

STAT MEETING of 4/27/2021

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Pat Kramer called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. quorum was determined at 6:03.

Committee Members: Chair: Pat Kramer Cochair: Jon von Gunten Levon Parian Betty Markowitz Barbara Rowe George Arakel	Cindy Cleghorn, Moderator Guests: Susana Gasparian Dayantha K Richard De La Rosa Karen Perdue James Arias Nina Royal
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2. **Introduction:** Pat shared the Mission Statement for the STAT Committee and then opened the meeting to the committee members to introduce themselves:
 - o Pat Kramer served on an earlier safe streets committee and has chaired STAT from its inception.
 - o Jon von Gunten, co-chair, is Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's rep to Neighborhood Watch for 5+ years, on STAT 2 years, takes notes for STAT minutes.
 - o Betty Markowitz, Sunland resident 15 years, LUC Committee, 3 years this committee.
 - o Levon Parian came in due to Verdugo Hills Golf Course. Now highly motivated by criminal drivers, who often hit his wall or have other accidents nearby on Tujunga Canyon Blvd.
 - o Barbara Rowe, especially interested in cyclists, now reports seeing people illegally in motorized wheelchairs in roads.
 - o Susana Gasparian: VHHS Leadership student required to attend 2 Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council meetings.
 - o Richard De La Rosa: VHHS Leadership student required to attend 2 Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council meetings.
 - o James Arias, Pacoima, concerned about big accident on Wentworth in Lakeview Terrace in March, he's in their LUC.
 - o George Arakel, proud Tujunga resident, wants stop sign on Elmhurst and Carlynn near his home where people constantly speed.
 - o Dayantha, no intro.
 - o Cindy Cleghorn, Secretary of STNC, always highly active in community.

- Karen Perdue, newest S-T Region 3 Co-Rep with Jon vG, interested in traffic safety and community improvement.

3. Representatives from CD7, LADOT and LAPD: Pat asked Eve Sinclair of CD-7 to send a rep to STAT meetings, but Eve responded that they were too busy and could not attend. Having a rep present would enable CD7 to strengthen and publicize STAT's traffic work, and vice versa. Pat received and displayed a letter from Eve describing old and upcoming improvements. Excerpt:

Upcoming engineering improvements:

- Installation of left-turn phasing signal at Foothill/Tujunga Canyon - anticipated completion April 2021
- Earmark grant projects located in Sunland-Tujunga: left turn phasing signal at Foothill/Mt Gleason, an emergency hybrid beacon at Foothill/Machrea in front of our LAFD station, a pedestrian hybrid beacon (also known as a HAWK beacon) at Foothill/Wyngate, and four speed feedback signs to be installed along Foothill Blvd. - traffic designs are complete, nearing completion of civil ramp designs, then the project will go out to bid. After 6 month bidding period, this grant will be awarded and projects will be implemented immediately after
- Installation of left-turn phasing signal at Foothill/Oro Vista - traffic signal design completed, civil designs for this intersection currently underway through Task Order Solicitation by DOT

4. **Approval of Minutes:** (Jon/Levon) moved approval of the STAT Committee's March minutes. The motion carried with Betty Markowicz abstaining, as she missed that meeting.

5. Committee Reports:

Jon: LAPD is now ticketing badly overtime parked vehicles, but cannot impound a vehicle if someone is sleeping in it. Yet they can and will tow away abandoned vehicles.

Pat said that Liliana Sanchez, STNC President, conveyed interest from resident Gail Carlson for a NO SPEEDING sign. Jon said he'd arrange to get her one.

Pat also reported that Lydia Grant, new STNC President, said she would put a motion on the agenda for ordering more signs. Pat suggested that when we have a need for ordering more, the STAT will originate a motion for that purpose. Pat suggested that each committee member be responsible for 7-8 signs so we can all get them out in the neighborhoods.

Levon suggested printing less language on the signs, next time around, so they can be better seen from the road.

George felt that the signs were effective and people like them.

Pat notified the committee that Liliana issued Certificates of Appreciation and asked everyone to come by and pick them up from her.

Jon agreed to make a list why Congressman Schiff and State Senator Portantino SHOULD HELP STAT.

Jon will re-contact Doc and Sonia re publishing in their papers.

Pat suggested that for a new project, STAT might coordinate a tree watering along Foothill Boulevard with another STNC committee – perhaps Beautification.

With the final election results forthcoming, it was suggested that we wait until the new committees are formed and then ask Outreach to help with this. Nina Royal defined 1st VP as Outreach and 2nd VP as Community Improvement. That would be Lallah Rowe and Nina Royal.

6. **Public Comment:** Pacoima resident James Arias asked if STAT could help with getting median strips along Foothill Boulevard in his area. Pat suggested going to Foothills Trails NC as they oversee that area. Jon suggested Botts' Dots on the offramp and other strips to alert people who are entering the busy street.

7. **Set next meeting:** 25 May is the date for the next STAT meeting.

8. **Meeting adjourned:** Pat adjourned meeting at 7:20PM.

Minutes by Jon von Gunten