton cited the wording in other designs delivered more emotional impact.

Much discussion re 1- or 2- sided signs, which graphics to use, which wording, which LAPD phone number. Agency to call is Valley Traffic, not dispatch. LAUSD School Police can be called if near school.

Report on CD7's traffic meeting in Feb. Mark Dutton attended. Its attendees discussed *mostly* horse safety, but also had a (stalled) discussion of possible traffic light at Korean Church, and the SH/LVT area's need for a long-promised horse trail.

Ongoing discussion about traffic safety improvements: LAPD Valley Traffic needs funding to place an officer in our community. CD7 seems vaguely willing but hasn't committed. CA State Senator Portantino has written that he's willing to request \$80K for our area.

LAPD Traffic Educational Programs:

Pat spoke with the sergeant in charge of setting up outreach on traffic safety in the Valley District's schools and reported.

- Sober Graduation program for VHHS is planned for April 15, 2020.
- Traffic safety program was held at Mountain View Elementary.
- Sylmar High School program is upcoming.

Other Attendees' Concerns:

- Dina Outlaw lost two friends due to Foothill traffic. Said there are "constant deaths."
- Debbie Krause: Speeding and "counterproductive bollards."
- Dernik Godinian: Needs left turn arrow & a land use issue, referred to LUC for latter.
- Greg Zawicki: Longtime resident came to see what he could contribute and is concerned about traffic safety.
- Beverly DiLucia: Sunland, she and her son know 4 dead in traffic. A car is a

deadly weapon.

- Barbara Rowe: Cars are deadly weapons.
- Tenny: Saw 2 cars racing immediately after fatal accident.
- Levon Parian: Beyond unsafe driving, their rudeness is crazy.
- Gerry Sherman: We should use Valley Traffic phone number on signs.
- STNC Secretary Cindy Cleghorn: Motorcycle fatality Ty Payton was grandson of OK Trophies owners.

BONC on 3 March & 26 March holds "Visioning" workshop.

- Bart Treviño: To get results, any group must understand City's processes. Can we (STAT) coordinate with his SFVP?
- STNC President Liliana Sanchez: How do we get recognition and communication from CD7? We must come in citing LAPD participation and LAPD concerns. Suggests Peace March on Foothill with kids, churches.
- George Arakel: We can't wait for more deaths. Prevention is the answer.
- Jon von Gunten: By ignoring STAT Committee's ideas, CD7 has been useless. Possibly contributive to recent deaths by ignoring our requests.
- Mark Dutton: Why doesn't CD7 respond to S-T needs? Continue called and emailing CD7 for response on our funding request and hotspots that need traffic improvements.
- STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer: Since Foothill Boulevard is on state's High Injury Network (HIN) we should be able to get funding through Sen. Portantino's office in conjunction with CD7.

Meeting adjourned 7:50PM.