

STAT Meeting of 27 July 2021

1. **Meeting called to order** at 6:03 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was achieved with STAT committee members: Pat Kramer (Chair), Jon von Gunten (Co-chair), Levon Parian, Leny Freeman, Roger Swart, Babz Rowe and Gerald Sherman. George Arakel came on the meeting at 6:08 p.m.
2. **Mission of the STAT committee:** Pat reviewed the mission of the STAT committee. Pat reported that Mayor's Office Rep Carolyn Menjivar, who enabled our yard sign event, has moved on. She asked the STNC members to find out who the new Mayor's office advocate is.
3. **Introductions:** The STAT committee members introduced themselves and spoke about their interest in joining the STAT committee. Also present were guests: KT Travers, Carol Hutchinson (STNC Secretary), Oma El and Liliana Sánchez.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** (Levon/George) moved approval of the minutes of the June 2021 STAT meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Discussion of NNO Event:** Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council approved our motion to give certs of appreciation to Valley Traffic Capt. Andy Neiman, Traffic Officer Joel Flores, SLO Cesar Contreras and SLO Gloria Caloca to be awarded at NNO. Pat ordered blue ribbons for STAT committee and others to wear on their lapel to support LAPD at this upcoming event. Certificates of Appreciation were printed and will be handed out to the police officers at this event. Traffic has been shown to be the main issue of our stakeholders and particularly unsafe driving on Foothill Boulevard and other streets in our community. Valley Traffic has been citing speeders and the STAT committee is in support of more traffic officers in S-T.
6. **Discussion of Yard Sign reorder:** Should we survey to see if we do more yard signs, perhaps including a redesign? (Levon/George) moved to create a new traffic survey on MailChimp. The motion carried. If we get enough interest to create a new order of signs, then we can work on whether we should change the verbiage. Levon would like to see the verbiage pared down so that it stands out. Jon agreed. Roger said he wouldn't change the signage. Gerald said that the main challenge is to get CD7 to use the survey results to help us get more traffic enforcement officers. George said he would like to have more signs to promote and distribute to his hillside area, which is heavy with fast traffic.
7. **Committee Reports:** George contacted CD7 to approve to his request for a new stop sign in his area. CD7 says they're "working on their priorities," and

that DOT is not installing any new Stop Signs during Covid. But they put his request on their list.

8. **Tree Watering Event:** Pat met with Beautification Committee and they're interested, as is the non-STNC Love Your Neighborhood Committee. Eve Sinclair of CD7 responded within 15 minutes to connect Pat with City's LA Beautification Team, who originally planted our street trees. Trees between Marcus and Lowell are the newer trees and do not need to be watered. Pat suggests a one-day event with a chart/table giving each person an address of a tree to water. Beautification Committee Lady said she'd share her map of all trees.

Projected date is Sept 11th, 8AM to 10AM—a good way to honor and remember 9/11.

(Roger/Jon) moved to put this event on. The motion carried unanimously.

Logistics: Using 5, 1-gallon containers. Bring water in car, park and water the tree once. Pat rejects idea to ask LAFD for a watering truck, as it cuts community involvement and may cost money to pay for fire truck. Levon suggests we ask business owners or community to continue watering trees. Asking only \$150 from STNC for refreshments. Beautification Lady said that using watering bags heat the water, host fungus, and can kill trees. Pat talked about how the Sierra Club uses 2 gallons to water the oaks in Deukmejian Park. Five gallons will water a tree for two weeks. TREE ADOPTION EVENT can be discussed at next agenda.

9. **Public Comments:**

- K.T. invited the STAT committee to attend a free StreetSmart event on Saturday, August 7, 10AM to 2PM, Sunland Park. Event will have art, food trucks, bike instruction, LADOT staff answering questions, a "Watch for Me" mural and other materials are in progress utilizing partnerships. Those interested can visit www.StForward.org.
- Oma El invited the STAT committee to hand out magnets, postcards, and flyers promoting traffic safety.
- Liliana Sánchez offered to find out who the new Mayor's Office rep is.
- Pat thanked KT and S-T Forward for their cooperation on traffic safety events going forward.

10. **Set next STAT meeting:** 24 Aug, 6PM.

11. **Meeting Adjourned** at 7:24.

Minutes by Jon von Gunten